

GRO GC Meeting Minutes 9-17-18  
Hodson Hall room 210  
Meeting Chaired by: Elina Spyrou  
Election Office: Eugenia Volkova  
Recorded by: Shane Arlington

- Meeting called to order at 6:08PM by Elina
  - There are 9 open positions due to a recent resignation
  - There will be a workshop for new GRO members who are interested in learning more about the organization or their positions. Interested members should contact the executive board or Eugenia at [evolkov2@jhu.edu](mailto:evolkov2@jhu.edu)
- There is a motion to table the E-board update to the next GC meeting to allow for maximum time for elections. The motion was seconded. The vote carries unanimously. **Motion Passes.**
- Election officer describes the voting policies: only one vote per department, only departmental reps can vote. Vote is by paper ballot.
  - There is a motion to vote by show of hand. The motion was seconded. The vote carries unanimously. **Motion passes.**
- Election officer explains that each candidate may give a brief (2 minute) speech. Other candidates in contested elections will leave the room during the election. Since elections are done in sequential order, people may be nominees for positions to be voted on later. Nominations are closed just before the speeches start.
- Election officer explains the roles of the GRO Chairs and Co-Chairs.
- There is a question as to what happens if there is no Chair or Co-Chair.
- There is a nomination from the floor for: **Prateek Bhatnagar**
  - He gives a speech on the position.
  - There is a question as to prior experience. He has been part of an organizing committee, with a similar role to Vice-President.
  - He is a 2<sup>nd</sup> year MS student from Computer Science.
  - There is a question as to meeting availability at 6PM on Mondays. He has a class that end at 6:30PM on Mondays.
- Self-nomination from the floor for: **Lingxing Gu**
  - Double masters' student + international studies. Applied Math + Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering.
  - There is a question as to meeting availability at 6PM on Mondays. She is available at that time.
  - There is a question as to her time in DC – she is there Thursday evenings and Friday mornings. Homewood is her primary campus.
  - This is her second semester, she will be at JHU for one more academic year.
  - Has previous startup and student group experience.
  - There is a question about previous experience with GRO. It has mostly come from Happy Hours and Coffee Hours.
- Self-nomination from the floor for: **Aiden Crank**
  - Been at Hopkins since 2012 – 5<sup>th</sup> year Masters student in Computer Science
  - Experience as planning chair from spring fair

- Experience with the JHU administration; wants to bring efficiency and speed to the GROs work
- Availability in the mornings + 6PM on Mondays
- Position: **GRO Chair**
  - Nominee 1: **Prateek Bhatnagar**
  - Nominee 2: **Lingxing Gu**
  - Nominee 3: **Aiden Crank**
    - **WINNER: Aiden Crank**
- Position: **GRO Co-Chair**
  - Nominee 1: **Prateek Bhatnagar**
  - Nominee 2: **Lingxing Gu**
    - **WINNER: Prateek Bhatnagar**
- Election officer explains the position of Treasurer.
  - There were already two nominations: Sambit Panda, Swetha Kumar. No further nominations from the floor.
- **Sambit Panda**
  - Has previously run his own non-profit, 1<sup>st</sup> year at JHU
  - There is a question as to his status: he is a Masters student, but applying to be a PhD student.
  - There is a question as to interest in other positions. He is interested in two others – Advocacy Chair and Communications Chair.
  - As an undergraduate he chaired a committee and was very involved in the finances and planning of its related event.
- **Swetha Kumar**
  - Had to write her own grant/budget to become a PhD student from being a Masters student. Currently the appointed treasurer. 4<sup>th</sup> year PhD student in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering. Involved in dance team at JHU, has done much of the reimbursement work for that organization.
  - There is a question from the floor as to availability at 6PM. There is no issue.
  - There is a question as to interest in other positions. She is not interested in any other positions.
- Position: **Treasurer**
  - Nominee 1: **Sambit Panda**
  - Nominee 2: **Swetha Kumar**
    - **WINNER: Swetha Kumar**
- Election officer explains the position of Admin/Funding Chair.
  - There were already three nominations: Jaime Martinez Grundman, Xu Han, Karan Dhareshwar. No further nominations from the floor.
- **Jaime Martinez Grundman**
  - Previous GRO experience: 1 year as wellness chair, served in appointed position over the summer. Has been trained in position and communicating with many people with questions about the GRO.
  - There is a question from the floor as to availability at 6PM. There is no issue.

- There is a question as to interest in other positions. Would not prefer to, but may run for another.
- **Xu Han**
  - Distributed some resumes. 4<sup>th</sup> year PhD student in Mechanical department. No prior GRO experience, but experience in Homewood Graduate Committee and Ambassador for International students. Has been involved in organizing teambuilding activities. Interested in group funding due to fund management and detail-oriented nature. Has done funding management from research.
  - There is a question from the floor as to availability at 6PM. There is no issue.
  - There is a question as to interest in other positions. She may be interested in Advocacy chair.
- **Karan Dhareshwar**
  - New MS student – first time applying for the chair. Believe the position is about policy; brings a fresh perspective to the position. Believes that he can improve policy to make MS students more involved.
  - There is a question from the floor as to availability at 6PM. There is no issue.
  - There is a question as to interest in other positions. He is not interested in any other positions.
- Position: **Admin/Funding Chair**
  - Nominee 1: **Jaime Martinez Grundman**
  - Nominee 2: **Xu Han**
  - Nominee 3: **Karan Dhareshwar**
    - **WINNER: Jaime Martinez Grundman**