GSC General Meeting: May 7, 2014

Last meeting of the semester!

Summer will wear many hats this meeting

Need to fill positions

At-Large Rep for Longwood
Go to general meetings, exec meetings, and a deans meeting. Also completes a project of their interest.
Any interest? No

Advisor to the council
Usually occupied by former member of exec board
Deals with issues that we have dealt with in the past and what we will deal with in the future
Janis is now stepping down from Treasurer, and Jordan is stepping in. So there is a lot of work involved.
Janis is ill right now, but has submitted her name for this position.
Her job will to be to advise all of us, but specifically Jordan on how to restructure the position.
Anyone else interested? No.
Vote – All in favor.
Yay Janis!

Approving budget for following year
Will call Janis if any issues
See New Budget for details.
Conference grants has now gained more funds for this next year
Pizza may look expensive, but b/c we buy from Dudley
Mentoring awards has been reduced in budget
Possibly hire undergrad student to keep the GSC office organized
January at GSAS - $300 less than what we spent this year
Ivy+ Summit – fund a few students to go to the event
Social events – usually make money on the pub crawl, but need money for tax events
Office supplies, printing supplies (try and get a pamphlet for the orientation)
Teaching and survey prizes – possibly fund a survey for undergrads?

Why January at GSAS cut? Because we had money from the pub crawl and from an alumni

Move to approve the budget. Seconded.
Budget is passed

Resolution
Taking the idea form undergrads
Now looking at cap size.
Limiting it to 12 students, unless it is not required session
Now trying to pass a petition for all to cap section sizes
12-14 students is considered the ideal number – both sessions and lab settings
Building this campaign this past year
Many signatures so far – but want to reach out more
Still trying to reach out to more people

Move to wait on this resolution to the fall so there is a bigger representation?

First read the resolution then discuss

Discussion:
Seems like a great idea – why postpone?
Didn’t seem like that many people were going to show – so thought it may be a better idea to wait
Can move to vote or move to postpone

Move to vote. Second. Resolution Passed!

Unanimous

Hopefully you will all come next year

**Sexual Assault Policy**
Grad student group
Bring attention to sexual harassment and assault
Many students in undergrad are trying to take action of Harvard’s lack of support
Now able to get title 9 info into the seminar orientation
Now have the actual definition of what all the sexual harassment during orientation and how to get into contact with someone if you need help
Confidential resources
Piloting discussion sessions – this fall
    Students will participate in sessions that discuss these topics
Want people to know what professional content is
Also a larger umbrella among business, Kennedy, GSAS, etc
    Grad students are finally getting together to get the experiences out there like the undergrad
    If interested come to them after the meeting
Trying to recruit people for peer facilitators for the pilot program – if you have experience with any of these issues – please volunteer!

Need to make title9 complaint for grad students

**Divest from fossil fuel**
Police around Memorial Hall
Why? Ben will talk about
Involved with fossil fuel divestment campaign
Wants Harvard to divest in fossil fuel
Gained a lot of traction
Recently we had an action here for a public meeting with the corporation to talk about it
President’s office was blocked – student was arrested for protesting
  Student was charged too
Stanford just recently is divesting from coal
Hosting one last event – photo booth event
  I want them to divest because …
If you want to help on any level, please talk to Ben
  Sign petition, being on mailing list

**Additional**
If interested in being social chair – email gsc