

Graduate Student Council General Meeting
February 6, 2012

New Business

- Work/Life Balance Task Force request for graduate student feedback
 - Elizabeth Remick wants to speak with a couple grad students about work/life balance in their academic experience. Dealing with primary care giving, adoption, housing, etc.
 - Shantelle Carmichael volunteered to speak with this Task Force
- Dean of Student Affairs Judiciary Panel
 - Want to train grad students to be panel members and advocates
 - Panel addresses disciplinary affairs
 - Jess Frisch & Fridrik Larussen are interested
- MBTA public hearings
 - MBTA is cutting services
 - Hosting public hearings
 - Proposing raising fares close to 50% and cutting bus routes, various proposals but each raise fares and cut service
 - Decisions will be made in July and implemented in the fall
- NAGPS Legislative Action Days: Feb. 26th – Feb. 28th in Washington DC
 - National Association of Graduate and Professional Students
 - They lobby on behalf of grad students
 - Focusing on student loans, campus safety, student visas, open access

Officer and Committee Reports

- Student Life

- New Chair, David Bader, welcome!
- Student Health Insurance
 - Tufts still deciding on whether or not to go out to bid
 - GSC trying to get insurance payment plans
- Conflict Resolution Workshop: March 1st and April 26th
 - sign up online!
 - Pre-emptive/preventive focused
 - Sinaia is a conflict negotiator available to all grad students
- Social Committee
 - Game Night in the Lounge, Part II: February 7th from 6–9pm
 - Pub Night Feb. 23rd
 - Joint Pub Night w. Sackler, Friedman, and Fletcher March 29th
 - Tentative events
 - Movie Night
 - Self defense classes thru TUPD
 - UEP is interested!
 - Trivia Night with Northeastern March 7th or 14th?
- Academic
 - GSC Annual Research Symposium
 - April 13th at Hillel
 - Call for Submissions!
 - Will solicit a keynote speaker and judges
- Outreach
 - 5K– May 5th
 - Looking for a band
 - Food Drive planning
 - Need volunteers
- Treasurer
 - GSO info is on website

Other

- Shuttle services to Boston campus

- There is a need for this service
- Come to Deans Coffee Hours or speak with Student Life Committee to advocate for this service

Announcements

- **Moo & Brew: Wednesday, February 29th from 4 – 6pm in Ballou Hall**

Game Night in the Lounge, Part II: February 7th from 6–9pm

Join us in the Graduate Student Lounge for some old school fun with board games. Bring a friend and take a break from studying. We hope to see you there!

Moo & Brew: Wednesday, February 29th from 4 – 6pm in Ballou Hall

The Graduate Student Council (GSC) and the Office of Graduate Studies (OGS) are hosting a fun filled evening with free food, beer and conversation. Come meet the Deans and fellow graduate students at this annual tradition in the Coolidge Room, Ballou Hall.

Please RSVP to Marybeth Whitney at MaryBeth.Whitney@tufts.edu.

Conflict Resolution Workshop: March 1st and April 26th

Dr. Sinaia Nathanson will hold a workshop on conflict resolution for graduate students. This two-part workshop will be held Thursday, March 1st and Thursday, April 26th. You will learn how to manage conflicts at school, in the workplace, and in interpersonal relationships. Space is limited, so register early! Please visit go.tufts.edu/gsc for registration information.

GSC Annual Research Symposium: Call for Submissions!

We are finalizing the date and location of our annual Spring Research Symposium for Graduate Students in A,S&E. Look for that announcement, along with a call for submissions on our homepage in the coming week. Start working on that abstract now... we look forward to reading it!

NAGPS Legislative Action Days: Feb. 26th – Feb. 28th in Washington DC

The National Association of Graduate–Professional Students (NAGPS) will host Legislative Action Days (LAD) to gather graduate and professional students nationwide to advocate for policies that impact us! Meet with congressional representatives and address the issues you face as graduate and professional students. NAGPS runs an on-site, professional advocacy training session for all LAD attendees and provides advocacy materials to help attendees in their meetings.

For more information visit <http://www.nagps.org/events/spring-2012-nagps-legislative-action-days>

Postdoc Positions with Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research

Sackler GSC Career Paths presents:

Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research

Presidential Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

February 8th, 2-4pm at Posner Hall –

Postdoctoral Fellowship Presentation & Reception

All interested Tufts life sciences students and postdoc fellows are invited!

See flyer for details + sign up using this link <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AgkTp0jiTbzgdHlmV2k0eTRsR2ZFtkhsUIUwU0hrMVE>

I-Center 60th Anniversary Events

The International Center is celebrating its 60th anniversary March 3rd and 4th.

Included in the events will be the PARADE OF NATIONS, where the Chapman

Award will be presented. Visit their website ([http://ase.tufts.edu/center/](http://ase.tufts.edu/center/legacy2012.htm)

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