

Graduate Student Council General Meeting Notes  
December 5, 2011

**Old Business**

- Thanksgiving Food Drive
  - Mishap this year, coordinated with the wrong person to solicit donations in front of Shaw's and had to cancel
  - Finally delivered last year's food
  - Open to suggestions for make-up event

**New Business**

- Department Rep. Surveys
  - Feedback
    - EM Dept Reps shared communication style
      - Have dept Seminar once a week and use that space to promote GSC news and events
      - Students became a GSO as a result of interest and outreach
      - No Facebook, want monthly or special event email for GSC communications
    - Bio- students preferred weekly email, no Facebook
    - OT- half want weekly emails and half want FB
    - Math- no FB
  - Bring a Buddy in February!

**Officer and Committee Reports**

- Social Committee
  - Hot Chocolate Night Feedback

- Fun event with good turnout
  - Moo & Brew Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>
    - Right after 1st general meeting next semester
    - Good opportunity to speak with Deans
    - Remind Dean Pepall that last year's music was too loud for normal conversations
- Academic Committee
  - Distributed handout with upcoming career/academic info
  - Have President Monaco speak at symposium
    - Deciding on April 25, 26 or 27, 2012
- Student Life
  - Ombuds
    - Working on issue for awhile
    - Trying to get a formal service
    - Meeting later this month to discuss
  - Advisor/Advisee relationship agreement
    - Dean Pepall making suggestions for guidelines
      - Adapting agreement Sackler uses to fit AS&E
    - Have minimum standards for this relationship and commitment
    - Recognizing and appreciating work of advisor
  - Health Insurance Negotiations: What kind of student health insurance do graduates want?
    - Biannually or monthly payments
    - Heard just “emergency” insurance

- How are Tufts students supposed to pay for annual physicals?
  - Tufts Dental discounts for undergrads only?
  - Extending insurance for PhD students? That is a question for graduate administration since those are covered via internal funds.
- Treasurer
    - Subsidized event tickets available! Blue Man Group this week!

## **Announcements**

- Events
  - Dean's Coffee Hour with President Monaco next Monday
  - Next Meeting Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Drama hosting a cabaret tomorrow, free tickets
    - Semi-formal attire- they're classy folks!
- Curriculum Committee
  - Provision of online courses?
  - What about role of TA?