

**GSC General Meeting Agenda
September 10th, 2012**



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New Business:

NAGPS Graduate Student Survey

-Charlie: NAGPS is the only organization for all graduate & professional students in the US; trying to have a survey instrument for as many schools as possible; vitally important to get as high a response rate as possible to this survey; during the fall semester we will get an email about this survey; department reps must convey to their department that students should NOT skip over this email; dep reps must stress the importance of this survey; this survey is the key to how we get higher stipends & health care; dep reps should prep their student body to anticipate this survey

What is the GSC: GSC represents all grad students in AS&E; composed of department representatives, executive board, and committee chairs; committees include: academic & career development committee (plan interdisciplinary research symposium in the spring), community outreach committee (community service outreach wing, thanksgiving food drive, 5K), social committee (pub nights, apple picking trip, host events w/ the other Tufts schools, Masquerade ball), student life committee (dean coffee hours, send dep reps to all external committees); GSC is the primary funding source for all grad student organizations

Dep Reps: must do 1 thing this year (ie sitting on an external committee, helping to set up an event)

Officer and Committee Reports:

Social Committee

- *Pub Night:* Scheduled for Friday, September 21st from 7 pm – 9 pm @ The Burren

-first 50 students that show up will get free drinks

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- free appetizers
- *Apple Picking Trip*: Saturday, September 22nd from 9 am – 3 pm @ Honey Pot Hill Orchards
 - tickets will be available in the grad student lounge after the meeting
 - tickets are \$10 (includes transportation, apple cider, hay ride, etc)
 - meet @ Joey stop @ 9 am
- *Masquerade Ball*: Friday, October 26th from 8 pm – Midnight @ TBD
 - will most likely be Friday October 26th
 - appetizers, drinks
 - costume contest
 - we will be inviting Friedman, Fletcher, & Sackler schools

Academic Committee

- Looking for a committee chair!
 - main focus for academic chair is the research symposium in the spring; career services is taking a big focus in grad students this year; career services wants to get more involved in event planning w/ grad students; committee chair will be working w/ career services; chair should try to get everyone involved in the spring research symposium
 - Michelle (last years committee chair) really enjoyed working w/ people from other disciplines; she enjoyed learning about other fields; if you are going on to an academic career this can be a great experience
 - chair will have people helping them along the way
 - working w/ career services will be a new focus this year
 - Michael Morris (from drama department) is interested in becoming the new chair; has his MBA; he has a lot of experience w/ hiring people & evaluating candidates; knows that hiring people is very disciplinary
 - Jenn appointed Michael as academic chair for the time being to fill the voided space

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Student Life Committee

- Self-Defense Classes?
 - this committee works for student rights @ tufts
 - Okuary wants to see self-defense classes happen
 - student life committee is responsible for lobbying for grad student knowledge
 - must connect opportunities to grad students
 - we can make a special graduate student only classes for self-defense (minimum of 10 students involved)
 - need 12 hrs of classing total (can be 12 1 -hr classes, 6 2-hr classes, etc)

Community Outreach Committee

- Looking for a committee chair!
 - Ashley has been appointed to community outreach chair by Jenn as the position is currently open!

***All department reps must sit on an internal or external committee

INTERNAL: social, academic, social, outreach

EXTERNAL: committees of the university that we are allowed to send student reps to (graduate policies & programs committee, etc)

Student Representation on AS&E Faculty Committees: Looking for Department Rep Volunteers

Graduate Programs & Policies: needs 3 reps; Nicole Soltis volunteered as academic masters, Danielle Stacey volunteered as professional masters, Michelle Ashley volunteered as PHD

Educational Policy Committee (EPC): Shauna Peterson volunteered

Student Course Evaluation Committee (SCE): brand new committee; Simran Kaushl volunteered

Library Committee: Shayan Rajani (Arts & Sciences) & Okuary Osechas (Engineering) volunteered

Committee on Student Life: Michelle Ashley (VP) is the rep for this

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Summer Session Committee: Ashley Foy volunteered

Information Technology Committee: more of a computer/IT technical committee; GSC board volunteered Aaron Tietz

Trunk Steering Committee: GSC board volunteered Aaron Tietz; Okuary Osechas volunteered

Equal Educational Opportunity Committee (EEOC): committee meets 2x per semester, secretary (Tess Guttadauro) is GSC rep for this

Faculty Research Support and Facilities Advisory Committee: Andrew Weber volunteered for chemistry; Okuary Osechas volunteered for engineering

Campus Planning & Development Committee: Gabrielle Gareau volunteered

Budget & Priorities Committee (B&P): Charles Cunningham & Luke Grymek volunteered

Engineering Graduate Students Committee: get lots of 1:1 interaction w/ engineering faculty; take grad student rep's opinion very seriously; Joanna Xylas volunteered for fall semester; Bradford Berry volunteered; Okuary Osechas volunteered

LA&J Curricula Committee: good for grading & teaching grad students; Michael Morris volunteered

Tenure & Promotions Committee: Okuary Osechas & Shauna Peterson volunteered

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