

DARTMOUTH

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October GSC General Body Meeting Notes

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Topic 1. Introductions

The executive team along with Dean Kull and Assistant Dean Landers introduce themselves. Dean Kull discusses current initiatives including the benefits report being discussed with school leaders, the possible stipend increase, the JED initiative for mental health on campus, the new graduate housing complex, along with mentor training for faculty.

Topic 2. New Logo

After several submissions, the GSC selected their favorite choices for the GSC new logo contest. The top three progressed to next round to be chosen by the wider graduate student community.

Topic 3. Budget Proposal

The total planned expenditure for the 2021-2022 fiscal year is \$75,220 with \$108,200 in available funds with over \$32,000 in buffer amount. All clubs and organizations were able to receive the maximum \$1,000 in funding. Suggestion is made to expand the standard funding request allotment from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

- **Motion:** Amend the Standard Funding Request allotment from \$10,000 to \$20,000 – *Approved*
- **Motion:** Passing the Budget – *Approved*

Topic 4. External Affairs Committee

The General Body discussed the bylaws provision over the committee chairs for the new committee. Questions were raised on who should be able to assume what role, namely the need for an international student as the International Chair, and if this is limiting/if language should be altered from only to something broader.

- **Motion:** Amending Bylaws proposal to include “The international chair is **suggested** to be an international student.” – *Approved*
- **Motion:** Approving seats into the Bylaws – *Approved*

Topic 5. Public Voting for Motions and Amendments

The GSC considers if voting for motions and amendments should be made public. Concerns range from worry about future, backlash, but also a need for transparency for the GSC. Considerations also for posting aggregate data.

Topic 6. Graduate Student Homecoming Dance Standard Funding Request

Proposal made for a homecoming dance in the commons on homecoming weekend with \$500 coming from the GSC for beverages and food. Questions over possibly shifting the request since there may already be cleaning supplies.

- **Motion:** Approving the standard funding request as is – *Approved*