

GSC open meeting - 7 February 2007

I. introductions

ice cream social after meeting

II. opening remarks

a) office hours 11am-12pm

b) survival guide updated by march open meeting

c) accomplishments

- website works! – online student group funding and conference grant applications

- people should apply using the website – paper form is annoying

- largest exec board in recent history

- elections for new international student rep and DMS rep

- Longwood Wellness survey on mental health

- membership on NAGPS – we will send reps to their meeting next year

- at-large rep structure and departments now online for department reps

- greener Harvard referendum 93% in favour 387/417

- exec introductions

III. Mentoring awards

application due February 20th

recommend your advisor

info on website

posters to advertise the awards – please post in your department

winners will be honoured at a reception in March

IV. Graduate Student Housing – Pamela Dunn

Harvard owns and operates 3000 apartments

opened project near Longwood – Trilogy last year

5 Copperwaithe – 140 units and 22 units in houses near that area

proposal for Graduate Commons at 5 Copperwaithe – faculty resident, many different events and activities, cafe area, fitness room, multipurpose room, study rooms, lounges heating, air conditioning in units

lottery system for units

model with grad commons may be incorporated into future projects

5 Copperwaithe opens this year

10 Akron project opens 2008

3000 applications per year for 1100 units that turn over each year

furnishing units? bed, dresser, table, chairs, lamp, futon as common furniture?

costs an additional \$200 per month – NO WAY say students

right now it is sent to the Harvard depot (in Allston) -> go there for free furniture!

V. Budget committee

results are in the GSC student group funding summary

Voicelab explains how they wanted to sell a CD to cover costs instead of charging tickets for admission to events

HISA – not enough precise detail
HCSSA – website www.hcssa.org
HBSF – excellent application with lots of details, full grant
RGC – funding for conference speaker
HGWISE – full grant
ISHN – not enough precise detail
Harvard/MIT graduate philosophy conference – we were going to be funding part of MIT costs
GSAS Singaporean Graduate Students
Science Policy – full amount (new group)
Dutch Cultural Society – full amount
CEES – full amount
ABSK – money for weekly Bible study snacks. disputed
Graduate Music Forum – full grant

voting on all items except ABSK – easily approved
voting on ABSK – full amount \$500 granted by voting

co-sponsorship of parties: Harvard/MIT party hosted by MIT... we're not giving money
Harvard/MIT party at Dudley House 17 March – GSC will sponsor food at party \$1000

funding issues – summer funding vs. all year round funding
- people think summer funding is important
-> need to have a discussion about funding in general
- budget committee will discuss it

Meredith and library committee
- extending library hours – which ones?

GSAS editorial publication
- GSAS student voice on issues

Course development publication
- talk to Sarah. happening right now