December General Meeting

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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
- 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

Tufts Graduate Student Council of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering

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