



## **Graduate Representative Organization**

### **GC Meeting Minutes**

**Date/Time: 18:00 April 25th, 2022**

**Meeting Location: [Online, Zoom](#)**

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- I. Call to Order and Agenda Review
    - A. The meeting is called to order at 6:04 pm.
  - II. Approval of minutes from April 11th, 2022
    - A. Michael W: \*IN TEXT\* I motion to approve
      1. Naveed: \*IN TEXT\* second
      2. Yea: 17, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0
      3. The motion passes.
  - III. Executive Board Elections for 2022-2023
    - A. Advocacy Chair (2)
      1. Description
        - a) Be responsible for engaging with graduate students regarding efforts to enrich student life in areas that include, but are not limited to, housing, security, and financial and environmental concerns.
        - b) Meet with the GROs advisors and GRO Co-Chairs at least once per semester to discuss graduate student concerns.
      2. Nominees:
        - a) Caroline Maria John
        - b) Nicole Chen
        - c) Yanrong Xiao
      3. Result:
        - a) Caroline Maria John and Nicole Chen are elected as Advocacy Chairs
    - B. Communications Chair
      1. Description
        - a) Be responsible for the upkeep of information regarding the GRO through facilitating the maintenance of the GRO website, Facebook page, and other online sources of information.
        - b) Promote the GRO through written, online, and print media to encourage and strengthen GRO support and recognition on campus.
      2. Nominees:

- a) Nick Zhang
    - b) Elizabeth Wilinon
  - 3. Result:
    - a) Nick Zhang is elected as the Communications Chair
- C. Health & Wellness Chair
  - 1. Description
    - a) Be responsible to act as the graduate student representative on university committees (e.g., PATH, Wellness Working Group, other committees with OIE, etc.) related to student health and wellness.
    - b) Report on changes in the plan to the Executive Board and General Council, solicit opinions from the GRO on the health insurance plan, and act as a resource for students with questions regarding health insurance.
    - c) Engage with fellow graduate students and also the Rec Center, Counseling Center, OIE, and the Vice-Provost for Health & Wellness Office.
    - d) Develop programming (the scope of which is at the discretion of the chair) related to improving the health and wellness of grads. Some examples may be workout classes, hikes, mindfulness sessions, etc.
  - 2. Nominees:
    - a) Rohit Chaudhari
    - b) Amoh Tontoh
    - c) Ales Varabyou
  - 3. Result:
    - a) Ales Varabyou is elected as the Health & Wellness Chair
- D. Graduate Involvement Chair
  - 1. Description:
    - a) Be tasked with improving Graduate Student involvement in the GRO through direct outreach and contact with GCs, Graduate Students, and by establishing direct contact with the Graduate Program Directors of departments of KSAS and WSE.
    - b) Improve GRO awareness of graduate interests and concerns.
    - c) Act as a primary point of contact for new GC members.
    - d) Provide guidance to GC members on how better to communicate with and seek feedback from graduate students.
    - e) Communicate directly with GC members outside of GC meetings to identify barriers to communication and graduate GRO inclusion/involvement.
  - 2. Nominee:
    - a) Heramb Gupta
  - 3. Result:
    - a) Heramb Gupta is elected.
- E. Intercampus Chair
  - 1. Description:

- a) Plan intercampus social events like the intercampus formal, power plant bar crawl, end of the year BBQ, and other events.
    - b) Share programming opportunities from other school's graduate organizations with the GRO and coordinate programming efforts, when appropriate.
    - c) Act as a liaison to the other graduate representative organizations at the various Hopkins schools.
  - 2. Nominees:
    - a) Louise Chen
    - b) Annie Gao
  - 3. Result:
    - a) Louise Chen is elected as the Intercampus Chair
- F. Security Concerns Chair
  - 1. Description:
    - a) Monitor the progress of JHU's progress in regards to the formation of a JHU police department.
    - b) Serve as a representative on any administrative committees formed by the university.
    - c) Consolidate security resources related to the Homewood campus (statistics, heat-maps, resources, publications, etc.) if judged necessary.
    - d) Host open forums on the police department discussion, engage in the legislative process (i.e. in the Maryland Assembly) on behalf of the GRO, drafting and submitting for approval by the GC official recommendations in regard to security-based policy if GC approves such engagement and open forums
  - 2. Nominees:
    - a) Amoh Tontoh
    - b) Caleb Andrews
  - 3. Result:
    - a) Caleb Andrews is elected as the Security Concerns Chair
- G. Diversity Chair
  - 1. Description:
    - a) Improve diversity (defined as broadly as the candidate would like) among graduate students, within departments/faculty as well as in the General Council.
    - b) Apart from developing projects in the realm of the GRO, willingness to serve on various committees across the university is required.
  - 2. Nominees:
    - a) Soumya Behera
  - 3. Result:
    - a) Soumya Behera is elected as the Diversity Chair
- H. Co-Chair
  - 1. Description:
    - a) Chair all General Council and Executive Board meetings of the

GRO.

- b) Serve as the primary liaisons between the GRO and University administration and all other University and non-University bodies or representatives.
- c) Appoint representatives to those University committees and councils on which the GRO is entitled to a seat. These appointments must be confirmed by vote in the General Council no later than the end of the second General Council meeting following the appointment. The Chair and Co-Chair must keep abreast of all University committees and councils on which the GRO is entitled to a seat and assure that the seat is filled and that the GRO member filling that seat reports to the Executive Board.
- d) Be responsible for seeing that the duties of all committees are carried out.
- e) Prepare the Executive Board Report for each GC meeting, as described in By-law III.1.3. (a).(iii).
- f) Be responsible for sending out the agenda of each General Council meeting at least three days prior to the meeting.
- g) Maintain GRO documentation, such as the Constitution, By-laws, and other policy documents.
- h) Prepare the annual budget with the assistance of the Treasure, as laid out in Article V.1.
- i) Shall ensure regular communication with their counterparts in the Student Government Association (SGA) by meeting with the Executive Board of the SGA at the beginning of each semester.
- j) Determine the appointment within the Executive Board of a liaison between the SGA and the GRO, who will attend SGA meetings to further cooperation and coordination between the two organizations.

2. Nominees:

- a) Vinay Mahajan

3. Result:

- a) Vinay Mahajan is elected as the Co-Chair

IV. Group Funding Requests:

A. Queer and the Classical: Queer and the Classical Conference 2022: Queer Labor and Liberation (\$1000)

1. Ryan: I'm a humanities grad student and we read texts in new ways. I joined this group last year because they were doing innovative programming, which were originally based out of Oxford and have unmoored from that system because of a lack of financial support. This is an international collective of queer artists and scholars that work broadly at the intersection of queer and trans identity and the classical Mediterranean past. Our other fellow members do not have the opportunity to receive funds as GRO grants us. I think it's important to support the work that will be attended by over 200 people including speakers by students in multiple humanities departments, both in classics

and in MLL. What we need is money for captioning and our post release content of this conference. <https://queerandtheclassical.org/>. Because we have recordings for each day of the meeting, but the accessibility is not very good. The quote for captioning is between \$285 to \$366.

2. Vittorio: \*IN TEXT\* Motion to grant the funding request in the amount of \$366.
  - a) Conor: \*IN TEXT\* Second
  - b) Yea: 17, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0
  - c) The motion passes

B. Johns Hopkins Graduate Consulting Club: JHGCC Annual Case Competition (\$1000).

1. Bo Li: The Case Competition is an event in May 28th. The Case Competition is that we present a business case to all the graduate students in Johns Hopkins as consulting, which is a multidisciplinary career. All students from various background are welcome to participate and will present a real business case with team of five. The money will be contributed as the prize. We think there will have around 400 student participate in this event and over 200 students will be advanced to the actual case.
2. Tatsat: \*IN TEXT\* Motion to approve
  - a) Vittorio: \*IN TEXT\* second
  - b) Yea: 18, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0
  - c) The motion passes.

V. E-Board Report:

A. E-Board additional hours allocation requests

1. Isaiah: E-Board members were asked to determine best estimates for time to be spent (outside of GRO meetings) on work for their positions. If desired, the members could then make a request for additional hours to be funded by the GC. The Co-Chairs have reviewed the estimates and requests: Any that seemed out of line with observed work and contribution to the organization were discussed prior to this meeting. We will present each request individually, providing: 1. Logistical information regarding remaining allocations, total request, and requested increases; 2. Information provided by the E-Board member; 3. Observations/comments regarding the request from the perspective of the Co-Chairs. 4. The E-Board member may then speak, followed by normal discussion/voting.
2. Tatsat: \*IN CONOR: \*IN TEXT\* I move to approve all overtime hours
  - a) Veronica: \*IN TEXT\* second
  - b) Yea: 17, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0
  - c) The motion passes.

B. Policy review

1. Isaiah: The proposed changes are in:
  - a) Article II.4 - Punitive Actions Against Executive Board Members
  - b) Article V.2 - Graduate Student Conference Grants
  - c) Article V.3 - Group Funding Requests
  - d) Article III.1 - General Council Meetings

- e) Article II.3 - Duties of Executive Board Members
  - f) Article II.2 - Permanent Positions of the Executive Board
  - g) Article I.2 - Duties of the General Council
  - h) Article I.1 - Membership
  - i) GRO Conference Grant Program Policy
2. Michael: I have added some suggested changes to the bylaws to address this weird splitting of hours based on position that leads to these issues. I would like to note that we have had extremely limited responses on email based voting so we may not get enough responses to actually effect these changes if we try to move this to an email vote. I know its late and people want to end sooner rather than later but I wanted to throw this out there  
 Ryan: I'm still like very wary about who decides what's severe and what isn't.  
 John: \*IN TEXT\* (Addressing Michael's point) The other option would to have a brief additional meeting though right? Although people might not be receptive to that.  
 Veronica: \*IN TEXT\* To John's point— would it be possible to have a vote over email? To be honest I didn't have a chance to totally look through closely today and would be great to do it with fresh eyes.  
 Conor: \*IN TEXT\* To Ryan's point, there is the possibility of preventing comments from entering the record at the speaker's request, either during the meeting or before minutes are approved  
 Michael: \*IN TEXT\* Veronica, it is possible. We have just had issues with email voting with not getting enough votes via email. Meaning its unlikely for any of these to pass via email  
 Ryan: \*IN TEXT\* In absence of a vote, though, does anyone have any comments or thoughts? These can be recorded in the comments and voted on later  
 Veronica: I need to look at it further, so may have comments later.
3. John Soltis: \*IN TEXT\* I motion to have an additional meeting in two weeks
- a) Veronica and Tatsat: \*IN TEXT\* Second
  - b) Yea: 5, Nay: 4, Abstain: 5
  - c) The motion does not pass
4. Veronica: \*IN TEXT\* Motion to move the vote on policy review to next academic year
- a) John and Conor: \*IN TEXT\* second
  - b) Yea: 17, Nay: 1, Abstain: 1
  - c) The motion passes

VI. Open Discussion & Questions

VII. Adjournment

A. The meeting adjourns at 9:26 pm.

Department Representative Votes

Rep	4/25 GC meeting					
	Approve 4/11 GC meeting minutes	Vote to approve \$366 for Queer and the Classical Conference	Approve \$ 1000 to case competition	Approve all E-Board overtime hours	Have additional meeting in two weeks	Move the discussion to next year
Anthropology						
Applied Mathematics & Statistics (AMS)	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea		Yea
History of Art						
Biology	Yea	Yea				
Biomedical Engineering (BME)						
Biophysics	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering						
Chemistry						
Civil Engineering	Yea	Yea				
Classics	Yea		Yea	Yea		Yea
Cognitive Science		Yea	Yea			
Computer Science						
Economics						
Electrical & Computer Engineering (ECE)						
Engineering Management						
English			Yea			
Environmental Health and Engineering (formerly DOGEE)		Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
EPS (Earth and Planetary Sciences)						
Modern Languages and Literatures (Formerly GRLL)						
History	Yea					
History of Science and Technology						
Comp Thought and Literature						
Information Security Inst						
Materials Science & Engineering						
Mathematics						
Mechanical Engineering	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Yea
Near Eastern Studies (NES)						
Philosophy	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
Physics and Astronomy	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
Political Science	Yea	Yea		Yea	Yea	Yea
Psychological and Brain Sciences	Yea					
Sociology						
Writing Seminars						
Robotics	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Yea