

GSC Meeting Feb

2/11/15

1. Elections Committee (5 needed)

Chaired by Parliamentarian and having the responsibility for overseeing the elections of the council.

Expect one meeting with Ilana Kelsey, and vote count during April 1st meeting

Any interest? Ilana can be contacted if you are interested. ikelsey@g.harvard.edu

It's not a big job, but very important.

2. GSC IT Changes – HUIT sectioning tool town hall – Laine

March 4th, at 6pm, Dudley House

Sectioning tool is bad right now, but new being developed.

The tech community is working on it, and if you want to be involved come to

Good meeting to go to for any complaints at all. But good for

3. Jack – at large rep for natural sciences – Working Group to Organize a Panel on Choosing a Lab

Panel discussion to talk about group joining in the sciences

If you are interested in taking part of planning this event

Want a diversity of experiences

Find info of Jack on the GSC website – Jack Nicoludis: nicoludis@fas.harvard.edu

4. Mentoring Awards and commencement marshal

Commencement marshal for GSAS – lead grad students at the end of the year

Can nominate or nominate yourself

Mentoring – annual award for faculty mentoring

Get faculty recognized ! Not too many opportunities for them to be recognized

Can upload these on the GSC website

Mentoring award ceremony on April 9th

Can we nominate staff instead of faculty for mentoring?

Good question – we can figure that out, but first should go back to the constitution

5. Who is here as a departmental rep?

Please bring back info to your dept – write up an email

Minutes on the website after

Please let us know if there is anyone in your dept that is not being paid, teaching very large section sizes, etc

For those of you teaching: how has the snow day affected you?

Did not cancel my class – positive response, no trouble having to make up class

Class is small and local

John – registration period got extended. Still processing who is in the class.

Very difficult, huge logistical hassle – especially since it's over a long period of time.

It's been over officially a week ago.

Other issue – admins have wiped their hands clean of this issue
Put all the problems on the faculty and students

For the upcoming meeting – anything that people want to see?
Anything productive?

We had a resolution on TF section sizes recently – will there be something else this semester?
There should be something this semester – a town house meeting
GSAS joins the undergrads – open to grad students?
Not sure, maybe each department will choose grad students
Date not setup – will email about later.

Article in Crimson – Health insurance change plan – lower max benefit for faculty per year
Only 1% surpasses this problem – but should still be addressed
The grad student plan is very expensive and our benefits are much worse off compared to other plans

Hearing from those who work in policy in HUS?
We can invite those people to a meeting