



GSC Open Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2018

Graduate Student Lounge, Dudley House, 6:30 pm

1. Introductions

2. What does the Graduate Student Council do?

- **Support**
- **Advocate**
 - i. Google forms for registration of at-large reps posted on website tonight
 - ii. Topic-based Deans Meetings
 - iii. Rank Dean's Meetings topics
- **Recognize**
- Guest speaker: Office of Career Services
 - Handed out fliers
 - announced overall aims of OCS
 - help students understand what careers are available to them
 - Help with CV and other job materials prep
 - 30-minute appointments scheduled via crimson careers
 - Upcoming event: Jean-luc Dumont (relevant to PhD and grad students of any field), talking about the academic side of networking

3. Elections

- Introduction of roles, emphasis on the opportunity offered by leadership roles for development of a graduate student's leadership skills that have broader value on the job market and in the world at large.

Vice President

- Jason, G1 Chemistry, background in drugs (?): active in biochemistry club- helped managed fundraising
 - Greek club
 - As a G1 - has time to mature into the position
- **Diana Zhang**, G3 (2 years before that in computational MA, now in computational PhD) long-standing member of Dudley house
 - President of Harvard Chinese Student Association, thousands of students represented; previously VP
- Vote of Departmental Reps
 - 14 Jason
 - 24 Diana
 - 4 Abstentions

At-Large Rep for Humanities

- Davide Napoli, congratulations!



At-Large Rep for Interdisciplinary Studies

- **Michael Ortiz**, G1 American Studies
 - Believes that interdisciplinarity
- **Natalia**, G1 Business Administration
 - First year that Business Administration has cross faculty with GSAS
 - White house background -- between
- Vote
- 29 Michael
- 15 Natalia
- 2 Abstentions

At-Large Rep for International students

- **Linda Mueller**, G3 History of Art and Architecture (German)
 - Wants to represent international students of all backgrounds (not just western)
 - Sensitive topics: travel ban and other politically motivated issues
 - Tax system (income and social security)
- **Davide**, G1 (Pisa)
 - Student body rep for international students
 - Academic politics
- Vote: congratulations Linda!

4. Appointments

Parliamentarian

- **Jason Anesini**, G1

Social Media Coordinator

HGC Representative

- **Harim Won**, G1 Public Health

5. Committees

GSC Funding Committee (5-6)

- **Julie Edelstein**
- **Larrie**
- **Gaurav Luthria**
- **Jack Kosmicki**
- **Austin**
- **Anne Ratnoff**
- **Kevin Hong**



Committee on Graduate Education (4)

- Paul Tykin spoke on the service rendered by the Committee and highlighted recent achievements of the committee
- Students interested:
 - Paul Tykin
 - Henry Shackleton
 - Tara Nicola
 - Matheus Fernandes

Harvard Safety Committee (2)

- Jackie Yun is chair
- Interested Students
 - Hans Pech, German
 - Vinh Nguyen, Harvard Graduate School of Education

HUIT Committee (2)

- IT Policies
 - Kadim
 - Michael Ortiz

6. Treasurer's Corner

- **Office Hours next week, 9/12 at 7:00 pm in GSC Office**
- **Fall Funding Deadline, 9/28**
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- Jan described her roll, the source and destinations of the budget, and the deadlines for groups and individuals preparing to apply for funding.

7. Announcements

- **Departmental Reps - Please fill out form <https://goo.gl/VbyLYf>**
- **GSC Deans meetings on 2nd Thursday each month <https://goo.gl/9XjbsH>**
- **Harvard OCS Fall Workshops**
- **GSAS Office of Student Services Employment Opportunity**
 - i. Coordinating welcome events
 - ii. Event planning
- **Council of Student Sustainability Leaders - Apply by 9/14**
 - i. Fellowship application
 - ii. <https://green.harvard.edu/group/council-student-sustainability-leaders>

8. Open Floor

- Paul Tykin spoke:
 - i. Call to action for departmental reps to gather feedback from their departments



- ii. That this is their responsibility as departmental reps and the ultimate goal of the graduate student council.