

GSC Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 2, 2001  
5:00 p.m., Graduate Student Lounge, Dudley House

**Announcements and Administrative Issues**

- GSC *office hours* will be Monday and Friday 3:30-5:30 p.m. and Wednesday 1-3 p.m. this week only in the GSC Office, Dudley M-4. These will be the last office hours of the semester. The office can also be reached by calling 495-7512 or sending a message to [gsc@gsc.student.harvard.edu](mailto:gsc@gsc.student.harvard.edu).
- A *professional development survey* is passed around and the reps are asked to fill it out.
- The *treasurer* (Chip) reports that we have \$6000-7000 in uncommitted funds remaining in the budget; these will be used for Spring Conference Grants and Summer Research Grants.
- Chip also reports that he is trying to open an *account for the GSC* at a local bank, to simplify the reimbursement and grant process.
- The *minutes* from the April meeting are approved.

**Committee Reports**

- The *Harvard Graduate Council* has a meeting at 7 p.m. tonight for elections and a discussion about the living wage campaign.

**Other Business**

- *At-large representative* positions are still open for the Natural Sciences and Division of Medical Sciences; no candidates are nominated.
- The *Living Wage Campaign and sit-in* are discussed. Some of the opinions expressed are:
  - The campaign will erode the power of existing unions at Harvard. However, all of Harvard's unions have supported the sit-in.
  - The sit-in is too disruptive to life in the Yard, particularly heading into reading week.
  - The Campaign was getting no response from the administration when they were using other methods.
  - If wages are comparatively low, why are the workers staying?
  - Does the value of Harvard's educational benefits compensate for a lower salary?
  - Expressing support for the Campaign is not the same as supporting the sit-in tactics.
- A *motion to support* the Living Wage Campaign is passed.

**Online Cross-Registration Demo**

- Representatives from the Provost's office demonstrate a *new web site* that will allow students to view courses from all of Harvard's schools. It will not take the place of the normal registration process. Academic calendars for all the schools, links to the admissions offices, a search facility, and an online cross-registration form will be available through the site, which should be active this summer.

**Elections**

- *Zahr Said* is elected GSC treasurer for next year.

**Adjourned** at 6:00.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mike Westover