Greetings from the GSC Officers

Dear fellow graduate students,

Whether you are new or returning for another year of grad school: Welcome to Tufts! We are all excited to serve as officers of the Graduate Student Council (GSC).

The GSC is the body that represents graduate students’ interests at the School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Engineering. We advocate for your causes while you pursue your academic and career development goals at Tufts. In addition, we organize a variety of academic, social, and community outreach events.

Our largest annual events include an apple picking trip, a research symposium, a charity fundraising 5K race, and a barbeque in the spring.

The Council consists of an eight member executive board: four officers and four committee chairs. Plus, each department has a representative that attends monthly meetings. The participation of these representatives and their effective communication with students in their departments is crucial for the GSC to function.

Our first general meeting will be on Monday, September 10th, at 6:30 pm, in the Large Conference Room (2nd Floor of Campus Center). Please join us to learn more about the GSC and ways to get involved. There will be free pizza, salad, and drinks!

The GSC Lounge, located in West Hall Rooms 001 and 002, is the one place where graduate students exclusively have 24-hr access to computers, printing, wireless internet, and photocopying facilities. It also offers a variety of snacks and drinks at low prices and some of the cheapest coffee on campus. The GSC lounge also boasts a big flat-screen TV with cable access.

You can visit our website (go.tufts.edu/gsc) to find out how to get involved with the GSC and who your department representative is. Our website also contains a lot of useful information, including a calendar of events hosted by the GSC.

We look forward to seeing you at our events and wish you good luck with your endeavors this year!

Jennifer, Michelle, Tess, & Charlie

5th Annual GSC 5K Run
Meet Your GSC Officers

I graduated with Honors from Florida State University in 2010. I am currently a third year PhD student in the Biology department. My research is mainly focused on understanding how DNA integrity is maintained within a cell. In addition to all things science, I enjoy food, dance, and all things cute. If you ever see me walking around, come and say hi! I love meeting new people :]

Jennifer Nguyen
President

Michelle Ashley
Vice President

Hello fellow Jumbos! My name is Tess Guttadauro and I couldn’t be more excited to serve as GSC Secretary this year. I am currently a second-year M.S. student in the Occupational Therapy department where I am Co-President of our grad student organization (called “SOTA”). I graduated from Tufts in 2011 with a B.A. in Child Development so I’m what we call a “double jumbo.” I absolutely love Tufts and am looking forward to meeting you all this year!

Tess Guttadauro
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I am a 3rd year PhD student in Drama. I completed my Bachelor of Arts in English Literature and Theatre Performance from McKendree University in Lebanon, IL. I received my Master of Arts degree in English and American Literature from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville where I focused on dramatic literature. My research interests include Marxist and feminist theory, portrayals of gender and sexuality on stage and film, and video games.

I am a 5th year PhD candidate in the department of Mathematics. I graduated in 2007 with an BA in Mathematics and Physics from Dartmouth College.

I have previously served with the GSC as department representative for Mathematics, as Student Life and Non-academic Chair, and as Vice President of the GSC.

Charlie Cunningham
Treasurer
GSC General Meetings happen on the first Monday of the month (except September) from 6:30 pm—8:00 pm in the Large Conference Room of the Mayer Campus Center (2nd Floor):

- **September 10**th
- **October 1**st
- **November 5**th
- **December 3**rd

- **February 4**th
- **March 4**th
- **April 1**st
- **May 6**th

**Dean’s Coffee Hour Schedule**

Once a month, the GSC welcomes Arts & Sciences Dean Lynne Pepall and Engineering Dean Lew Edgers for an informal conversation hour. This is an opportunity for any graduate student to come and discuss issues directly with the administration. 5:00 pm—6:00 pm in the GSC Lounge.

- **October 15**th
- **November 26**th
- **March 11**th
- **April 8**th

**GSC Annual Fall Apple Picking Trip**

**Where:** Honey Pot Hill Orchards
138 Sudbury Road
Stow, MA 01775

**When:** September 22nd

**What:** Apple picking, hay rides, cider, donuts, and more!

**Who:** All Tufts graduate students welcome!

*More details to come at our first general meeting!*
PROVIDED FOR YOU BY THE GSC:

- **Drastically reduced prices on tickets** to the symphony, ballet, musicals, and other events like Blue Man Group.

- **Free computing access**, printing and copying at the GSC Lounge in West Hall.

- **Cheap, edible treats and beverages** at West Hall Café.

- **Social events** such as Pub Nights, Jazz Nights, and BBQs.

- **Forums for you to voice your concerns** directly to the administration through events such as the Deans Coffee Hours.

- **Opportunity to help shape policies** at Tufts.

- **Funding for events** sponsored by academic, social, charitable, or athletic groups.

- **Graduate student contests and awards.**

- **Charitable events** as food drives, 5k races, and computer drives for local communities in need.

- **And much more….**

  ... checkout our website:

  go.tufts.edu/gsc

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**Graduate Voices at the National Level**

Tufts AS&E GSC is a voting member of the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students (NAGPS.) NAGPS connects graduate and professional students and supports members as they work together to advocate at the local and national level on behalf of graduate and professional students.

Learn more about how NAGPS is the only national student run organization that represents graduate and professional students at local, state, and national levels at

www.NAGPS.org

Current Issues of the NAGPS: Open Access, Visas for International Students, and tax-exemption of graduate student stipends.

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**A Basic Map of Campus for Graduate Students**

[Map of Tufts University campus with key locations marked]

- **West Hall Graduate Student Lounge and Cafe**
- **Campus Center General Meeting Location**