

GSC General Meeting
Minutes for December 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) – not present
VPs, Social—Craig Yennie (Chemistry), Jesse Davis (Chemistry)
Secretary—Benjamin Philip (Neuroscience)

Department Representatives

Malgorzata Rymsza-Pawlowska (AmCiv)
Leah Nahmias (AmCiv)
Aiko Takeuchi (AmCiv)*
Stacey Vandenhurst (Anthro)
Alex Valm (BM-MBL)
Omar Lansari (BM-MCB)
Raquel Sherwood (BM-MCB)
Graham Poage (BM-MPPB)
Jeanmarie Stinson (Classics)
Gideon Goldin (Cog Ling Sci)
Stefanie Sevcik (Comp Lit)
Andy Bartholomew (Comp Sci)
Ed Kalafarski (Comp Sci)
Elizabeth Richards (Edu)
Nitin Jadhav (Engin)
Asha Nurse (Engin)
Ozge Can Ozcanli (Engin)
Alison Fong (French Stud)
Laura Kerber (Geo)
Bethany Ehlmann (Geo)
Daniella Wittern (Hisp Stud)
Will Tatum (History)
Kristen Oehlich (Hist Art Arch)
Roberto Bacci (Italian Stud)
Dana Howard (Phil)
Cengiz Pehlevan (Physics)
Michael Antosh (Physics)
Sophia Beal (Port Brazil Stud)
Anthony Evans (Psych)
Sonam Shah (Pub Pol)
Takuma Nakamoto (Pub Pol)
Paul Robertson (Relig Stud)
Weiwei Zhang (Sociology)

Ryan Hartigan (Theatre)

I. Approval of the Minutes from the November Meeting

Approved

II. Invited Speakers

i. John Spadaro – Director of Technical Architecture & Outreach – upcoming email system change

First topic: IT strategic plan, technology principles. Focusing IT on academic needs and plans. Future of email plan/policy at Brown. (brown.edu/myaccount as way to set up things like forwarding under current system.) Exchange service license is running out this spring, so opportunity to rethink things. Things will start changing this spring, all new arrivals will use new service in fall.

Future: outsourcing student mailboxes, especially undergraduate. In the future, graduate students will be lumped with faculty/staff instead of students, for most things: in this case, grad students will have option of in-house vs. outsourced.

Option #1: Google. Extensive free services, but doesn't integrate with other campus services.

Option #2: MS Exchange Labs has larger storage space (10MB), network-based file storage. Also free, better integrates with other campus/mail services.

Both of those options would retain @brown.edu mail addresses.

Why are they offered free? Google wants you to keep the mailbox, and they scan email contents, which is a potential big problem as the front-line offering for student email. Microsoft is using their service as a beta platform. Neither offer service agreements.

Option #3: upgrade MS Exchange just for faculty/staff/grad, providing 5GB quota: but that's \$1.9M (\$3.4M over 5 years). Provides service, robustness, etc.

Option #4: Outsource faculty/staff/grad student mailboxes to external vendor like Microsoft. They can do it more cheaply than we can upgrade it. Extra backup.

Bonus side option: Only provide undergrads with a brown.edu forward address, get out of mailbox business entirely. Few drawbacks!

For questions: John_Spadaro@Brown.EDU

III. Group Recognitions

i. TriBrown

Group representative not present; will discuss at next meeting.

IV. Funding Requests: Group—Amount—Event

i. \$400 – Chinese Restaurants of Providence exhibit (Heather Lee, Amy Johnson)

Exhibit on local Chinese restaurants in 50's, 60's and 70's, as part of larger conference about Chinese food. Approved; unanimous -1.

ii. Euterpe - \$175 – Graduate Student Poetry Reading (Daniella Wittern)

Once-per-semester poetry extravaganza, 12/10. Graduate students from many departments participate. Approved unanimously.

iii. *Turkish Cultural Society - \$200 – End of year Lahmacun party (Ozge Ozcanli)*
End-of-year party with traditional Turkish Lahmacun food. 12/12. Approved unanimously.

V. Executive Reports and Announcements

i. *Resolution on Banner Prerequisite Enforcement*

Proposed by EJ Kalafarski. UCS dealt with this two weeks ago. This resolution affirms and endorses the UCS resolution. Discussion about graduate vs. undergraduate distinction.

Resolution passed, 19 to 14.

ii. *Minor changes to Bylaws*

a. *Vote recording (Article VII, Section 4)*

Change bylaws so that the default policy changes from “all vote margins published in Minutes” to “all vote margins recorded, and released upon request.”

Resolution passed 20 to 7. As with all Bylaws/Constitution changes, it doesn't take effect immediately; it must be confirmed at the next meeting.

iii. *Major changes to Bylaws*

Second review of changes from last meeting; not fully detailed anew here. Discussion about activities fees being used for individual purposes. Changes passed during this meeting will become part of the Bylaws.

a. *Good standing (Art. I, sec. 7; Art. VII, sec. 7)*

Passed: first article 27 to 3, second article 31 to 1.

b. *Conference funding (Art. XV, sec. 8)*

Rejected, 14 to 17.

c. *Departmental rebates (Art. XII)*

Passed: 30 to 3.

iv. *OFFICER ELECTIONS*

a. *President*

Nominee: Heather Lee (AmCiv).

Elected unanimously.

b. *VP-admin*

Nominee: Nitin Jadhav (Engin).

Elected unanimously.

c. *Treasurer*

Nominee: Tony Evans (Psych).

Elected unanimously.

d. *Secretary*

Nominees: Mike Antosh (Physics), Amy Johnson (AmCiv).

Elected Mike Antosh, 22 to 8.

e. *VP-social (x2)*

Nominees: Ratnesh Gupta (Engin), Amy Johnson (AmCiv)

Elected unanimously.

f. Technology Officer
Nominee: Stefanie Sevcik
Elected unanimously.

VI. External Committee Reports and Announcements

i. Election to Parking Violations Appeal Board
Deferred to next meeting.

VII. Other News

Next GSC General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb 4, at 7 p.m. in the Graduate Student Lounge.