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 Oritz

6. Treasurer's Corner
   - Office Hours next week, 9/12 at 7:00 pm in GSC Office
   - Fall Funding Deadline, 9/28
   - 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.