GSC Open Meeting  
6:30pm March 7, 2012  
TMEC 227, Longwood Medical Area

1) Welcome – Called to order at 6:40pm  
   a. Cammi thanks everyone for making the trip to Longwood

2) GSC Elections Open – March 1st (open until March 16th @ 5pm)  
   a. Contact Lauranne Lanz, GSC Parliamentarian, at harvardgsc@gmail.com if you are interested in running for an Office of Position  
   b. Make sure you receive a confirmation email! Or Resend.  
   c. Cammi lists the office and appointed positions that make up our board and will be on the ballot

3) Everett Mendelsohn Excellence in Mentoring Award – Deadline: March 9, 2012  
   a. Cynthia speaks about the mentoring award  
   b. Ceremony to honor the winners will be on April 4th

4) Student Group/GSO Funding – Deadline: March 21, 2012  
   a. Mary – the deadline has been extended from the 14th to the 21st

   a. Cynthia and Cammi – Explains the nomination process for Commencement Marshals  
   b. 8 Marshals will be selected – 2 Master’s Students and 6 PhD students

6) Upcoming GSC Events  
   a. GSC Tax Talk – 6pm March 22nd Graduate Student Lounge, Dudley House  
      i. Cammi- Our original speaker canceled, however we are looking for a replacement. Currently, we still plan on hosting this event and will inform the listserv via email if this changes.  
   b. GSC Resource, Health, and Wellness Fair – 1-5pm March 28th Dudley House  
      i. Cammi - There is a section on the website dedicated to this event that lists all the services that will be available at the fair to explore

7) Committee Check – In  
   a. Mentoring Committee
i. Cammi & Gene – speaks on the progress of the Committee in compiling the mentoring report, a letter to new mentors/faculty, new ideas to improve the Study Card system, and the development of a mentoring survey

b. Mental Health Committee
i. Pan Pan – Speaks on the progress of the mental health committee in developing a mental health survey in conjunction with HUHS geared towards graduate students. They hope to have a trial run of the survey by the end of this semester.

ii. Cammi – next time we will introduce the Student Health Planning Committee that hopes to expand access to outside mental health services (from 12 to 24 allowed visits)

c. Constitution and By-Laws Committee
i. Lauranne – Introduces and explains all the changes that are being proposed by the committee and that are up for debate during the April Open meeting
   1. Vote that these documents are still open for revision at this time
      a. Summer seconded and then the motion was passed by a hand vote

d. Funding Committee
i. Mary – Introduces and explains the purpose of the committee. The total budget for the entire year is $33,000 for Student Groups. She presents the breakdown of the proposed awards for this round and then takes attendance (as a representative must be present at this meeting to receive funding). Approved this list of funding by a hand vote.

8) Break-Out Session
   a. Cammi – explains and initializes breakout sessions with At-Large-Representatives

      i. At-Large-Reps will sum up what they discussed during the session and this information will be available on the website

9) Ratification of Constitution and By-Law Amendments of changes proposed during the February meeting
   a. Lauranne – explains the process of editing and then accepting each amendment

      i. Lauranne – Introduces and takes a vote on the changes regarding the proposed effective by date for all new/ratified amendments using a prepared paper ballot. Lauranne collects and tallies the votes. Passed.

      ii. Cammi & Lauranne – Go through and read the proposed amendments.
          The wording of each amendment is debated and then voted on via written ballot. In this process the amendments are edited publicly, via a projected document. Lauranne collects and tallies the ballots.
10) Motion on the Table:
   a. "GSC representatives shall be empowered to vote on issues of a political nature not uniquely related to the graduate school or graduate students."
   b. Cammi explains that we will be running this motion under parliamentary procedure
   c. Laura McDaniel’s (she originally proposed this motion) moves to withdraw this motion. Motion to withdraw is voted on by a show of hands. Passes, motion is withdrawn.

11) Next GSC Open Meeting – 6:30pm April 4th, Graduate Student Lounge, Dudley House

12) Open Floor
   a. Cherie & Cammi informs us of changes to the thesis format regarding student’s work that has already been published in a peer reviewed journal – i.e. if you get copyrights from the publisher, you do not need to reformat. Also, they share with us that there is a new, online submission format. More information will be coming down from your individual departments shortly, in the form of an official announcement from the administration.
   b. Cherie – we want to get a microwave & locking system for the graduate student lounge and we’d like the opinion of the group.
   c. Q: Is there an archive/process for dealing with political resolutions? A: At the moment there is no defined language in our Constitution/By-Laws explaining how dealing with resolutions. However, the passed resolution is available on our website.
   d. Concerns regarding how secret ballots are conducted and the accountability of the Department Representatives are brought up and debated. This topic will be further discussed in the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. Motion was made and seconded to continue discussion in a future meeting.

13) Closed at 8:15pm