

**Dartmouth Graduate Student Council
Regular Meeting
August 6, 2019 | 5:30PM**



AGENDA

New Business:

1. June & July Finance and Expenditures Reports
 - **Low spending in June and July**
 - **Some block funding as well as Housing/Activities and Student Life spending**
 - **Two \$200 professional development support funds**
 - **July – IGMP & Writers Society, Fast-Track Funding Request (\$200, Writer's Society)**
 - **70% Executive funding used, 43% block funding used**
 - **66% of other funding used**
 - **In comparison to other years, under budget**
 - **June and July budget approved to be posted on the website**

Graduate Student Council new group approval

- Dartmouth Schooners – rowing club
 - Dartmouth rowing currently limited to undergraduates, so graduate students have to join Upper Valley rowing foundation with expensive membership dues
 - “Funnel” program for Upper Valley rowing foundation
 - They have organizational capacity, equipment, coaching staff, and established
 - Want to “contribute” graduate students to community
 - Reduced costs to Upper Valley rowing foundation (defray costs of membership)
 - Reduced or free cost to learn how to row
 - Competition facilitated by reducing cost to regattas, transportations, etc.
 - **Accessibility to rowing**
 - Faculty advisor submitted on WordPress
 - **Approved! Welcome new club**
- 2. Recap meetings with C3I
 - Power dynamics training created with Dick's house through GSC, but we don't want to replicate their work
 - Working with Theodosia Cook to try to reach all faculty that have interaction with graduate students
 - First meeting: What is the purpose of this mentorship program?
 - Second meeting: State-of-the-Art
 - What do they look like, what works, what's available on the web, etc.
 - “Toolkits”, packets with guidance
 - Companies that are built to train graduate student mentors (SIMER (sp?))
 - Train Council on Graduate Studies (train 32 people at

one time – October)

- Training trainers?

3. Changes in orientation

- New structure!
- Feelings like there is no consolidated place, don't know about resources
- Q&A Panels (1.5 hour)
 - Introduction – Share fundamentals of what they do
 - Guarini Graduate Office
 - Academic
 - DCAL, RWIT, Academic Chair, Betsy Tremmel
 - Emotional Health & Wellbeing
 - Counseling, Tucker, Eva, Grad Office, Title IX
 - Community and Culture
 - Intramurals (sailing & skiing), Hop and Hood, dining, etc.
 - Students can submit questions (anonymously) and can ask verbally as well
 - Activities fair usually after, clubs will do 35 second pitch/jingle to entice students to check out their booth at the activity booth
- Google Doc will be shared where questions are so people can throw in
- Eva making a packet of resources
- September 13th, 12:30 PM – 2:30 in LSC

4. Students Needs and Assistance Program (SNAP, Geisel)

- How can GSC provide more peer support?
- In Geisel, two reps/year as “SNAP” reps that can address student questions and concerns, from the trivial to the more severe
 - **Not therapeutic**, but a resource referral – if you are intimidated about reaching out to someone, this individual could do it?
 - Or, “If I went to GRAD Office, what would they do?”
 - If they're concerned about talking to someone in their apartment,
- Reps received guidance from Geisel
- Have a faculty advisor that refers to professional if very serious
- Started 20 year ago, embedded in culture as a school
- How would this look for Guarini?
 - SNAP reps in Geisel know that they are committing for four years
 - Could be Student Life Committee?
- “Safe” reporter for Title IX issues, and mandatory reporters
 - Mostly confidential, more extreme relayed
- Quarterly discussions
- How many people are utilizing it?
 - Most SNAP reps (two SNAP for 100 students)
 - Most have an issue a week (1-3 time weekly correspondance)
 - Rare to get heavy back-to-back issues, happen around beginning of year, finals, big events (like Take Back the Night)
 - More support offered to grad reps in that time
 - Can go to any one (can go to different classes if you want)
- Additional safety net for graduate students
- Many people go when concerned about friends

5. Budget committee

- Four people for budget committee
- Time commitment: “Not large”

Old Business Updates:

1. Approve old minutes
 - **Approved**

Announcements:

1. BBQ at August 9th at Storrs Pond
 - Family friendly event – canoing, kayaking, paddle boarding
 - No alcohol will be provided
 - Taking volunteers to help out serve food
2. Haven Dinner Friday August 23rd
 - Done every month, dartgo.org/havendineer
 - One vegetarina and one meat based
3. Student Activities Fair: September 13th, 2:30 - 4 pm
 - Goal: First years see all tables and clubs can entice people to sign up on emailing list
 - Resources will also be at activities fair (counseling center, Tucker center, Hood, etc.)