

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 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 wil 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