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## GSC Open Meeting 9/10/14

### Call to meeting – 6:38pm

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Next time be early to the meetings – exactly at 6:30pm. Hopefully make meetings an hour or less.

1. Become a representative for your department
  - a. Voting at this meeting

Departmental Rep is usually elected. The departmental admin should tell you how many reps are allowed for your program.

As a rep you bring the info back to your department. Need help with communication for grad students.

**Conference grants are dependent on your attendance at the GSC meetings.** Need reps to attend at least 2 meetings per semester (bonus points for showing up to all meetings)

A proxy can be appointed if necessary, they just need to send an email saying they are serving in your place. Attending more meetings lets your voice be heard! We vote on a lot of progressive stuff.

Student group reps **do not** have to sign in. Just need to be present to accept funding.

Rep amount:

Fewer than 37 students – only one rep

Introduction of all the executive board

Absent – parliamentarian, Summer will act in this position for now

2. Election
  - a. At large rep for Longwood
    - i. Elizabeth, G2 in biological and biomedical sciences. Wants to learn more about what goes on behind the scenes. Want to get the word out to the students in longwood. Works at MGH – so also represent a smaller group there.
    - ii. Elizabeth elected
      1. Elizabeth Jaensch
  - b. For interdisciplinary studies
    - i. David Owen. Work is interdisciplinary and would feel at home
    - ii. Andrew Watkins. Center for middle eastern studies. Masters student.
    - iii. Andrew is elected as the rep.
  - c. Social Coordinator
    - i. Need one to help plan the pub crawl and other events.
    - ii. Bicheng – has been able to plan events for many students. Also - organized a club in undergrad.
      1. Bicheng Han

At large Reps – attend 3 meetings a month. Deans, executive, open meetings. Minimum requirement.

3. Key committees to staff
  - a. Finance committee - 5
    - i. One of the most important committees. 5 students needed in addition to Treasurer. Reviews groups funding requests and decides how to allot funds. Meet 3 times a year.
    - ii. Ollie, Kimmie, Christina
  - b. Committee on grad education - 2
    - i. High profile committee – all listed on the sheet attached.
    - ii. Min Jay Kim (MK) – passionate about the level of education, mental health
    - iii. Eamon – wants to do something similar that I did before, want to know more
      1. Eamon
    - iv. Fung Xin
    - v. Amin and Fangsheng Zhu are elected
      1. Fangsheng,
  - c. Harvard grad student government -4
    - i. Mila student at law school meetings on Tuesday from 7-9. More social org in the past, now to help with more advocacy. Focus on sexual assault prevention. Student groups can form and apply for funding
    - ii. Jordan and Oliver are currently serving
    - iii. Jordan, Saul, Abby now on committee
  - d. Safety committee
    - i. Jackie Yun – new director of student services, go to her if need help. Also work with student groups. And as title 9 chair. Needs to find people to sit on the safety committee. 6 meetings. Deals with safety issues on campus. Low commitment but makes a difference. Thursdays 3-4pm once every other month.
    - ii. Kimberly, Summer both on committee

Luke talks about task force: Resident Dean of one undergrad students

On task force to prevent all sexual assault and conduct. Professor Johnson is heading it.

The task force thinks about how to prevent issues in the first place. Designing a survey right now. Also reaching out to other schools to get ideas on what to change in order to create a cultural shift to have people to bring up sexual issues and how to stop them.

**Two meetings directed at grad students:**

One is a week from today 7pm, in Dudley

October 1<sup>st</sup> in Longwood is the second meeting

- e. IT committee
    - i. Meeting schedule attached. Communicate grad student's needs and report back at meetings. We have representation through Laine.
  - f. Constitution & By Laws committee
    - i. Important because it is used politically. The constitution needs some fixing and we need some help. Had a lot of great conversations because of this group. Chaired by parliamentarian.
    - ii. Jack and Elizabeth and Summer now on committee
4. Conference Grants
- a. Things are changing, do not submit grants yet! Should be up in a week. If you have any questions about the process, email Darcy: [dfrear@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:dfrear@fas.harvard.edu)
5. Open Floor

Including Student announcements in the GSC emails. Other important dates will also be included.

Anser – Music Department – Issues to bring up about those who graduate.

Issues with library problems – want to extend access to those who graduate

Health services end in July

We can reactivate library and health insurance committee

Working group that can get things done that use the GSC name

Claire part of group that works on sexual issues

Talk to her afterward

Zach – tax talks last year. Want to have these this year as well, so look out for an email.