

# DARTMOUTH

## Graduate Student Council

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## August GSC General Body Meeting Notes

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### Topic 1. Standard Funding Requests

Members voted to approve the standard funding request for a community energy efficient appliance drive with an amendment. However, members voted to deny the standard funding request for transportation reimbursement due to several concerns: advertising for the service, conflicts with IGMP already offering a similar service, conflicts with reimbursing individuals for gas. Members also voted to approve standard funding request for a Dartmouth Desi Independence Day event, and tote bags for an international student grocery giveaway.

### Topic 2. Announcements

There is an incoming ombudsperson for the recently re-established Ombuds Office. Applications are live for CARE co-chairs. The schedule for orientation events has been established. The GSC Activities Fair is scheduled for Friday Sept. 9th.

### Topic 3. CARE Co-chair Elections

Members voted to approve hosting an election for additional CARE Co-chairs.

### Topic 4. Summit on Juniper Updates

Lengthy discussion with a Summit on Juniper employee representative and others have lead to the following information:

- Rent concerns - rent cannot be prorated because the leasing period is divided into equal installments of a fixed total fee
- Section 34 - Summit on Juniper added Section 34 to a NH State Real Estate lease template and is a company policy
- Deposit - background check results can determine if deposit is 2 months rent rather than 1
- Undergraduates - there is a building currently housing undergraduates, which gives transportation to Summit on Juniper priority over Sachem
- Dartmouth authority - Dartmouth has limited authority over Summit on Juniper's business policies
- Lyme Road project - uses the same contractor as Summit on Juniper

### Topic 5. Open Forum

Members brought up the topic of stipend payment schedule for incoming students and noted that it is difficult for incoming students to afford August and September rent expenses without receiving the stipend until October. Some departments are testing a prorated stipend schedule to alleviate this specific problem. The idea of an emergency loan system was mentioned. Additionally, members brought to attention that the PhD class of 2020 was not added to the house system.