

GSC Open Meeting 02/03/2016

Start – 6:33

### **Voting**

Social Chair – social events

Documentarian – take pictures

No interest, Darcy will send out an email

### **Vote of GSC Budget for 2016-2017**

Any questions or concerns about the budget?

Little more money in the summer and spring grants, little less in the winter

Little more January @ GSAS money

Unanimously passed

### **Committees**

Harvard Graduate Student Omni app: Help create a resource for graduate students

Low time commitment and will likely involve a meeting with the app creators.

-more of a discussion group than a committee

-already have one for undergrads, want to make it more of a resource for graduate students

-Darcy will be there, is there any other interest?

-tells you about things like police resources, health resources, map

-pretty open-ended, time for us to say what would be good for us as an app, Laine will talk to IT people to get suggestions

### **Discussion**

Harvard University is currently offering a 401(k) to staff and faculty but not to graduate students.

Is there interest in negotiating an opening of a 401(k) account for graduate students?

-We will be talking to the deans, but does anyone want to add anything?

-For those who have worked before, you usually transfer to a new work account, but at graduate school you can't do that, on your own

-Is this an issue with us not being employees? Almost certainly is

-So are 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> year stipends not

-The whole way our taxes are done is odd

-Would the university have any matching?

(general laughter)

-Have matching for employees, seems doubtful they'd have it for us

-Society for Grownups – advice about this sort of thing for people like us

### **Announcements**

Winter Conference Grants Due February 10<sup>th</sup> by midnight

Student Group/Organization funding is due February 26<sup>th</sup> by midnight.

Lectures that Last – February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Memorial Church

-annual event put on by HPGSG

- 5-7 minute TED-style talks

-for GSAS, Dean Meng will be speaking about Marriages that Last

-hear from many different areas

-can bring a guest

-Can find it on Facebook or website at ltl2016

Tax Talk! – February 11<sup>th</sup> – 6pm at TMEC 227 in Longwood

Learn all about your taxes from a certified public accountant. Grab a poster!

OrgSquare – A free app to help you find graduate student events without signing up for a listserv.

Sign up to follow groups and/or create a page for your group.

-still working on some things, but works on Apple and Android phones

-GSC will put our events on this app

-Let Darcy know if you want more info

-Doing it for really, would really help them out

GSC emails – please tell your department if they are not receiving GSC emails to check their spam folder. We send emails about twice a month.

Also – if you apply for something through GSC you WILL receive an email from us.

If you have submitted reimbursement materials, Rohan is working on that, it's just been busy

Follow GSC on Twitter (@Harvard GSC) &

Facebook (Harvard GSAS Graduate Student Council)

We can help publicize your events on social media!

Adjourned – 6:44