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May GSC General Body Meeting Notes

2nd May 2023

Topic 1. Standard Funding Requests

Members voted to approve two standard funding requests. The first request came from the Biotech Club to fund a wine and cheese LinkedIn photo session. The second request came from Clamantis to host a Query Letter Writing Workshop complete with a panel by a MALS alumna and finger food.

Topic 2. Block Funding Request

Members voted to approve a mid-year block funding request from the AfroHeritage Graduate Student Network.

Topic 3. Executive Board Elections

The May General Body Meeting (GBM) marks the Executive Board elections for the next academic year. For the month of April, nominations were opened and acceptances gathered. This year, a new Executive Board position will be up for election: the Inter-House Graduate Liaison (IHGL). Ratified during the April GBM, the IGHL is in charge of managing graduate student relationships and involvement with the house system, with a particular focus of ensuring incoming graduate students are placed into houses upon orientation.

The elections proceeded as such:

Candidates may run for multiple Executive Board positions, until elected to one. Candidates were allowed to give a 1-2 minute speech (no slides, video allowed in case of absence) on their qualifications for the position. Following each candidate's speech is a short period for questions from the audience to the candidate. After all of the speeches, there is a call for write-in candidates who may also opt into giving a short speech upon acceptance of the write-in nomination. Finally, all of the candidates, including write-ins, leave the room to allow for a short discussion amongst the council and voting through Election Buddy. Once the voting period ends, the candidates are welcomed back into the room and the winner is announced. The order of Executive Board positions up for election is President, Vice President, Finance Officer, and then the Committee Chairs in alphabetical order.

Election Results:

- ❖ President
 - Madeline Morrison
- ❖ Vice President
 - Galini Poimenidou
- ❖ Finance Officer
 - Vedang Puranik
- ❖ Academic Chair
 - Tanmay Shukla
- ❖ CARE Co-Chairs

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Office or Department Name

- Institutional Diversity: Kathleen Paul
- Community Network: Steven Pike
- Data Collection: Camilo Castelblanco
- ❖ Communications Co-Chairs
 - Sarah Friday
 - Daniil Sosnin
- ❖ External Affairs Co-Chairs
 - International Affairs Co-Chair: Evan Cline
 - Domestic Affairs Co-Chair: Irma Vlasac
- ❖ Inter-House Graduate Liaison
 - Raul Mejia
- ❖ Service Chair
 - Kathryn Bates
- ❖ Social Co-Chairs
 - Himanshu Goswami
 - Francois LeSage
- ❖ Student Life Co-Chairs
 - Laetitia Reduron
 - Sierra Kleist

Topic 4. Constitutional Amendments

In the GSC Constitution, the Communications and Student Life committees were established with only a single committee chair. During this Executive Board election, members voted to approve constitutional amendments allowing for the Communications and Student Life committees to have co-chair positions.

Topic 5. Other Agenda Items

Given the amount of time spent on the Executive Board elections, all other agenda items for the May GBM were tabled. Thank you to everyone who ran for Executive Board positions, and to the outgoing Executive Board for their pertinacious work throughout this academic year. The GSC relies on the gracious volunteering of fellow graduate students to function, and we are grateful for every precious minute spent by our members in their efforts to improve graduate student life at Dartmouth.