

GSC: February Meeting

2/12/14

Start Time: 6:37pm

Election: we need some representation!

- At large representative for Longwood Medical area
 - Any interest? The at large rep is responsible for the medical sciences, longwood would have to schedule one meeting at longwood and being a voice for the students, need to attend the executive, dean's , general meeting. Also must help choose the recipients for the mentoring awards. How far you push your peers is up to you, but if anyone is interested....
 - All the meetings are here
 - No one is interested for the longwood area

- At large representative for masters students
 - Any interest?
 - If any interest, we are working on getting masters students more represented for funding in conference grants. You would help a lot in this area and maybe help create a small fund for masters students
 - **Rachel Leng** is interested: Regional studies and east Asia departments. Also serve as co-presidents of Harvard east Asian society. Helping host a conference now. Work at the Asia center. Wants to help get masters students money in the future for conferences
 - Only designated reps can vote. In favor: all
 - Rachel is in the GSC!
 - Email: rleng@fas.harvard.edu, rchlleng@gmail.com
 - Regional Studies – East Asia (G1 MA Student)
 -

- Publicity manager
 - This job probably mostly be poster and doing any kind of updates to the current emails we sent out. We had one, but lost one.
 - You attend all the meetings and get word out about the events we are holding
 - No interest

- Harvard graduate council senator
 - Harvard grad council represents all the schools
 - Just help a largely successful ball
 - Meetings are monthly and must participate in a committee
 - Get out of bubble and get in contact with others in various schools
 - **Jordan Smith** (social coordinator for the GSC now) would run if no one else will.
 - In favor of Jordan for fourth senator: all in favor!

Mentoring Awards Committee and Poster distribution

Mentoring awards are a moving and powerful experience to participate in. Process where you nominate your mentor and the nomination gets recognized at an event:

- April 10th at Dudley house
- Mentoring awards ceremony
- The nominees and those who nominated will attend
- Very nice to share the experience – very emotional

Shelley talked about committee that will set up awards:

- Deadline is on Feb 28th for nomination
- On the GSC website → look under awards
- Easy process
- Ask for help to distribute poster in your department
- Emails have been sent out so far to help spread the word
- The winners get an award and name carved on the plaque in the GSC room

Need help with planning the event.

- If you are interested in serving (low commitment), let her know after the meeting (or email)
- Marshal award – select students to lead class into commencement
- Can nominate yourself, friend, anyone
- All info is on the GSC website – easy process to nominate someone

Any questions?

Mentoring awards ceremony – everyone is invited but you don't know if the professor wins?

They will be informed beforehand.

Everyone gets something even for just being nominated.

Sense of low commitment – low commitment but high reward

Teaching Forum – Feb 19th, 6pm in Graduate Student Lounge

- Spread the word!
- Next week on Wednesday, here, we will have a teaching town hall
- This is to discuss issues that have taught class, labs, etc
- Talk about teaching, sizes of section, choosing sections, etc.
- TFs are encouraged to come
- If anyone has talked about a negative teaching experience invite them
- Nothing will be filmed, there will be no administrators
- Please spread the word!
- Lots of bad experiences happen and we need to reach out to these people. We should take this seriously.

Tax Event Redux – Feb 25th, 6pm in Science Center C

Spread the word!

- We had overflow the last event, and lots of emails saying they couldn't attend
- So we are doing it again!
- The speaker is amazing, you will get a handout
- The speaker teaches taxes, and it is a fun experience.
- Harvard is more willing to help international students – they are tools online. This talk may not help international students as much

Open Floor: Questions, comments, and concerns

Teaching Town hall – meeting with GCS and SEAS to compare the teaching experience

Will be meeting with SEAS again, is you know anyone please reach out to them

The teaching forum is a way to talk about issues and figure out solutions. There is a group talking about some teaching issues – they have a concrete strategy. Worth it to come to get your name on their list.

The teaching forum is not a resource – it is about hearing about other issues and how it is imposed upon us. How not everything about teaching is a rosy experience. Will not actually help you find you teaching. People will share their issues and will help us feel united.

Also come if you want to know what to look out for (like second years). If you heard all these stories, they are not all the issues.

Make sure to take your position seriously and get the word out about students talking candidly and openly about being graduate students.

We, as graduate students, have to create our own solutions.