

GSC Bylaws

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ARTICLE I:

Recognition of graduate student organizations (GSOs) formed with an expressed interest for promoting the professionalism or social life of GSAS students.

Section 1: Liaising with Tufts University.

Each GSO seeking recognition must meet with the Director of Student Activities, unless the organization is a sports club in which case said organization will meet with the Athletic Department to begin the recognition procedure.

NOTE: Process amended in 2003. All GSO recognition is processed through the GSC. The GSC then notifies Student Activities.

Section 2: Recognizing the GSC.

Each GSO seeking recognition from the GSC must recognize, in writing, the GSCs constitution. The GSC will hold on file this document of recognition until the said organization no longer exists.

Section 3: Gaining recognition from the GSC.

Each GSO seeking recognition must submit a completed application and constitution to the GSCs executive board which will review the application and constitution and make recommendations to the GSC for approval or denial within 1 month of submission. The documentation submitted must clearly express the following:

1. Dedication to promoting the professional and/or social life of GSAS students.
2. Proof of at least ten (10) graduate student members who are enrolled Tufts students (number subject to change by GSC)

majority vote based on demographics). If any organization cannot produce 10 signatures (to be held on file at the GSC office), it may petition its circumstances in its application.

3. The organizations uniqueness. No organization can partially or wholly duplicate any organization already registered. The GSC may request any new group to clarify, in writing, why it cannot exist as a subcommittee of the existing group it appears to duplicate, a clarification that must be signed by the already existing group.
4. The organizations commitment to being open to all members of the Tufts community except as otherwise provided by state law or university policy.
5. The organizations understanding that its activities can not endanger the safety and/or welfare of its members.
6. That the organization is a non-profit organization.

Section 4: Registering with Student Activities

All recognized GSOs must register, each semester, with the Office of Student Activities (OSA) as outlined by the OSA. Furthermore, GSOs must submit yearly updates (of budget, membership roster, statement of purpose, constitution, etc.) to the GSC.

NOTE: This process no longer takes place. GSC is responsible for registering all approved groups with OSA.

Section 5: Privileges of Recognized, Registered GSOs

Recognition by the GSC and subsequent registration with OSA implies a number of privileges for an organization. These privileges include:

1. The right to schedule university facilities.
2. The option to apply to the GSCs Executive Board for funding.
3. The assignment and use of a mailbox in the Mayer Campus Center.
4. Capability to generate computer printouts and address labels for the organizations use.
5. Maintenance of historical records on each organization in the OSA.
6. Eligibility to participate in the Student Organization Activities Fair held each semester.

7. Inclusion in the annually published booklet Connect: A Guide to Student Organizations.
8. Options to seek membership in the Tufts Programming Board (TPB) and to co-sponsor programs with TPB member organizations.
9. Access to organization advising and training and all other services provided by the OSA.
10. The right to have a member (see article VIII, section 2 of GSC constitution) attend GSC meetings.

Section 6: Responsibilities of Registered GSOs

GSOs are expected to comply with the regulatory and procedural guidelines contained in the Pachyderm and set forth by the OSA. The GSC reserves the right to de-recognize, by majority vote, any organization that does not recognize and comply with these guidelines.

ARTICLE II

Recognition of other graduate student councils formed as legislative bodies for Tufts graduate schools not GSAS.

Section 1: Recognition

Should another of Tufts graduate schools (Dental, Veterinary, Medical, Fletcher, Nutrition) organize into a legislative body that gains recognition from the appropriate Tufts committee, the GSC will make every effort to work on a process of recognition that will preserve each groups autonomy as well as promote a working relationship with that body on issues that concern both schools.

ARTICLE III:

Funding for GSOs formed with an expressed interest for promoting the professionalism or social life of GSAS students.

Section 1: The Right to be Funded

No GSO has the right to be funded based solely on its status as a recognized GSO; in effect, recognition from the GSC does not guarantee funding from the Executive Board.

Section 2: Petitioning for Funding

To receive funding, the GSC requires each GSO to present an annual budget for funding before the close of the first month of the scholastic year. The Executive Board will review each GSOs budget and make recommendations to the GSC for approval or denial within 1 month of submission.

Section 3: Amount of Funding per GSO

The amount of funds available to each GSO will be subject to its membership and how closely its activities relate to promoting the professional and/or social life of GSAS students. The GSCs Executive Board will be charged with drawing up more specific guidelines.