November General Meeting

Mayer Campus Center rm 203
6 Nov 2017, 6:15pm

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President
- Mental Health Task Force Listening Sessions
  - Initiative by Tufts president -> improve mental health resources for Tufts students
  - For grad students only, by grad student team of MHTF
  - Two: tomorrow in Dowling 5:15-6:30
  - Wednesday, 12-1:15PM at 200 Boston Ave 4747
  - Can leave in the middle; no attendance; come and go as you please
- GSO Attendance of General Meetings
  - Attending meetings is a requirement! We are allowed to not fund you if you don’t attend
  - If you can’t attend, send someone else to attend
  - We will notify you if you haven’t been attending

Vice-President
- Other requests for the Lounge Spaces? *microwave has been added*
  - Coffee maker
  - Kettle (boiling water)
  - Form dropoff @ Curtis?
  - Post hours of lounge employee at Curtis Hall on calendar

- Can electronic receipts be submitted?
  - Yes, but paper receipts can’t be scanned - you have to give the physical receipt

Secretary
- Website and Newsletter Committee | will provide lunches and/or dinners
  - MailChimp - every entity needs their own account and has to pay for it themselves
  - We’re hoping to move to a wordpress site, etc
  - Email Dan if you’re interested!
  - We probably won’t get started until next month

Treasurer
- Event report forms
  - Submit them with reimbursements
- Cycle 3 Priority Funding is December 15
  - Submit early if you can!
- Questions for the Treasurer?
  - Preferred way to do tax-free reimbursements?
    - We reimburse taxes for food
    - (but only for food)
    - Report the entire thing (and get it back)
- Tufts is a 501C: tax-exempt
- Tufts shouldn’t be charged tax in the first place
- Submitting forms about food - we can reimburse tax and tips (as long as you don’t go
  over budget)
- Most businesses don’t process personal credit cards with the card “for tax-exempt
  purposes”
- We will bring this problem up to Tufts

Academic and Career Development Chair
- Tufts Ignite | November 9 | Come support your fellow grad students! Come volunteer!
  - Granoff room 155! Hear your fellow grad students present research!
  - Food for everyone!

Community Outreach Chair
- Thanksgiving Food Drive | November 18th | Star Market, Porter Square
  - 12-6
    - Stop by to see me after meeting if you want to volunteer!
    - Send out poll to your departments/GSO for people to sign up for time slots.

International Chair
- Monthly IGS Brown Bag Lunches
  - People bringing lunches and talking - we can provide desserts or something?
  - Email chuchen at gsc-international@tufts.edu
- Housing Workshop on Nov.29th
  - 10am-12pm

Social Chair
- Winter Mixer Updates
  - PA, Sackler, Med school, Fletcher, Friedmann - aim is early December (8th?)
  - Mead Hall?
- Nutcracker Tickets
  - Still some available for the 10th - 6PM (purchase @West - 2/student, $20 each)
- Dance Marathon
  - Fundraiser- all proceeds to Boston Children’s Hospital
  - Register on the website
  - Event March 9th - $10 to register. Paste a fundraising page on facebook and raise money
  - $10 to attend (free if you register). Free food, meet kids you’re helping, etc.
  - Link will be in the newsletter
- Requests for other social events?
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Student Life Chair
- Graduate student (inter and intra) community : We’d like to have research communities inside
  departments and between departments so grad students can share :
  - Research tools and skills ( between post-docs and PhDs and PhD and master
    students)
  - Time management
  - Are workshops on time management useful for incoming students?
  - (the ARC)
    - Choosing research
  - Email Parnian at gsc-life@tufts.edu
- Database of people by research key words?
- Materials to help the senior grad students mentor the new grad students
- Event for MS students sharing thesis-level research?
- Speed-reading/paper reading “efficiently” - Matt Ahrens has materials from a past workshop
- Email the graduate center with feedback on workshops!
- Vent event - we can alternate days so that everyone can go sometimes
- Dean’s coffee hour is a bit harder, but we can still arrange it
- Great turnout to coffee hour
- Incentives for grad students to go to events and think about their mental health?
  - Bring things to the individual departments
- Bombard your Deans etc with mental health-related stuff!

- Meditation at Goddard Chapel ([http://chaplaincy.tufts.edu/weekly-gatherings-2/](http://chaplaincy.tufts.edu/weekly-gatherings-2/), Guided Meditation Mondays and Fridays at noon)

- Future of research (advocating more leadership roles for early-career researchers) symposium next weekend November 17-18 @BU
- CSLOL - Bake sale November 20th from 11am-3pm
- Note-taking at union meetings: they haven’t had the bargaining meetings yet
  - We have notes from general info meetings
  - Go to meetings - advocate for your department (we need departmental diversity so that all students’ interests can be represented)
- NAGPS
  - The tax bill (in the House) could serious issues for grad students
    - Proposing being taxed for grad student tuition waivers
    - Call your representatives!

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