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Aug/Sept GSC General Body Meeting Notes

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Topic 1. Finance Report and Approval

Finance report was presented to the general body with no new developments. All GSC clubs have been informed of their current financial standing, and reminded that their allocated funds are set to expire at the end of the financial year. Otherwise, committee expenses remain consistent, while there has been an increase in expenses related to MailChimp for Communications Committee. This report has been approved.

Topic 2. Standard Funding Request for Circuit

A request has been submitted to acquire a Circuit to make small-scale merchandise for the Graduate Student Council (GSC), and have it accessible to GSC clubs as well. During the discussion, a question arose regarding the potential use of the maker space for a similar purpose. However, it was noted that the maker space may require training and could be more cumbersome for this task. It was decided that the printing device will be stored in the graduate lounge, and a check-out system will be implemented for its use. This proposal has been passed and approved.

Topic 3. Funding request for CSSA Ice Breaker Event

CSSA submitted a Standard funding request to hold an Ice Breaker event following the GSC fair. The anticipated turnout was high based on last year's event. However, last year's block funding had already been used up, necessitating a standard funding request this time. A question arose regarding the possibility of postponing the event to align with the availability of block funding, although the preferred date was initially proposed. It was noted that the Commons were already reserved, thus prompting the need to secure an alternative venue. Furthermore, there was a query about the expected attendance of postdocs and undergraduates and whether funding requests would be made to their respective organizations. To gauge interest a spreadsheet was to be circulated. And the club was asked to provide an itemized budget and determine the event's location, along with the need to collaborate with other groups to secure additional external funding before the request can be voted on. The formal vote on the request did not take place.

Topic 4. Standart funding request for E-board dinner

E-board requested funds to buy food for E-board dinners. Since meetings are held privately, block funding could not have been used. However, due to insufficient quorum discussion was shelved.

Topic 5. Food Shelf

The update was made to the amount of funds allocated for the food shelf to \$1000. This comes as a change from relying on on gift cards. A proposal was made to find alternative sources of getting the food for the shelf other than currently used box.com service to improve variety of food available.

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Topic 6. Council on Libraries Representative

A representative for the Council was nominated and voted in. The new position entails that the person will attend Library council meetings and report to GBM. The candidate was supposed to be more from sciences and advocate on the council for more STEM focused programming.

Topic 7. Amendment to Funding Legislation

A question was raised if activity funding can be used for closed events. The amendments were made to ensure appropriate advertisement for planned events. A possibility of funding revocation was discussed as an extreme repercussion of failing to follow the rules.

Topic 8. Open Forum

During the open forum a proposal was raised to create a carpool system to facilitate bringing people to/from events. This measure would make attending the events more accessible without a car.