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Graduate Student Council

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Hello Dartmouth Graduate Students,

On **Tuesday, June 2nd, 2020**, the Dartmouth Graduate Student Council (GSC) met for its monthly June General Body Meeting. Below is a summary of the points of discussion:

- **Topic 1. Addressing Recent Events**
 - The GSC is committed to **promoting and celebrating diversity within the graduate community.**
 - Potential action items discussed within the meeting included an educational series on how to be an “ally,” mandatory diversity training, and partnering with undergraduate groups that focus on racial justice for new programming opportunities.
 - Given the myriad of ideas, the GSC formally approved the development of an **ad hoc committee** that will be tasked with **addressing issues of adversity and discrimination** within the community. **If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Hector Sanchez** (hector.f.sanchez.gr@dartmouth.edu)

- **Topic 2. Anonymous Submission Form [<https://forms.gle/beqdcTf5FHkA6vWV6>]**
 - The Executive Board shared proposed action items for the two anonymous submissions received before the meeting in the new anonymous submission form.
 - For students concerned about returning in the fall due to the ongoing public health pandemic, the GSC will **recommend that Dean Kull hold a “fireside chat” to assuage student concerns.** The GSC will also **compile and distribute resources** for students who feel coerced into returning to campus.
 - For students concerned about recent changes to the new on-campus early lease termination policy, the GSC intends to **contact the Real Estate office** for clarification and **raise the concern to Dean Kull** in the Executive Board termly meeting on Thursday, June 4th.

- **Topic 3. Orientation**
 - Because orientation will be held online, the GSC discussed the best way to share information on the myriad of graduate student organizations through a “**virtual**” **Activities Fair.** Ideas discussed included **short videos** put together by each club or **Zoom sessions with members of each club.**
 - The GSC also discussed the creation of a **Guarini Graduate Student Ambassador Program.** Students involved in this program would **help answer questions of incoming graduate students** and would help support any ongoing efforts by departments. **If you are interested in serving as a Guarini Graduate Student Ambassador for your department, please contact Eva Childers** (graduate.student.council@dartmouth.edu).

As always, please feel free to reach out with questions or concerns! We hope to see you at our next general body meeting on **July 7th**, if not sooner!