

## GC Minutes 02/01/2016

### I. Business

a) GC Minutes (11/30/2015): Approval (approved)

b) E-Board Report

c) Future Meetings: Calendar Review

problem on 03/07 due to event (Versatile PhD): meetings: two weeks in a row and Versatile PhD Workshop at the same time; if so: when to start the meeting? discuss at next meeting.

### II. Overview: Upcoming Events

a) Election: Treasurer (02/15)

importance of this position; giving this semester  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the salary

b) Versatile PhD Workshop (3/7/2016)

open to all graduate students; full-day event; brief introduction to itinerary (morning: workshop for admin/faculty, afternoon: workshop for grad students); if any ideas for this event: please contact GRO

c) Intercampus Events:

i) Rescheduling Ice Skating Event (last week of February)

ii) Feb 6th, Monte Carlo Formal at SOM (announcement of event)

iii) Feb 20th, Speed Dating at SPH + after party (announcement of event and info: mixer open to everybody after event)

iv) March 10th, (tentative) Peabody concert and cocktail party (announcement and info: GRO will sell tickets for this events; task: figuring out the price; help for this event is welcome!)

v) April 1st, Spring Tonic hosted by SOM (reps, please inform fellow grads about this event)

### III. Updates

a) Advocacy Survey: Results and Discussion

\*Intro from Advocacy Chair: today "just" summary of results; every following GC meeting: update on comments, discussion of a topic from survey; have soon town hall meeting

\*Discussion about coffee hour: it will be impossible to make changes this year because we book a year in advance; tried to make changes during past years (e.g. two lines); welcome to discuss changes to coffee hour in future; constraints of happy hour (day, time, don't run on a Friday, for example)

\*Advocacy component to coffee hour: invitation of underrepresented grad groups (Chair)

\*Food on Campus: talked to dining services for more affordable options

\*Short-term vs. long-term goals: e.g. food vs. health insurance; more out-going advocacy for fellow grad students concerning grievance cases etc.; event for students' rights after orientation event

\*Problems with advisor: asking administration for teaching courses for professors (GC member) talk to Center for Educational Resources

\*GRO Guide: promotion of GRO Guide at orientation next academic year  
\*GRO Advocacy for students: discussion on how students can contact the GRO; suggestion: using one email address for grievance policies but any e-board member can be asked to join a meeting (administration has to agree/to be informed in advance); mentoring program as advocacy: pair up older with younger grad students  
\*Communication: question about using Tumblr for events in order to distribute more information? would be an option for events you'd like to subscribe to; information from Communications Chair: customizable form of communication in progress at JHU (Hub.org)

b) Student Life Programming

Grant: Financial Concerns Chair is applying for funding for a Personal Finance Seminar for grads

topic of seminar: how to budget, how to pay taxes, how to spend/prioritize, invite previous PhD student from Duke? but: tight budget; applying separate budget; if spending money out of own budget: do people want to discuss this further as something to do? unclear opinion of GC

c) Movie Nights (12/2/2015 & 1/27/2016)

Two successful movie nights, program for MA students

IV. Other Business