



**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
- 5) Commencement Marshals – Deadline: April 2, 2012
 - 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