

GSC General Meeting
Minutes for February 6, 2008

Officers

President—James Doyle (Anthropology)

VP, Administration—Dina Obeid (Physics)

Treasurer—Alptekin K p u (Computer Science)

Technology Officer—Jadrian Miles (Computer Science)

VPs, Social—Jesse Davis (Chemistry) and Craig Yennie (Chemistry)

Secretary—Benjamin Philip (Neuroscience); Richard Maher (Political Science) acting secretary for this meeting

I. Approval of the Minutes from the December Meeting

Approved unanimously

II. Invited Speakers

i. Sheila Bonde, Dean of the Graduate School: Working Group on Graduate Education. Dean Bonde talked to the GSC about the aforementioned working group. More details on the Working Group on Graduate Education can be found here: <http://gradschool.brown.edu/go/workinggroup>

III. Group Recognitions

None scheduled

IV. Funding Requests: Group—Amount—Event

i. Chinese Students and Scholars Association--\$400—Chinese New Year Celebration--Approved

ii. Marc-Andre Vachnon--Swing and Salsa Dancing. Mr. Vachnon wanted to add another level for swing dancing, an intermediate level, because attendance was becoming too high at the regular weekly swing dancing meeting. This request was approved unanimously by the representatives, as well as a salary supplement commensurate with his new duties as instructor.

V. Executive Reports and Announcements

i. James Doyle, GSC President: Insurance coverage update; expectations for GSC reps; update on plan for academic enrichment

** The President detailed an increase in prescription drugs coverage to \$1,500 per year from \$1,200.*

** He also went over some of the expectations and responsibilities for the department representatives, particularly in terms of keeping one's colleagues in one's department apprised of developments and other issues of consequence in the GSC.*

ii. Dina Obeid, GSC VP, Administration stated that graduate students sitting on external committees will be asked to report to the GSC on what is happening in his or her committee on a more regularized basis; whether this will be once per semester or once per month will be decided at a later date after a period of

planning and consultation.

VI. External Committee Reports and Announcements

None scheduled

VII. Other News

Next GSC General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 5, at 7 p.m. in the Graduate Student Lounge

Respectfully submitted,

*Richard Maher
27 February 2008*