

GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 2015 SPECIAL MEETING

3/18/2015

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GSC President



Graduate Student Council
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Agenda

- Quorum and Approval of Agenda (5:30 PM)
- Approval of March 4, 2015 Meeting Minutes (5:32 PM)
- Introduction of New Faces (5:32-5:35 PM)
- Service Awards (5:35-5:40 PM)
- Old Business (5:40 – 6:40 PM)
 - 61.gsc.9.1 Amendment Gov Docs (5 minutes + Discussion)
 - Vote by each Article sections
- New Business (6:40 – 6:50 PM)
 - 61.gsc.10.2 GSC OneMIT Board (5 minutes + Q&A)
- Open Floor (6:50 – 7:00 PM)
 - Muddy Grand Opening March 19, 2015 6-9PM Morss Hall



NEW FACES?



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GSC SERVICE AWARD!

02/04/2015

Francesco Bellei



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We acknowledge

- Laszlo Lovasz: For several years, Laszlo has been one of the most active members of the GSC activities committee. He has co-chaired the GSC Ski Trip, member of the Grad Gala subcommittees two years in a row, and volunteered for many other GSC events.
- Astera Tang: In the past two years, Astera has probably been to more AC meetings than the AC co-chairs themselves. She is there whenever volunteers are needed for an event. She has volunteered for the Grad Gala, several "Taste of ..." events and many Grad coffee hours and has stepped up as a chair.

GSC OLD BUSINESS



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AD HOC COMMITTEE ON GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

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Co-Chairs Dan Day and Chris Smith



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Article I. Duties of Officers: Vice President

- Recommendation: Revise the description of the duties of the Vice-President
- Problem:
 - The description of the duties of the Vice-President under Article I is incomplete, and other important duties are referenced elsewhere in the Bylaws. **This situation has created past misunderstandings about the full range of the Vice-President's responsibilities.**
- Solution:
 - This amendment modifies the description of the Vice-President's duties in Article I, Section B, by referencing all of the duties indicated throughout the Bylaws.



Article III. Election of Council Representatives: Clarification

- Recommendation: Clarify the election process for Council Reps
- Problem:
 - The process for nominating and electing GSC Council Representatives, as described in Article III, does not account for the role played by student constituency organizations. It also prescribes a burdensome timeline for elections that is out-of-step with conflicts with Orientation and may be biased against first-years.
- Solution:
 - This amendment modifies Article III to institutionalize the GSC's election coordination with the governing bodies of student constituencies. It also adjusts the timelines for the selection of new Council Representatives under various scenarios.

Article VI. Finances

- Recommendation: Enhance the clarify the Council's budgeting procedures
- Problem:
 - The financial administration provisions listed under Bylaws Article VI include terms and processes that are poorly defined. This is an obstacle to public transparency in GSC budget management and makes knowledge transfer to about GSC financial processes more difficult than necessary.
- Solution:
 - This amendment provides clarifying and updated definitions of financial terms and administrative processes.



Article II. Committees: Clarifications

- Recommendation: Clarify the definition of standing and ad-hoc committees and procedures for committee leadership selection
- Problem:
 - Bylaws Article II leaves unresolved the question of whether boards should be considered standing committees. It also lacks important specification about the selection and removal of committee chairpersons.
- Solution:
 - Clarify the role of boards within the GSC. Codify current standing committee practice for electing and removing chairs within the bylaws.

Articles V. Procedures for Council Meetings: Voting

- Recommendation: Clarify the rules governing Council voting methods
- Recommendation: Clarify the definition of abstentions in Council voting

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61.GSC.10.2 GSC ONEMIT BOARD

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Kendall Nowocin on behalf of
School Representatives for the OneMIT Board



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TO THE MUDDY!

GRAND OPENING PARTY
TOMORROW MARCH 19, 2015
6-9PM MORSS HALL



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