December GSC Meeting 12/4/2013

Start time: 6:35pm

1. Election
   a. At large Rep for Longwood Medical Area
      Will rep student interests and ask what students are interested in
      Also sit on a committee to select Marshal meetings. Plus exec meetings and dean’s
      meetings.
      No interest

   b. At-Large rep for Masters Students
      Any interest? No

   c. Publicity Manager
      Task of changing the website. Making posters and posting them around Dudley
      No interest

Will be voted on again next meeting. If you or another person is interested please run!!

2. Teaching Policy Review and Survey
   Ben Franta
   Started an initiative of the teaching fellow policies and address the problems with
   being a teacher
   Working more than they should be, sometimes the policies are unclear or no policies
   at all
   Created a task force to look into this
   4-5 people working on this issue now
   Met with the Deans
   Working on a survey about the issues with TFs to take to the administration so they
   can work on the issues
   Also work to set up an online anonymous comment to give us leads to problems we
   are not aware of to look into further
   If anyone is interested in getting involved?
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3. Mini Courses now available for sign up: please post flier in your dept lounge
   or common area
   Huge interest of people wanting to teach in January
   Back of agenda and online has the information about the mini courses
   Please talk about the courses with people in your department
   No exams, no requirements
   Any questions? No

4. Tax Event- Thursday, Dec 6, 6pm in Robinson Basement Seminar Room
   Get there early if you do come, will be crowded

5. Mentoring Awards Committee
   Shelley Liu
Getting reading for the ceremony for April
Professors (4-5) are selected
Most of the work will be in March or April
Will happen in Dudley
All nominees are mentioned and it is a great ceremony
Very gratifying
Not responsible for selecting the nominations,

6. Committee for February Forum on Teaching Issues
Interest in the teaching forum?
It is an event to hear people’s experiences about teaching issues
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7. Student Group Funding Approval
Only reps are allowed to vote on the funding approval
Take role to see if everyone is here
Then vote for the allocation of the funding
No science in the news, mahjong society, GSAS business club,
Any questions? No
Move to vote to approve the budget
In favor: all
Funding approved

8. Open Floor: Question, comments, and concerns
none
Super fast meeting finished at 6:48pm