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December GSC General Body Meeting Notes

December 7, 2021

Topic 1. Visit from Institutional Diversity and Equity Leaders

Shontay Delalue, Chloe Poston, and Kristi Clemens participated and answered questions from the GSC. Delalue updated the GSC on ongoing initiatives including the creation of a Student Advisory Board, a willingness to engage with CARE on the processes of IDE, and an acknowledgement of limited graduate student level diversity programing (though that is not under their prevue. Delalue also notes future office hours and Clemens discusses the goal towards one broad-based harassment policy for the entire school and the best way to reach the office via email or visits to Parkhurst Hall's basement.

Topic 2. External Affairs Domestic Chair

The General Body elects Tishya Srivastava to be the Domestic Co-Chair for the External Affairs Committee.

Topic 3. North Park Housing Update

The General Body discusses the response from the Executive Vice President and Provost to the signed letter addressing the loss of graduate housing at North Park. Concerns continue to be raised over the viability and cost of the Summit on Juniper housing. Suggestions for next steps include expanded bus hours and continuing to advocate the need for a community like North Park near campus.

Topic 4. COVID Update

With winter term approaching, a reminder that if one leaves campus for break, they will need to complete a mail order at-home COVID-19 test before coming back to Dartmouth. An arrival test will also need to be conducted within forty-eight hours of arrival.

Topic 5. Volunteer Opportunities

The GSC has several opportunities for people to help with initiatives including advocacy for North Park, the Housing Report, next steps for the Benefits Report, mentorship evaluation, the welcome packet for accepted graduate students, apparel requests.

Topic 6. Post Meeting Questions

The GSC discussed a few additional issues including the need for a new events table, concerns about parking at DHMC, concerns about the payroll office, and short hours at the gym during Winterim.