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November GSC General Body Meeting Notes

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Topic 1. Petitions for GSC Recognition

Members voted to approve GSC recognition for the AfroHeritage Graduate Student Network and DartSlam Volleyball Club. The AfroHeritage Graduate Student Network was created to build community among all students, undergraduate and graduate, of afro heritage. It will work campus wide with Thayer, Geisel, and Guarini to organize events. The DartSlam Volleyball Club fills a gap in graduate recreational sports offered at Dartmouth. The club is open to all skill levels. DartSlam has already reserved the West Gym for Mondays 9:00AM - 1:00PM.

Topic 2. Standard Funding Requests

Members voted to approve two standard funding requests. The first request came from CARE regarding donating leftover clothing from a previous clothing drive to charities helping victims of recent hurricanes/natural disasters. The second request was brought by the Fuerza Farmworker's Fund. Fuerza brings awareness to the working conditions faced by immigrant farmers and industry workers by hosting events such as panels with free food.

Topic 3. Financial Ad Hoc Committee

Doubling the amount of standard funding available for request has increased the burden on the Finance Chair. Forming a Financial Ad Hoc Committee could help alleviate the amount of work required to process the influx of funding requests. This ad hoc committee would exist until the next Executive Board Election, when subsequently the Finance Chair position will be split into a multi-person one. Members voted to approve the formation of the Financial Ad Hoc Committee.

Topic 4. End of Meeting Bylaw

Members passed a change in the bylaws allowing for the termination of the meeting without an explicit vote. Instead of motioning to vote for ending the meeting, the President will now announce that the meeting is adjourned by unanimous approval barring any objections.

Topic 5. GOLD Statement

Members approved publishing a statement on the GSC's support of GOLD. The statement makes clear that the GSC and GOLD stand united in advocating for student welfare. The GSC's responsibilities will change as a consequence of GOLD, passing on most of its advocacy to GOLD. However, the GSC will not cease to support students.

Topic 6. Mentorship Committee

The Mentorship Committee aims to identify, prevent, and monitor abusive PI/mentor behavior, as well as educate graduate students on the characteristics of a healthy/unhealthy mentor relationship. The Committee is focused on collaborating with Guarini to establish a code of conduct for PIs/mentors and mentees. Additionally, the mentor evaluation form responses are currently only held internally within each department. The Mentorship Committee wants this information released to Guarini for tracking and monitoring purposes.

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Topic 7. Housing and Transportation

President Irma Vlasac announced that transportation is in the works for Schem Village. Dan from Real Estate is said to be investigating the reported discrepancies in rental fees applied to some students who moved in early and were charged for doing so. He hopes to be able to offer refunds to those students. Dan is also working on getting SOJ to change the language on the lease to allow for reletting and be more transparent about reletting fees. The Guarini Newsletter is advocating for a Dartmouth master lease of SOJ for graduate student buildings in a similar manner as the single undergraduate building. Members voiced more frustrations with SOJ. For instance, SOJ only offers 12 month leasing options. Students who are in the MEM program, however, graduate in December, therefore making leasing at SOJ not very feasible. Some relevant questions also arose during the discussion. Will the West End Development also include graduate student housing? Should the GSC include a quick facts about SOJ section in the orientation housing guide?

Topic 8. Ivy+ Summit

President Irma Vlasac and Social Co-Chair Galini Poimenidou attended the Ivy+ Summit in New York City where they got to learn about other Ivy League graduate student councils.

Topic 9. General Announcements

The UWill service for teletherapy will be starting Nov 1st and can be utilized for a student's entire career at Dartmouth. The Diversity Committee is open to new members.

Topic 10. Open Forum

Members expressed that many still do not have access to the house system. Some are part of a house but cannot access the house building, while others simply do not have a house assigned. The system which grants card access to buildings requires a large database of all graduate students and their house affiliations in order to grant access to the house buildings.