



## December General Meeting

4 Dec 2017, 6:15pm  
Mayer Campus Center rm 203

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### GSO Spotlight - CSLOL

- Bake sale
  - Advertised w/ flyers around Halligan
  - Used event funding to buy the raw baked goods
  - Used venmo, etc, to facilitate transactions

### President

NAGPS Tax Reform Action Plan

- NAGPS sent this out - share with your departments if you feel so inclined
- Senate bill vs house bill
- Reconciliation process - no more votes
- Scholarships vs tuition waivers -administration is working on this

PhD Comics Event | December 6

- Workshop and lecture
- Sign up, share with your departments

### Vice-President

Reminder about committee requirements

- This is required - external committees are full; internal committees are available

### Secretary

What you want to see in future communications (website, newsletter, etc) | Small groups

- Brain teaser at the bottom of the newsletter?
- Distinguishing the GSC newsletter from the GSAS newsletter
- Update the list of GSOs and presidents
- More heads up for events
- Weekly event (regular GSC events to help engagement)
- Early-month events on the previous month's newsletter
- GSC events in the GSAS email? (Might not be easy to put all events there)
- Twice-a-month newsletters?
- Email formatting
- Pictures in the newsletter, etc
- TODO: ensure CE is on the list

### Treasurer

Priority Funding Deadline | December 15, 2017

Conference Travel Grants | [Felicia.Astorino@tufts.edu](mailto:Felicia.Astorino@tufts.edu)

- Every semester GSAS offers travel grants (you have to present) - \$400
- GSC has grants of \$200 for non-presenters. One per year. (via GSAS)

- Not taxed

Reminder: You can request to see the Budget at any time

### **Academic and Career Development Chair**

Tufts Ignite Report

- Great success!

Internal Affairs Rep

- A liaison between the department reps and the GSC?
- Could reach out to reps; especially to manage the transition to new reps
- A method for communicating amongst the department reps
- To compare/contrast what happens in different departments

Graduate Student Research Symposium | Friday, March 2

- Looking for volunteers
- Contact Jared!

### **Community Outreach Chair**

- External committee looking for research-related comments - email Jenna with your concerns
  - Faculty Research Support Advisory Committee

Successful Food Drive!

Clothing swap after the holiday break.

- Perhaps in late January
- Can donate clothes, take clothes - whatever is left over gets donated

### **International Chair**

Updates on Housing Workshop

- Plan is to write something out to send to accepted students - know what to look for, avoid, etc
- Flyers and handbooks that may be sent out as well
- Info would go out with acceptance emails (esp to international grad students)
- Need non-Google spreadsheet for Chinese students in China

### **Social Chair**

Nutcracker Tickets

- 4 left!

Winter Mixer Update

- Wednesday at 7PM at Meadhall
- Lots of people from different schools

### **Student Life Chair**

- Vent event
  - It would really be nice for students from more departments to come out!

Improving professional life of graduate students:

1. Mentoring other students
  2. Improving communication within the workplace
- Dealing with shared equipments
  - Gossiping within labs
  - Big-little system among graduate programs
    - Funding to get coffee w/ mentee
    - Maybe send information to the department chairs
  - Talk with Parnian offline about ideas/concerns
  - Shuttle stop at Sci-Tech to go to Davis?

- Improving the shuttle service generally
- Ability to sign up for sports classes as a grad student?
- Squash courts - being misused (contact the gym!)
- Curtis has a coffee-maker and a kettle
- We should leave a note on the rear door of Curtis Hall asking that graduate students keep it closed



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