

DARTMOUTH

Graduate Student Council

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Hello General Body Members,

On **Tuesday, June 30th, 2020**, the Dartmouth Graduate Student Council (GSC) Executive Board met for its monthly meeting. Below were the points of discussion:

- **Topic 1. Block Funding and Reimbursement Policies**
 - An email to organizations should be going out soon requesting that clubs submit their fiscal year 20-21 budget to us, and the **budget committee** will be formed at the **July General Body meeting**.
 - A concern was raised that **refunds can be prohibitive for students**. While a cash advancement option is presented on our website, students may not realize that this is an option. It may be worth looking into what **other viable options exist for refunds**, such as the ability for clubs to have their own debit cards.
- **Topic 2. Orientation and Guarini Graduate Student Guide**
 - For remote orientation this year, a Canvas page will be created that covers **the various modules** that would be covered in person. These modules will likely be released gradually over the course of multiple weeks, with a **concluding panel for individuals to answer questions**.
 - The **Activities Fair** will also be **remote** this year, which will involve an **interactive session** as well as **pre-recorded videos** for each organization
 - Some kind of **live tour of campus** shared on social media is also in the development stage.
 - To compliment the experience, a **student representative from each department** will serve as a point-person for incoming students in their program to ask questions.
- **Topic 3. Remote Voting for Sensitive Matters**
 - Sometimes, there are topics that require a **time-sensitive vote between meetings** that don't necessitate a separate gathering (e.g., signing an external petition).
 - A **bylaw** that will **formalize this process** will be voted on at the next General Body Meeting.
- **Topic 4. Anonymous Submission Review**
 - A concern as raised that **PIs have not been sensitive to the ongoing public health pandemic** and their students' corresponding mental health. The executive board will look into which **resources exist to share with faculty**.
 - A concern was raised about **virtual programming to foster the community**. The executive board will look into **various asynchronous and live events** that can help keep students connected during this time.
 - A concern was raised **about raising children in an anti-racist world**. We will be putting together a **"Podcast of the Month"** series that covers sensitive topics in a thoughtful and accessible manner.
 - A concern was raised about **power dynamics within a lab and reporting** mechanisms that are available. This concern will be included in the upcoming Executive Board **meeting with Deans Kull and Landers on July 23rd, 2020**.
 - We **continue to address previous anonymous submission** through the generation of a housing infographic and letter to Guarini (1) as well as an infographic on Phase 2 Research Ramp-up Procedures (2).

As always, please feel free to reach out with questions or concerns! If you would like to read full meeting minutes, please contact graduate.student.council.communications@dartmouth.edu. We hope to see you at our next general body meeting on **July 7th**, if not sooner!