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January GSC General Body Meeting Notes

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Topic 1. Healthcare Ad-Hoc Committee

An ad-hoc committee on healthcare is proposed, seeking to address problems with the current plan including the lack of dental and vision coverage, the cost of adding dependents, and expectation that students get a referral from Dick's House.

- **Motion:** Creation of the Ad-Hoc Committee – *Approved*

Topic 2. GSC General Body Meeting Structure

Inquiry is made to see if the General Body would be interested in a more frequent, informal meeting that would not be mandatory but would allow for discussion on pressing issues. Some desire to have it as a separate meeting, others as an odd on. Concerns over what it would be mean for voting and the General Body Meeting.

Topic 3. COVID Policy Discussion

Conversation is made about any suggestions, ideas, or concerns that the council would like to be mentioned in the meetings between student governments and the Provost/EVP on COVID policy. Main issues include the possibility of isolation housing for graduate students on campus, getting information for class when one does test positive, and finding ways to better communicate information on isolation.

Topic 4. External Employment

Concerns over students often facing a lack of opportunity in getting external employment, GSC wanting a desire to get a sense of graduate students' feelings on this issue. Some note a few departments advertise tutoring as an opportunity, questions over the justification of the policy, with next steps being talking more on the issue, bringing it forward to school leadership, and comparing the policy with other schools.

Topic 5. December Open Forum Updates

Notice about a forum with the payroll office about grad student issues. Continuing to wait and see on DHMC parking updates, and unable to solve the gym hours but possible consideration on if future grads/post-docs might be interested in working at the gym. Updates on payroll include the issue with paychecks being found, resolved, and impacted students emailed. Follow up for some with the payroll office may be needed.