Graduate Student Council General Meeting Notes
December 5, 2011

Old Business

• Thanksgiving Food Drive
  ○ Mishap this year, coordinated with the wrong person to solicit donations in front of Shaw’s and had to cancel
  ○ Finally delivered last year’s food
  ○ Open to suggestions for make-up event

New Business

• Department Rep. Surveys
  ○ Feedback
    • EM Dept Reps shared communication style
    • Have dept Seminar once a week and use that space to promote GSC news and events
    • Students became a GSO as a result of interest and outreach
    • No Facebook, want monthly or special event email for GSC communications
      ▪ Bio– students preferred weekly email, no Facebook
      ▪ OT– half want weekly emails and half want FB
      ▪ Math– no FB
    ○ Bring a Buddy in February!

Officer and Committee Reports

• Social Committee
  ○ Hot Chocolate Night Feedback
• Fun event with good turnout
  ◦ Moo & Brew Feb. 8th
    ▪ Right after 1st general meeting next semester
    ▪ Good opportunity to speak with Deans
    ▪ Remind Dean Pepall that last year’s music was too loud for normal conversations

• Academic Committee
  ◦ Distributed handout with upcoming career/academic info
  ◦ Have President Monaco speak at symposium
    ▪ Deciding on April 25, 26 or 27, 2012

• Student Life
  ◦ Ombuds
    ▪ Working on issue for awhile
    ▪ Trying to get a formal service
    ▪ Meeting later this month to discuss
  ◦ Advisor/Advisee relationship agreement
    ▪ Dean Pepall making suggestions for guidelines
      ◦ Adapting agreement Sackler uses to fit AS&E
    ▪ Have minimum standards for this relationship and commitment
    ▪ Recognizing and appreciating work of advisor
  ◦ Health Insurance Negotiations: What kind of student health insurance do graduates want?
    ▪ Biannually or monthly payments
    ▪ Heard just “emergency” insurance
- How are Tufts students supposed to pay for annual physicals?

- Tufts Dental discounts for undergrads only?

- Extending insurance for PhD students? That is a question for graduate administration since those are covered via internal funds.

  - Treasurer
    - Subsidized event tickets available! Blue Man Group this week!

**Announcements**

- Events
  - Dean’s Coffee Hour with President Monaco next Monday
  - Next Meeting Feb. 6th
  - Drama hosting a cabaret tomorrow, free tickets
    - Semi–formal attire– they’re classy folks!

- Curriculum Committee
  - Provision of online courses?
  - What about role of TA?