

GSC Open Meeting – 111005

1. Welcome
2. Harvard University Police Department
 - a. Officer Mike Davenport and Jose Chang – Safety Q&A
 - i. Walking around square at night – have self awareness
 1. Don't wear headphones at night and try to always walk with someone else
 2. Make sure you have your purse or backpack secured to your person and zipped up tight
 3. Call if you don't feel safe (Harvard Police at #614-495-1212 or the State Police at #911)
 4. If you feel like you are being followed, cross the road at a diagonal to see if you are followed
 5. In the library make sure you pick up your laptop when you go to the bathroom
 6. Don't buy the expensive bike and use both a u-lock and a cable lock to secure it
 7. Don't leave anything valuable unattended – the biggest crime on campus is robberies
 8. Scam → A person(s) may ask you for the time then try to rob you
 9. There is an undergrad escort program – 2-3 kids with vests and flashlights will walk you where you need to go
 10. Stay away from the Harvard train station main entrance after 11:30pm – there you will find drug dealers and vagrants, etc.
 11. Late night shuttle and little shuttle – reference the Harvard transportation website for more info
 12. Use the safety paths (that have good lighting and blue safety phones) which can be found on the safety website
3. Student Group/GSO Funding Deadline – October 12, 2011
 - a. Mandatory Student Group/GSO Meeting following Open Meeting
 - i. There is a new application this year – there is a new form, that must be used in order to get funding this year
4. Harvard's 375th Anniversary
 - a. Celebration 7pm October 14th in the Yard
 - i. Huge CAKE
 - ii. Yo-yo ma will be playing
 - iii. Your Harvard ID will be required for entrance, but you can also bring one non-Harvard guest
5. Dudley House Anniversary (Oct. 27th 5pm)
 - a. Alumni will be here
 - b. It's free

- c. Good networking opportunity
- 6. Piled High and Deeper Movie (Nov. 1st 7pm Science Center C)
 - a. We are a sponsor and have posters for you all to hang up around your department
 - b. The showing will be FREE and the creators will be present to answer questions after the showings
- 7. GSC Mini Course application deadline is coming up on Nov. 4th
 - a. These course run during the J-term
 - b. It is an opportunity where you can design and teach your own 2-week course
 - i. Examples: Learning math behind different popular games, instant Spanish, Harvard art museums tour, etc.
- 8. Committee Elections
 - a. Committee for Graduate Education (2 people are needed)
 - i. Ex/decides if a student group can be a student group
 - ii. No volunteers atm
 - b. Student faculty judicial board
 - i. Similar to the ad board – hearing cases that do not have precedence
 - ii. Summer Shafer
 - c. Library Committee
 - i. Improvement of the library
 - ii. Uri Braun (email: uribraun@eecs.harvard.edu)
 - d. Harvard Graduate Council
 - i. Covers the 12 Graduate and Professional schools at Harvard
 - ii. Michael
 - iii. Summer Shafer
 - iv. Leon (Xueliang) Liu (email: leon@seas.harvard.edu)
 - v. Dahianna Lopez (co at- large rep for something)
 - e. In house committees
 - i. Committee to select the J-term courses
 - 1. Monica Hershberger (mhershberger@fas.harvard.edu)
 - ii. Student Group Funding
 - 1. Approving funding for specific events
 - 2. Volunteers are first, then we will randomly draw group names from a hat
 - 3. Rebecca Tompkins (email: rtompkins@fas.harvard.edu)
 - 4. Allison Provost (email: aprovost@fas.harvard.edu)
 - iii. Mentorship awards
 - 1. This occurs in the Spring, but we would be interested in seeing if anyone is interested now
 - 2. Chia-jung Tsay (email: tsay@fas.harvard.edu)
 - iv. Commencement Marshalls
 - 1. Take part in graduation – nominated by someone at the university, because they have contributed to the Harvard Community

- 2. This occurs in the Spring
 - v. Social Committee
 - 1. Talk with Patrick
- 9. Patrick – October 25th Mixer at Oberon with the student's from the theatre department
 - a. 5\$ tickets at Oberon
- 10. Mandatory Funding Meeting for Student Groups
 - a. How do you decide what to events to fund?
 - i. Best events will be open to all GSAS and will offer an interesting opportunity for the students. Examples: cultural events, guest lecturers, panels, etc.
 - ii. Printing posters are not something that we usually cover
 - iii. Absurd catering will not usually be covered
 - b. Can you get reimbursed retroactively? Yes, but you want to get everything in now, for the first funding round, instead of waiting for the later rounds.
 - c. In the application you must submit your whole budget for the year
 - d. The second round will be more for those groups that were unable to submit in the first funding round or who have new events that they want to get funding for
 - e. Start-up funds mean that you, in your first application, will be guaranteed an award of \$200
 - f. Awards are use it or lose – meaning that you MUST SUBMIT RECEIPTS for your events before the end of the fiscal year (check with Mary regarding the exact deadline of expiration)
 - g. The first round is the when the largest awards (~20,000 available funds) are handed out. It is to your best interest to submit in the first round as the later rounds have less available funds (~7,000).
 - h. GSC reimbursed the club and the club reimburses the individual