

GSSC Meeting Minutes September 2023

Graduate School Student Council Meeting

09/8/2023 1:00 PM. Graduate Student Lounge BSB 3-114B

Attendance: Rachel Furhang, Shreya Desikan, Radhika Singh, Riley Morrone, Molly Leitner

GSSC members met to plan orientation events, and transition to a new council after elections.

Call to order: Radhika Singh called the meeting to order at 1pm.

Motion: Shreya Desikan moved to discuss and approve the changes in signatures based on the election results. Motion seconded by Radhika Singh. The election on August 17th yielded 2 new council members, Molly and Riley, while 2 previous members, Rachel and Mia, are leaving. The next meeting will consist only of the new council members. Motion to approve signature changes unanimously approved.

Motion: Rachel Furhang moved to plan to rest of the orientation events for the new students. Shreya Desikan seconded. There are ordinarily 4 orientation events, 1 of which is open to all students in the graduate school, and 3 that are primarily for new students. Our first event, dinner at Camillo was planned last week. The next two events will be a visit to Hasenstuble to play trivia with the new students on September 21 at 6pm, where we will cover food, and a picnic at prospect park on September 29th for all graduate students. We will use Chipotle to cater the picnic. We will also have an event on October 7th for the new students at the Brooklyn Botanical Garden, where we will cover the cost of admission and a snack at the food booth. The food on 9/21 at Hasenstuble and the tickets to the botanical garden are to come from the account 40-70149-011-30001, "welcome events" not to exceed \$40 per person. We will order the botanical garden tickets through the student center and be reimbursed for the Hasenstuble trivia. The Chipotle order for our graduate school picnic 9/29 will come from account 40-70097-011-30001 "special events". We will order the food online and be reimbursed. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Radhika Singh moved to discuss our agenda for meeting with the Dean of graduate studies. Motion seconded by Rachel Furhang. We discussed inquiring about a student rep for the Dean search committee. We will resend grad student profile. Getting students access to journals. Admissions-changing the interview format? What's the status? Method of assessing courses. Electives: stats course was a good option, but the feedback we're getting is that it's not as useful for grad students. NYAS membership-maybe some other alternatives like workshops or online education that could be used as electives. Town hall status. ARD speaker, starting to look now. CPT for international students internships.

Adjournment: Radhika Singh adjourned the meeting at 2pm.

Secretary Signature: _____ 