

Dartmouth Graduate Student Council
Regular Meeting
September 3, 2019 | 5:30PM



AGENDA

New Business:

1. August Finance and Expenditures Reports
 - \$5300 spent – people spent what they had
 - Have surplus rolling into next year
 - With new activities fee, nice surplus
 - Summer social \$2200, one travel grant refunded (bulk of money)
 - Hoping to stay under budget
 - Well above surplus budgeted by last council (thanks, Danielle)
 - Two standard funding requests
 - *Question: Soccer Club spent money on equipment and social activities*
 - **Vote approved to post online**
 - Funding Request: \$1000 from IGMP
 - Welcome Social (September 19th)
 - 50+ people (circulating) GRAD Lounge
 - With money given last year, had enough to give food to people
 - Positive reviews on food
 - Organize many events throughout the year in all seasons and all activities
 - Block funding used for smaller events, so larger amount requested so they can use block funding for other event
 - Last year: Block funding was \$1,000, spent almost all of it
 - Food from Jewel of India and Orient Express – but open to all
 - All funding from GSC
 - International students assigned mentors – open to everyone, well-attended
 - Chance of finding funding from organizations?
 - Part of new round of funding (FY19-20)
 - Surplus from last year rolls over to this year
 - **Vote: Approve \$1,000 but note that we may not provide similar money in the future**
2. New Organization Presentation
3. Budget – Review & Vote
 - “Everyone got a haircut”
 - Newer clubs weren’t given as much as consistent clubs
 - Most clubs don’t spend allotted budget
 - Formals don’t cost as much as allotted, so will budget less
 - Wan’ted to make sure we have a cushion
 - Can bump Activities fund up to 10K
 - Pizza at meetings – should we cut it?
 - Could possibly cut budget in half?
 - More conservative about ordering
 - Ivy+ Summit is gathering of Graduate Student Councils of Ivys
 - President, Vice President, Two Exec Board Members

- Housing Activities Coordinator
 - North Park event, but open to anyone (wine and cheese, apple picking)
 - Similar to GSAC budget
 - Social chair connected into Graduate Student Office
 - Pumpkin carving, scarf-making, succulent planting, valentines, etc.
 - Tend to be co-hosted with other graduate student organizations
 - Budget is from student fees and rollovers
 - No money from any of the graduate schools
 - Dartmouth is unique in that we get 100% of activities fees
 - **Vote: Motion to bring \$1000 of pizza budget into the standard funding**
 - **Moving \$2000 into standard activities fund**
4. Updated Organization Recognition – Review & Vote
- Going back to conversations with comptroller – concerned about organization recognition, how we can derecognize, particular language lingo, etc.
 - Goal: Be compliant with Dartmouth legal
 - Much of it are things we've done.
 - In-line with undergraduate student council
 - Need an advisor
 - Need to communicate with GSC (so we know you are an organization)
 - School approves things sponsored with non-Dartmouth groups
 - No hazing
 - Don't overspend, and do not move money to external accounts due to reimbursement model
 - Can't make agreements on behalf of school
 - No political campaign donations
 - Can't be a proxy of a foreign government or private organization (legalese in document)
 - Can't keep the money
 - Must get approval to partner with external organization
 - Want to protect students
 - Withdrawal of recognition:
 - Notify organization why removal is occurring
 - Organizations can come before GSC
 - GSC pass majority vote to remove
 - Organization can reapply in six months
 - Add to website a form for individuals to submit
 - Note: No longer a requirement to have certain departments, because we ensure academically-focused groups are successful
 - **Motion to approve recognition packet passes**
5. Potential Bylaws Discussion
- Funding the purchase of liquor
 - Need to comply with "vague" Dartmouth rules – cannot reimburse the purchase of liquor
 - Does not allow hard liquor on campus
 - Do not allow funding of alcohol for *undergraduate* organizations, and graduate organizations are an exception
 - Cannot put alcohol on credit card
 - Can't have "hard alcohol" (30 proof) most places on campus
 - **Motion to Table until reimbursement policies can be figured out**

- Student Travel Grant – Blinding and/or Bylaw
 - President, Vice President, Finance Chair applying for travel grants
 - What if we blinded application reviews?
 - Good idea, want raters to not evaluate if you recognize
 - Not in bylaws, but currently understood that if you know the individual you are assessing and you don't feel that you can be objective, you do not vote
 - What degree of “knowing” a person constitutes bias?
 - Don't be biased, if you feel you are don't rate them
 - May work better, because people on GSC still grad students that *volunteer*, so may be unfair to exclude
 - Would just be President, Vice President, Finance Chair, and Academic Chair, because they have potential conflict-of-interest
 - Influence formation and function of committees and funds
 - What if we give another check of the whole council instead of just the Academic committee
 - Would also apply to professional funds
 - Solution 2: Blocks certain individuals on GSC from applying
 - Not bylaw, so just change the written procedure
 - **What about bylaw: The Student Travel Grant and Student Professional Development Fund will be blinded.**
 - **Sentence will be added to the bylaw**

Old Business Updates:

1. Approve old minutes
 - **Motion approved**

Note: College cannot pay international students separately

Orietnation will be previewing new logo with giveaways (BBQ next Thursday)

Announcements:

1. Student Activities Fair: September 13th 2:30 - 4 pm
2. Welcome Mixer: September 13th 4:30 pm – Everyone is welcome!!
3. Mid-Autumn Festival: September 13th 6:30 pm
4. IGMP Welcome Social: September 19th 5:30 pm