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September GSC General Body Meeting Notes

6th September 2022

Topic 1. External Affairs Co-Chair Elections

Members voted to approve hosting an election for an External Affairs Co-Chair position aimed at serving international students.

Topic 2. Summit on Juniper (SOJ) Updates

After meeting with Dartmouth Administration, GSC President Irma Vlasac had several updates on Summit on Juniper concerns. Some administrators have agreed that SOJ should update its lease to better, more transparently reflect company policy. It was pitched to Dartmouth Administration that SOJ should change the lease term to 11 months. Regarding transportation, the school has started consulting on a centralized transportation proposal which should be ready by November, 2022 with fundraising and implementation to take place Spring through Fall of 2023. It was discovered that while non-graduate students are allowed to live at SOJ, they may only extend their lease at most 1 year to free space for graduate students. Members then voiced concerns about rent payment fees being applied even when using a connected bank account to pay, despite the fee being advertised as only for credit/debit card transactions. Many are frustrated with the marketing language surrounding SOJ, noting it is deceptive.

Topic 3. Announcements

The General Body Representative elections and block funding applications were open until September 24th and 23rd respectively.

Topic 4. Open Forum

Members raised concerns about cleaning fees that Guarini has unfairly charged the GSC after events. On several occasions, the GSC has been charged large cleaning fees for untidiness in the Guarini Commons despite taking care to adequately clean up. It was determined that some graduate students would return to the Guarini Commons after events were over to further socialize, as they are entitled to do. However, the administration faulted the GSC for untidiness as a result of after party socialization. Solutions for providing proof to Guarini that adequate care was taken to clean after events included photographing the spaces before and after an event, or locking ID card access to the Guarini Commons until it can be assessed/cleaned.