New Business:

*NAGPS Graduate Student Survey*

-Charlie: NAGPS is the only organization for all graduate & professional students in the US; trying to have a survey instrument for as many schools as possible; vitally important to get as high a response rate as possible to this survey; during the fall semester we will get an email about this survey; department reps must convey to their department that students should NOT skip over this email; dep reps must stress the importance of this survey; this survey is the key to how we get higher stipends & health care; dep reps should prep their student body to anticipate this survey.

*What is the GSC:* GSC represents all grad students in AS&E; composed of department representatives, executive board, and committee chairs; committees include: academic & career development committee (plan interdisciplinary research symposium in the spring), community outreach committee (community service outreach wing, thanksgiving food drive, 5K), social committee (pub nights, apple picking trip, host events w/ the other Tufts schools, Masquerade ball), student life committee (dean coffee hours, send dep reps to all external committees); GSC is the primary funding source for all grad student organizations.

*Dep Reps:* must do 1 thing this year (ie sitting on an external committee, helping to set up an event)

**Officer and Committee Reports:**

**Social Committee**

• *Pub Night:* Scheduled for Friday, September 21st from 7 pm – 9 pm @ The Burren
  
  -first 50 students that show up will get free drinks
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- free appetizers

• Apple Picking Trip: Saturday, September 22nd from 9 am – 3 pm @ Honey Pot Hill Orchards
  - tickets will be available in the grad student lounge after the meeting
  - tickets are $10 (includes transportation, apple cider, hay ride, etc)
  - meet @ Joey stop @ 9 am

• Masquerade Ball: Friday, October 26th from 8 pm – Midnight @ TBD
  - will most likely by Friday October 26th
  - appetizers, drinks
  - costume contest
  - we will be inviting Friedman, Fletcher, & Sackler schools

Academic Committee

• Looking for a committee chair!
  - main focus for academic chair is the research symposium in the spring; career services is taking a big focus in grad students this year; career services wants to get more involved in event planning w/ grad students; committee chair will be working w/ career services; chair should try to get everyone involved in the spring research symposium
  - Michelle (last year's committee chair) really enjoyed working w/ people from other disciplines; she enjoyed learning about other fields; if you are going on to an academic career this can be a great experience
  - chair will have people helping them along the way
  - working w/ career services will be a new focus this year
  - Michael Morris (from drama department) is interested in becoming the new chair; has his MBA; he has a lot of experience w/ hiring people & evaluating candidates; knows that hiring people is very disciplinary
    → Jenn appointed Michael as academic chair for the time being to fill the voided space
Student Life Committee
  • Self-Defense Classes?
    - this committee works for student rights @ tufts
    - Okuary wants to see self-defense classes happen
    - student life committee is responsible for lobbying for grad student knowledge
    - must connect opportunities to grad students
    - we can make a special graduate student only classes for self-defense (minimum of 10 students involved)
    - need 12 hrs of classing total (can be 12 1–hr classes, 6 2-hr classes, etc)

Community Outreach Committee
  • Looking for a committee chair!
    - Ashley has been appointed to community outreach chair by Jenn as the position is currently open!

*** All department reps must sit on an internal or external committee

INTERNAL: social, academic, social, outreach
EXTERNAL: committees of the university that we are allowed to send student reps to (graduate policies & programs committee, etc)

**Student Representation on AS&E Faculty Committees: Looking for Department Rep Volunteers**

*Graduate Programs & Policies:* needs 3 reps; Nicole Soltis volunteered as academic masters, Danielle Stacey volunteered as professional masters, Michelle Ashley volunteered as PHD

*Educational Policy Committee (EPC):* Shauna Peterson volunteered

*Student Course Evaluation Committee (SCE):* brand new committee; Simran Kaushl volunteered

*Library Committee:* Shayan Rajani (Arts & Sciences) & Okuary Osechas (Engineering) volunteered

*Committee on Student Life:* Michelle Ashley (VP) is the rep for this
Summer Session Committee: Ashley Foy volunteered

Information Technology Committee: more of a computer/IT technical committee; GSC board volunteered Aaron Tietz

Trunk Steering Committee: GSC board volunteered Aaron Tietz; Okuary Osechas volunteered

Equal Educational Opportunity Committee (EEOC): committee meets 2x per semester, secretary (Tess Guttadauro) is GSC rep for this

Faculty Research Support and Facilities Advisory Committee: Andrew Weber volunteered for chemistry; Okuary Osechas volunteered for engineering

Campus Planning & Development Committee: Gabrielle Gareau volunteered

Budget & Priorities Committee (B&P): Charles Cunningham & Luke Grymek volunteered

Engineering Graduate Students Committee: get lots of 1:1 interaction w/ engineering faculty; take grad student rep’s opinion very seriously; Joanna Xylas volunteered for fall semester; Bradford Berry volunteered; Okuary Osechas volunteered

LA&J Curricula Committee: good for grading & teaching grad students; Michael Morris volunteered

Tenure & Promotions Committee: Okuary Osechas & Shauna Peterson volunteered

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