

GSC Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 5, 2001
6:00 p.m., Graduate Student Lounge, Dudley House

I. Meeting with President Summers

· President Summers still has not responded to our request to meet with us. We have gotten a group of representatives and diversified GSAS students to meet with President Summers.

II. Presentation by Dean Ellison

· Dean Ellison has suggested to organize some informal dinners in order to allow small groups of students to inform him about their departmental problems. He also talked about his efforts to change the system of financial aid, and he expressed his concern about foreign students who were guaranteed a TFin position or a scholarship, but didn't actually receive any kind of financial aid.

III. Acceptance of minutes from last meeting

IV. Harvard Graduate Council and Library Committee

· Representatives are still needed.
· The issues that were addressed at the FAS Library Council on December 4 are the presentation of the new HOLLIS homepage, discussion on access (e.g. to books that are at the depository), the possibility that Lamont Library could be open till 2A.M.; suggestions about these priorities should be made at: gwhite@fas.harvard.edu.

V. Health Committee

· Garth McCavana is trying to plan a mental health awareness event in February. Anyone who wishes to help prepare this event should contact the GSC President, at srein@fas.harvard.edu.

VI. Funding for GSAS Student Groups

· A few student groups were awarded funding: the Asian Baptist Fellowship (\$400), the Harvard Graduate Canadian Club (\$600), and the Harvard East Asian Society Conference (\$1,200).

VII. GSC budget

· The items that were added this year are three new computers for the Dudley House community, and funding for the NAGPS.

VIII. Dudley House Meal Plan

· In an effort to make Dudley Café more accessible to graduate students who are not on the meal plan, we suggested the options of creating a 20 or 50 meal ticket plan, or offering students the possibility of paying *à la carte*.

Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Beauchesne