

**GSC General Meeting**  
**Minutes for September 3, 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*

Malgorzata Rymysza-Pawlowska (Am Civ)  
Aiko Takeuchi (Am Civ)  
Leah Nahmias (Am Civ)  
Stacey Vandenhurst (Anthro)  
Sohini Kar (Anthro)  
Jessica Nadel (App Math)  
Nathaniel Lepp (BM-MPH)  
Sharon Chakkalackal (BM-MPH)  
Racquel Sherwood (BM-MCB)  
Graham Poage (BM-MPPB)  
Vismadeb Masunder (Chemistry)  
Jeanmarie Stinson (Classics)  
Andy Bartholomew (Comp Sci)  
Ed Kalafarski (Comp Sci)  
Emilio Guterrez (Econ)  
Petros Milionis (Econ)  
Allison Fong (French Stud)  
Laura Kerber (Geo)  
Bethany Ehlman (Geo)  
Will Tatum (History)  
Will Brucher, proxy for Tatiana Gottlieb (History)  
Kristen Oehlich (Hist Art Arch)  
Roberto Bacci (Italian Stud)  
Michael Antosh (Physics)  
Sophia Beal (Portug & Brazil Stud)  
Sonam Shah (Pub Pol)  
Matthew Harvey (Pub Pol)  
Paul Robertson (Relig Stud)  
Lisbeth Trille Loft (Sociology)  
Weiwei Zhang (Sociology)

I. Approval of the Minutes from the May Meeting

*Approved*

## II. Invited Speakers

*Lauren de Leon, Secretary of Med School Senate: brief greeting/introduction*

## III. Group Recognitions

*Sociology Graduate Student Group*

*Lisbeth Trille Loft representing. Approved.*

## IV. Funding Requests: Group—Amount—Event

*None scheduled*

## V. Executive Reports and Announcements

### *i. President: New reps & rep duties*

*Welcomed new reps at start of meeting. Discussed GSC presence at orientation & future. Explained the duties of departmental reps: disseminating information from the GSC (socials, meetings, and other news/events), encouraging people to join the GSNOTICE listserv, acting as a representative of your department.*

### *ii. Social VPs: Graduate Student Lounge policy*

*Lately, disappearing chairs and hardware problems (TV, speakers, etc). In the future, signup sheet inside log to match with DPS card-swipe logs, to ensure accountability for keeping the lounge in one piece.*

*Open discussion of possibilities for non-graduate-student groups. Allow it, charge for it, etc? If charge for it, how much? Concerns about room damage, possibly with asking a deposit. Concerns about opportunity cost- keeping space available for low-key graduate student activities (TV, etc). How to draw usage lines between graduate, medical, and undergraduate students?*

*Resolution passed: to maintain the policy as is (see Bylaws Article XVI). May only be used for events that are majority graduate students.*

*Other discussion from social VPs: upcoming events for the semester. Usual socials, Halloween, ice skating, maybe hiking, maybe apple picking, maybe election-related. Dance (salsa), possibly other similar activities- survey to come.*

*iiA (unscheduled). VP Admin: English classes for foreign graduate students in planning.*

### *iii. President: Semester goals for GSC*

*Open discussion of possible issues for the Council to potentially push with the Graduate School this semester. Council officers currently working on dental insurance. Issues raised regarding advocacy for Masters' students; support for students forced onto job market before dissertation by 5-year funding limit, or information for people at risk of such a position; influencing limited hours/access to swimming and athletic facilities; conference funding.*

### *iv. Treasurer: GSC budget 2008-2009*

*See attached for review of past semester and plans for upcoming semester.*

*Discussion of variable funding amounts; requests for projected/past income, which will be provided in the future. Explanation of Ivy Summit and NAGPS (Natl. Assoc. of Graduate-Professional Students).*

VI. External Committee Reports and Announcements

*i. Malgorzata Rymza-Pawlowska – Library Advisory Board*

*Trying to create graduate-only areas. Some discussion of book-buying payment structures.*

VII. Other News

*Next GSC General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 1, at 7 p.m. in the Graduate Student Lounge.*