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**Summer Mentorship Program**
- Michelle talks about wanting to create a sense of community between grads + undergrads
- Says this idea/program will turn into something like “GIFT”
- Michelle has asked Robert to come to discuss building this mentorship relationship
- Mentorship would be different depending on your discipline of study
- Still in the planning stages
- This would be like research assistants
- Summertime mentorship
- Undergrad + Grad students would have to apply together
- This would be part of the existing summer scholars program
- Summer scholars would be initiating the program

**Question (from Robert):** How can we foster better relationships between graduate and undergraduate students?
- Best to start w/ inter-departmental relationships
- Graduate students could help mentor undergrads in their academic research symposium
- Interdisciplinary volunteer events
- Suggestion for Robert to advertise food drive to undergrads
- Michelle will send Ashley Robert’s contact info

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NAGPS Conference Updates**
- Jennifer volunteered to be “secretary” of Northeast region
- Jennifer potentially volunteered Tufts to host Northeast regional conference
  - we would have an opportunity to learn about graduate student councils at surrounding schools
  - Michael thinks hosting the regional conference is a great opportunity to make connections w/ other grad programs
  - Ashley thinks it’s a great idea, provided we have enough volunteers, space, etc
  - Charlie thinks this year is a bit aggressive... Probably best to wait until a few years from now
  - Michelle thinks Lynn Papall & provost would get on board w/ this
  - probably won’t do it this year.. best to wait until 2014
- Upcoming fiscal cliff – this will have big effects on grad students
  - talked about lobbying for grad student needs
  - national movement to lobby for this
- Lobbying for campus safety

**Lounge Updates:**
- computers are very out of date
- fridge is atrocious
- we will have to replace the fridge
- choices will be made on these issues, Charlie will get back to everyone on this
Ticket Sales: Nutcracker
- 1 ticket left

BGLO Event
- BGLO hasn’t been active over the past 2 years
- BGLO’s meetings are on the last Tuesday’s of each month @ 7:30 pm @ MIT
- Jennifer asks if anyone is interested in representing Tufts
- BGLO tends to host social events + community outreach events
- Yulefest 5K

Michael brings up concerns that the Dean’s coffee hours are scheduled at the same time every month
- Michelle says we can look into this
- Michael suggests keeping it at same time but alternating day

OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Social Committee
- we had the Masquerade Ball
- overall it seemed like everyone enjoyed
- we didn’t go over budget
- Nicole sent out a questionnaire
- Survey Results:
  - 2/3 of responders attended the ball
  - Things to change in the future: too much food
  - People would like to see an event in downtown Boston
  - More activities to encourage meeting new people
  - Recommendations: more drinks
    - this was limited by holding the event on Tufts campus
  - People liked the food (despite there being too much)
  - People enjoyed the costumes
  - 88% of people said they would attend again in the future
  - Suggestions for future events: have the event during the week
    - sports (ie kickball, softball)
    - winterball
    - more pub nights
  - Students thought it was a great event

Academic Committee
- Michael is trying to figure out how to get a page on the Tufts GSC website
- Michelle & Michael are going to begin planning the research event
- Michael says he can use more volunteers once he gets more organized
- Okuary recommends setting a date early on to nail down a speaker
- traditional date is first week in April

Student Life Committee
- Shayan is interested in joining the health insurance committee
- Shauna is looking into setting up self-defense classes
- will begin restricting resources tab on GSC website
- going to start talking to Dean Barker about issues
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-Nicole attended “Light at the end of the Tunnel” Mental Health workshop
  -she said it was very effective
  -felt the workshop was poorly attended
  -Nicole will forward person in charge’s contact info

Outreach Committee
  -Ashley is interested in attending the BGLO meeting

NOVEMBER EVENTS
Annual Food Drive
Dean’s Coffee Hour w/ Dean Sonkusale
  -Okuary thinks we should send a special invite to the engineering department reps

Charlie reminds GSO’s that the funding request deadline is Dec 15th
Michelle talks about the GSC’s goals of having the meetings more organized
  -modified version of Robert’s rules of order