

DARTMOUTH

Graduate Student Council

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Hello Dartmouth Graduate Students,

On **Tuesday, July 7th, 2020**, the Dartmouth Graduate Student Council (GSC) met for its monthly July General Body Meeting. Below is a summary of the points of discussion:

- **Topic 1. Orientation Updates**
 - **Orientation will be completely online this year**, with Canvas modules released over the course of August and September. Each **module will focus on one of several resources** available to graduate students and include a short video intro. **If you are interested in “acting” in the intro, email graduate.student.council.activities@dartmouth.edu.**
 - We are currently putting together a **comprehensive Guarini graduate guide** for incoming students, complemented by **virtual graduate tours of campus**
 - **The Activities Fair will be online** this year and include introductory videos and a Zoom panel.
 - Throughout both orientation and the year, a **“Virtual Graduate Lounge”** will serve as a remote place to bring students together
- **Topic 2. Anonymous Submission Form [<https://forms.gle/beqdcTf5FHkA6vWV6>]**
 - For students concerned about **relationships with faculty**, the GSC will **work to share resources with faculty on how to better communicate with and help their students**. The GSC will also work to **propose an ombudsperson** to the administration
 - For students concerned about **raising children in an anti-racist world**, the GSC will work to develop a **“Podcast of the Month”** series that will cover **sensitive topics** in a **thoughtful manner**.
- **Topic 3. Mount Support Shuttle Schedule and New Graduate Housing**
 - Michaels shared a **tentative shuttle plan for the new graduate housing complex** with the General Body in order to receive graduate student feedback.
 - Views on the shuttle were generally positive with a few concerns; however, the **main concern** was the **cost of rent** for the new housing. As a result, a Michaels representative will be invited to the **August General Body Meeting** to discuss (and possibly assuage) concerns
- **Topic 4. Reflect Educate Act Discuss (READ) Journal Club**
 - The Student Life Chair is creating a journal club for graduate students that **fosters thoughtful conversations on complex subjects such as anti-racism**
 - If you are **interested in starting a branch in your department**, reach out to graduate.student.council.student.life@dartmouth.edu
- **Topic 5. Bylaws Discussion**
 - A bylaw was brought up for discussion surrounding the use of **block funding for movie screenings**. This conversation was **tabled until next meeting** in order to investigate multi-group licensing options.
 - A bylaw was brought up for discussion and **passed** surrounding **remote voting via Slack** for time-sensitive material in-between monthly meetings.
 - A bylaw was brought up for discussion and **passed** surrounding **withdrawal of GSC recognition for graduate student organizations**.

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!