

GSC General Meeting
Minutes for March 5, 2008

THOSE PRESENT

Officers

President—James Doyle (Anthropology)
VP, Administration—Dina Obeid (Physics)
Treasurer—Alptekin Küpçü (Computer Science)
Technology Officer—Jadrian Miles (Computer Science)
VPs, Social—Craig Yennie (Chemistry), Jesse Davis (Chemistry)
Secretary—Benjamin Philip (Neuroscience)

Department Representatives

Thomas Chen (Am Civ)
Amanda Murray (Am Civ)
Nathaniel Lepp (BM-MPH)
Sharon Chakkalackal (BM-MPH)
Alex Valm (BM-MBL)
Omar Lansari (BM-MBCBB)
Kim Sherwood (BM-MBCBB)
Graham Poage (BM-MPPB)
David Valenzuela (BM-Neurosci)
Vismadeb Mazumder (Chem)
Robin McGill (Classics) proxy for Cynthia Swanson
Jon Ericson (Cog Ling Sci)
Andrew Bartholomew (Comp Sci)
Emilio Guterrez (Econ)
Asha Nurse (Engin)
Corey McEleney (English)
Allison Fong (French Stud)
Erik Anderson (History)
James Kabala (History)
Lisa Tom (Hist Art Arch)
Katherine Marino (Archeo Ancnt Wld)
Roberto Bacci (Italian Stud)
Steffen Marcus (Math)
Dana Howard (Philosophy)
Cengiz Pehlevan (Physics)
Michael Antosh (Physics)
Sarah Stamper (Psych)
Sharon Hochfelder (Pub Pol)
Matthew Harvey (Pub Pol)
Jing Song (Sociology)

PROCEEDINGS

I. Approval of the Minutes from the February Meeting

Approved

II. Invited Speakers

i. *Ricky Gresh, Student Activities Office. Graduate Student resources, Faunce House renovation.*

Ricky Gresh described plans for transformation of Faunce House and adjacent building into Robert Campus Center and J. Walter Wilson student services. GSC members provided extensive feedback and suggestions about graduate student needs.

Further info: website brown.edu/sao/faunce/campuscenter.html, email robertcampuscenter@brown.edu

III. Group Recognitions

i. *Master of Public Health student committee.*

Nathaniel Lepp, representing. Approved.

IV. Funding Requests: Group—Amount—Event

i. *MPH student committee - \$400 – ‘Cannabis as Medicine’ talk*

Nathaniel Lepp, representing. Approved.

ii. *Thomas Chen & Sarah Seidman - \$400 – Art exhibition*

Thomas Chen, representing. Approved.

V. Executive Reports and Announcements

i. *GSC President: open forum on Graduate Working Group on Doctoral education announcement, Wilson Dublois Award nominations*

Various graduate students described Humanities/Social Science forum earlier today. Sciences forum March 17th.

ii. *GSC VP, Administration: external committee status and representatives*

Dina Obeid described current situation with graduate student representatives on external graduate committees. Discussed ways to increase involvement and feedback from committee representatives.

Resolution passed: Now vacate all known absent/retired committee reps.

Representatives who haven't responded to contact will receive one last email, and if they fail to respond, they will be vacated in one week.

List of inactive/retired committee members:

- Advisory committee on internationalization: Ruben Durante (Economics)*
- Computing advisory board – humanities: Brendan Shean (Cog&Ling Sci)*
- Computing advisory board – science: Luis Carvalho (App Math)*
- Campus Life subcommittee – athletics & phys. Ed: Matthew Hirsch (Physics)*
- Campus planning advisory board: Regina Grebla (Epidemiology)*
- Diversity advisory board: Angela Mazaris (AmCiv), Laura Cohen (AmCiv)*
- Library advisory board: Jennifer Eyl (Relig Stud), Rob Hilliker (Comp Lit)*
- Advis comm corp responsibility investment: Lindsey Ryckman (Env Stud)*
- Parking violations appeals board: Matthew Fuller (Comp Sci)*
- University resources committee: Laura Gast (Pub Health)*
- College curriculum council: Anna Slobodskoy (History)*

- Graduate council - life sciences: Jing Liu (MPPB)*
- Univ community cncl: John Cumber (Bio-Med), Christina Purpura (Pub Health)*
- Univ disciplinary council: Doreen Wesche (Bio-Med), Casey Marks (Comp Sci)*
- Designated suppliers working group: Charlotte Brassert (Pub Policy)*
- Campus center planning advisory group: Theodore Przybyla (Pub Policy)*

VI. External Committee Reports and Announcements

None scheduled

**: Unscheduled:*

Discussion of social committee and difficulties determining who is a graduate student at socials. No formal action taken at this time.

VII. Other News

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