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September GSC General Body Meeting Notes

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Topic 1. Benefits Committee Update and Report

The Benefits Committee released its report last week, with an emphasis on stipends and concern about healthcare for graduate students. Members of the committee also expressed a desire to host a town hall on the issues presented in the report in the coming months.

Topic 2. Housing Committee Update

As of discussion during the meeting, based on people that responded to the Guarini survey on housing or have contacted the GSC President, about fifty people remain in housing limbo. The number may be lower. The committee is considering ideas to help in the future including making sure students are connected and supported earlier on in the process of being a Dartmouth student, lobbying for more housing, rent control, and working with Advanced Transit to make more housing transit accessible.

Topic 3. Budget Proposal

The amount available for next year's budget, taken from the August report, is an estimated \$64,000. Questions remain over how much money is in and if this accounts for all the funds available to the GSC. In lieu of this questionable status for funding, the following was voted on.

- **Motion:** Postponement of the Formal Budget for the academic year – *Approved*
- **Motion:** Provisional approval of the current format as an intermediary budget to allow committees and clubs to receive funds – *Approved*

Topic 4. External Affairs Committee

The General Body discussed whether to approve the committee as a newly formed standing committee. There were questions on the criteria for the chairpersons of this committee, that may require consultation with other organizations. Questions also on how this committee is distinctive from IGMP. The following was voted on

- **Motion:** Committee being a part of the GSC Constitution – *Approved*
- **Motion:** Postponement of the Bylaws edits concerning this committee – *Approved*

Topic 5. Approval Voting

The GSC considers If elections for the General Body should be made under and approval voting system. – *Approved*

Topic 6. 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. Conversation set to be postponed to October meeting.