

## 1. Announcements

- a. PhD Comics: The Movie – Noah working to schedule a date to show the movie at Tufts and also have Jorge (producer) available for Q&A.
- b. Reaching out to TCU: Working on collaboration projects, such as mentoring projects; TCU is also working on resolution for pedestrian safety and we will be working with them to join in support for making intersections at campus safer.
- c. Departmental GSO Information distributed: quick how-to guide with guidelines on how to create or structure a departmental GSO for those departments without current groups. Form will also be available online at GSC website.
- d. Upcoming NAGPS (National Association of Graduate and Professional Students) conference: we have traditionally been fairly active. Past GSC president has served as regional chair. This Fall's conference—late October, Boulder, CO--will be to exchange ideas and make connections with other graduate student groups about serving graduate students on campus. This organization also leads lobbying for graduate student causes at state and national level. Current target issues include supporting open access to publications and increasing caps on foreign visas given to international students.
  - i. Aaron will be giving presentation on helping to support department reps build department GSO's at this Fall's conference.
- e. Would like general feedback/ideas on website content, lounge appearance, and services, etcetera.
- f. News and Feedback from Dept Reps
  - i. Bio Tech & Engineering has been having safety issues; a few weeks ago, a student was mugged outside SciTech; there have been strangers coming in and out of the department; personal equipment has been stolen; department is working to add card access machines to all entrances
  - ii. Music Dept having issues with getting TA payments done on time; Drama department is facing similar issues—suggestion is after point person is addressed, student should consult with Dean Peppall at OGS.

## 2. Committees

- a. External Committees
  - i. Some external committees need to be staffed:
    1. NEASC Accreditation – **OPEN**
    2. Campus Planning & Development - **OPEN**
    3. Educational Policy - **OPEN**
    4. Graduate Policies and Programs: 1 seat open for a student in a Professional Master's Student– *Tess Guttadauro, Occupational Therapy*
- b. Internal Committees
  - i. Introducing committee members and chairs:
    1. Academic – *Michelle Ashley, Drama*
    2. Social – *Jen Nguyen, Biology*
    3. Community Outreach – **OPEN**
    4. Student Life – *Sam Sandoval, UEP*

- a. Currently working on pedestrian and bike safety on campus
- b. Student insurance provider for future years has gone out to insurance companies for bids

**3. Special Election – GSC Secretary**

- a. Nominees:
  - i. Samantha Sandoval, UEP
  - ii. Benazeer Noorani, Electrical Engineering
- b. Candidate Speeches
- c. Voting
- d. Elected – *Sam Sandoval*

**4. Upcoming Events**

- a. Dean's Coffee Hour, 10/17/2011, 5-6pm - GSC Lounge
- b. Pub Night, 10/20/2011, 6:30-8:30pm – The Burren, Davis Square
- c. AS&E/Friedman Joint Pub Night, 11/10/2011, 7-10pm – Scholars, Downtown Boston
- d. Food Drive, 11/2011

**5. Special Announcements**

- a. Travis Brown and students are working to get a MAYA (Mexican American Youth Association) group started – group for all Latino grad students, not just Mexican Americans--in STEM fields – please contact Travis Brown or Benazeer Noorani for further information.
- b. Future Faculty/Preparing for Jobs in Academia Workshop being offered by Dean Peppall's office.