

## GSC Open Meeting Minutes – Wednesday October 3, 2007

Executive Committee Attendance: Kyle, Sofia, Jonathan, Ruxandra, Patrick, Cherie

### 1.) Welcome

- a. Executive Council Introductions: Kyle, Sofia, Jonathan, Patrick, Crystal, and Garga introduced themselves.  
Special guests:  
The HGC – its role and the GSC's involvement (Christopher Laconi)  
Representative for Harvard Swing Kids Event
- b. The Graduate Student Council's role (Kyle/Crystal)

### 2.) What we're working on:

- a. *Health Care Forum* – Monday October 10 @ 5pm (Carrie Thiessen)
  - i. *HPV vaccine available to women under 26 years for \$25*
  - ii. *Optional Dental Student Feedback*
- b. *International Students Concerns* – collecting feedback (Garga Chatterjee)
- c. *Speaking invitation to the Pope* – Biomedical Graduate Students (BGSO)
  1. Luigi Adamo said that event would be open to all students. Inviting the Pope does not necessarily mean that Harvard endorses Christianity/ Catholicism \$1000 requested from GSC to make this happen Vote passed to support the event.
- d. *2006-2007 Budget Report* (Wonyoung Kim and Jonathan Ruel)  
Last year, there were \$120,000 of rollover money; Each year, ~\$68,000 come from student fees. \$95,000 were spent last year. You can get a Student Group Handbook from Susan Zawalich to register new student groups.
- e. *Conference Grants* (Sofia). Deadline is quickly approaching. All applications are due online. Sofia will hold some office hours to respond to concerns.

### 3.) Graduate Student Organization (GSO) Initiative (Kyle)

Having a student group is an important resource for students to communicate their administrative concerns.

- a. Your role: representative and leader
- b. Communicate information to students in your department
- c. Relay questions and concerns to the GSC
- d. Organize students in your department (Na'ama Pat-el). Having a system that works directly with faculty is extremely important. Department chairs come and go, and some can be less attentive than others.

There will be a checkout about GSOs at the next open meeting.

### 4.) Suggestions for this year

- a. Department questionnaire – issues facing your students. This week, there's a survey about university health services that students should hand back after the meeting.

- b. Issues and Suggestions Box. At the open meetings, suggestions can be submitted for surveys via the box.

## 5.) Elections

- a. The GSC executive – what it's like (Crystal Fleming)
- b. Elections for open executive positions
  - i. At Large Representatives (Executive)
    - 1. Humanities: Altin Garvanovic
    - 2. Natural Sciences: Nigel Delaney
    - 3. DMS: Abby Bracha
    - 4. Interdisciplinary: Sara Rhodin
  - ii. Parliamentarian (Executive): Sameer Meralli
  - iii. Social Chair (Executive): None elected
  - iv. Committee on Graduate Education: Kristen LaMont
  - v. Student-Faculty Judicial Board: Garga Chatterjee
  - vi. FAS Information Technology Committee: Bruno Afonso
  - vii. University Committee on Rights and Responsibilities: Andrew Johnston
  - viii. Harvard Graduate Council: Peter Banseok Kwon, Hassan Aldamluji, Kristen LaMont, Abby Bracha
  - ix. Budget and Funding Committee: Nigel Delaney, Brittany Crow, Bryan Chang, Brendan Saloner, Olga Rostapshova
  - x. Graduate Student Health Advisory Committee: Nathan Fosse, Carrie Thiessen
  - xi. Housing Committee: Not elected
  - xii. Social Committee: Not elected
  - xiii. Graduate Dormitory Council: Billy Lau
- c. Graduate Student Committee Rep. – (Meredith Schweig)
- d. Elections for open committee positions