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Graduate Student Council

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General Council Meeting Agenda

June 6, 5:30 PM in 4-237

- I. Introduction, Dinner, New Faces (5:30 – 5:40 PM)
 - a. Quorum Check
 - b. Approval of May GCM Minutes
 - i. Approved
2. 65.gsc.I – FY 2019 Budget (5:40 – 6:40 PM)
 - a. ARC
 - i. PD Drop by \$1000
 - ii. Major line item: VISTA, as we have seen huge turnout from the FAIL! Event
 - iii. Approved
 - b. HCA
 - i. Increase to \$32K
 - ii. D&I experiences the biggest increase. The committee was newly formed and got its momentum going. A lot of external source funding which are one-off
 - iii. New CPR Training to graduate students
 - iv. Costco membership card: used to be \$180 now it's 0 as they pay for themselves
 - v. One world: bring together affinity groups, particularly grad student organizations to work on diversity related issues. Name subject to change due to similarity with the other one-world events
 - c. Orientation
 - i. Very similar to last year. A few new events co-sponsored by OGE
 - ii. Small changes due to charge adjustments
 - d. Muddy Charles Pub
 - i. It has its own revenue
 - ii. So 0
 - e. EAB
 - i. Small increase in total from last year



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1. Board meeting, subcommittee meetings stay the same
2. Ivy+ summit, NAGPS, LAD Days, non-LAD trips, international women day → incremental increase there
3. Subcommittee activity: advocacy 101 plus a number of events

f. Overall budget

- i. We got our budget!

3. Election of Board Members (6:40 – 6:55 PM)

a. Nominations Board – 3 positions

- i. 3 meetings during summer + additional ad hoc meetings
- ii. You get a gift
- iii. Germán and Sarah are in the ballot
- iv. Nas was nominated and got declined
- v. Nicholas was nominated and tentatively accepted

- I. Nicholas will be away over the summer, which is a little problematic

- vi. Lisa was nominated and tentatively accepted
- vii. Lisa, Sarah, and Germán were elected

b. Funding Board – 1 position

- i. Funding board is 40% of our budget
- ii. You also get a gift card
- iii. Sandya and Krithika were nominated
- iv. Krithika declined
- v. Sandya was elected

4. Future of Diversity and Inclusion Working Group recommendations discussion (6:55 – 7:25 PM)

a. Next steps for DIS structure

- i. GSC → HCA → DIS
- ii. Should the structure remain this way?
- iii. Nas suggests a re-structuring



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- iv. DCI initiatives: brought representatives from every department and brought them to the same room. They received a lot of feedback
 - v. Affinity groups, one world, C-Reps (underrepresented, religious, international, women, LGBTQ+ are voting members of DIS)
 - vi. Long term goal: promote diversity and equity in GSC and MIT in general and make it obsolete
 - vii. We want to move from subcommittee to a full committee
 1. Current structure made sense initially but not sustainable
 - viii. External relations
 1. Advisory roles to other councils
 2. Best practices to GSC events, recruitment, statements, etc.
 - ix. Internal structure: C-Reps, OWOM, DCI, suggestions?
 - x. Working committee will meeting this summer/fall. It will decide if external/internal structures make sense. It will more carefully detail the internal restructuring
 - xi. Office concerns: membership and voting rules and connections between GSC and DCI reps
 - xii. Discussions: what are some better ways to represent students than through departmental affinity groups?
 1. Why OWOM failed? It wasn't discussed extensively
 2. Overlaps between C-Reps and OWOM? One world didn't really take off this year.
 3. There are ways to speak to D&I
 4. What is the purpose of voting? Issue statement (who creates them and who doesn't?), advisory, appointments, should DIS keep tap on everything?, should officers/voting members of DIS put a stop on other initiatives?
5. Officer Updates (7:25 – 7:40 PM)
- a. PD Working Group



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b. Apply for an Institute Committee! Typical appointment is for a year

c. Council Reps funding

6. Committee Updates (7:40 – 7:55 PM)

a. ARC

i. Academia panel (second week of July) and postdoc panel (August)

ii. Three profs-on-tap panels

iii. No Growing-Up-In-Science

iv. Travel Grant

v. Collaboration with VISTA

I. FAIL! is awesome

b. AC

i. Coffee hour 5/14: we had Kung Fu tea; sorry about the delay

ii. Acoustic BBQ: 5/18, volunteers helped with moving the sound equipment and serving

iii. Escape the Room: 5/26, low ticket selling for 1:20pm slot

iv. Upcoming events:

1. Paint Night on July 11th, ticket price TBD

2. Whale watching in Gloucester: July 28th

3. Six Flags Trip: August 28th

c. EAB:

i. Meet with Kate Stoll

ii. Collaborated with MITVote2018

iii. Extensive board collaboration with MITVote2018

iv. All subcommittee recommendations

v. Lisa is the new at-large member; still looking for two more members to be elected

vi. Begun working on a statement on recent EPA regulations

vii. Vision for the year

1. Work to improve NAGPS LAD programming

2. Couple advocacy efforts and outreach/recruiting with the November election



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3. Work to improve ties with diverse student group on campus
4. Improve ties with other universities to coordinate advocacy efforts
5. Establish advocacy 101 as an annual program (successful this year)

d. HCA

- i. New chairs: Mason is in Russia and Jo cannot make it

e. Muddy

- i. Last month we celebrated the Muddy's 50th anniversary at Spring Pub Night

f. Orientation

- i. Needs two co-chairs

7. Open Floor (7:55 – 8:00 PM)



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Upcoming GSC Meetings

Academics, Research, and Careers (ARC)	TBD
Activities Committee (AC)	TBD
External Affairs Board (EAB)	TBD
Events Subcommittee	TBD
Federal Affairs Subcommittee	TBD
Public Outreach Subcommittee	TBD
State and Local Affairs Subcommittee	TBD
Development Subcommittee	TBD
Housing and Community Affairs (HCA)	TBD
Off-campus Subcommittee	TBD
Sustainability Subcommittee	TBD
Transportation Subcommittee	TBD
Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee	TBD
Muddy Charles Pub	TBD
Orientation Committee (OC)	TBD
Executive Committee (ExComm)	Wednesday 6/27, 6:30 pm

*Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings are in the GSC Office (50-220)

Upcoming General Council Meetings (GCMs)

Note: Dinner starts at 5:00 PM and meetings start at 5:30 PM

July General Council Meeting	Wednesday, 7/11, Location TBD
August General Council Meeting	Wednesday, 8/8, Location TBD

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