



## Graduate Representative Organization

### GC Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: 18:00 PM ET October 30th, 2023

Olin 305 and [Zoom](#)

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- I. Call to Order and Agenda Review
  - Meeting was called to order at 6 pm.
- II. Approval of October 16th Meeting Minutes: [GC Minutes 10.16.23](#)
  - Motion to approve minutes (ID 72)
  - Minutes were approved.
- III. GRO Co-Chair Election (30 minutes)
  - Nominees: Satvik Kethireddy, Dimitri Lezcano, Lakshmi Chanemougam, Mihir Adhikari
  - Lakshmi Chanemougam was elected Co-Chair.
- IV. TRU & GRO -Vote on [Statement in Support of TRU](#) (10 min)
  - Michael: As a response to our previous GC meeting regarding showing a joint front for TRU and GRO, we have a draft of the statement for everyone to review and provide feedback on.
  - Michael: If this looks good to all I will go ahead and call for a motion to approve the statement (ID 73)
  - Motion seconded by Mihir.
  - Motion passes.
- V. Group Funding Requests (5 min)
  - A. Group Funding Presentation for JHPMC
    - Presentation by Daksh Bafna for the event 'Product Discussion and Townhall'
    - The club mainly focuses on pro bono projects and discussion workshops.
    - This particular workshop would have two parts to it, a Panel Discussion followed by Townhall and Giveaway.
    - Panel discussions would invite JHU alumni such as Shivank Vyas (Product Manager at WC Bradley) and Prabhu M (Product Manager at Pelican) to discuss on steps to become a PM and its auxiliary roles.

- Townhall would have the product community at JHU gather to discuss the JHPMC events and suggestions for the same.
- Event planned to be held on November 17th and is open to all departments. Requesting \$700 from the GRO and the remaining \$100 would be funded by the CLE Department.
- Mihir: The drinks mentioned aren't alcoholic?
- Daksh: No it would just be soda.
- Motion to approve the full funding by Ariel, seconded by Lakshmi (ID 74)
- Motion passes.

VI. Vote to Approve Funds for Intercampus Bar Crawl (5 min)

- Michael: So whenever a chair hosts an event that requires more than \$2500 or 25% of their budget, they have to request approval from the GC to do this. Will and Satvik are hosting an intercampus bar crawl and they would give us more details about it.
- Satvik: This is a collaboration with SON, SOM and BSPH and we're expecting close to 400-500 people. There would be two options- either 2 drink tickets and discounted drinks after or no drink tickets for non-drinkers. The latter would still have discounted drinks.
- Michael: Is Nov 11th final?
- Satvik: It's the only date that works from now until Thanksgiving break and this works for other intercampus chairs as well.
- Motion to approve the event (ID 75).
- Motion passes.

VII. Discussion on [Climate Action and Sustainability Plan](#) (10 min)

- Michael: This was originally brought up by Ali and he was spearheading these efforts but since his departure I don't have the expertise to comment on this. What Ali was hoping is for widespread student support to the president to divest from all fossil fuels as our energy source across campuses. If anyone wants to volunteer to help draft a statement on this, it would be great.
- Rep: I'm sure there were other student groups or departments who have extensively worked on this and would have better expertise to help us on this.
- Caroline: I agree, maybe we can have more time to read through the CASP released by JHU and then come back to discuss how to go about this?
- Michael: I agree, there should be some student groups that have worked on this and we will reach out to them for their take on this first and then bring this up with the GC again.

VIII. GRO Focus Groups (10 min)

- [Example Data Collection Form](#)
  - [Mark your Department here.](#)
  - Send results to ([adejong2@jhu.edu](mailto:adejong2@jhu.edu)) by 6/11
- Chris: As discussed previously, we wanted to release surveys to our department students to get more feedback on their student life in general. How many of you have already done this?
  - 3 in the room including Chris and Alex.
  - Alex: We definitely want your department's feedback and the main reason for this is that we hope to find topics we need to work on and form GRO committees/focus groups for

these. Please send the results to us once you have them and also mark your department here once you send it out.

IX. Monthly Summary: Call for Volunteers (2 minutes)

- Michael: To reiterate this is something we recently started to keep folks updated on what we've been up to. Can we have volunteers to help the secretary to draft this for the month of October? You can let me know after the meeting as well.

X. E-Board Updates (10 min):

A. Feedback for JHU Provosts: [Accountability Document](#)

- Michael: So I'm trying to get Jim Brailer from OIS to have a townhall at any upcoming GC meetings. His exact role is unclear but he is very senior at OIS and so folks can start collecting questions and feedback to discuss with him on the date he chooses to meet us.
- Qiong is organizing a health insurance workshop with SHWC next week to help students navigate their insurance and how to use it.
- Yu is working with the transportation office on an improved JHMI shuttle route.
- Homewood Deans have sent out a letter of support to students requesting sensitivity and additional time for those impacted by the Israel-Gaza conflict.
- Kevin: Do we have any information on whether professors actually give students extensions for this?
- Michael: That's a fair point but we don't have actual data on this. It's just that awareness of this helps.

XI. Open Discussion & Questions

- Chris: Just something regarding the survey link shared by us. That's a general template so please don't send it as is and add your department details before sending it out.
- Lakshmi: Were the GC meeting summaries immediately following the meeting helpful?
- Chris: Yes it helped even if I attended the meeting.
- Michael: Lastly we'll have secretary elections next GC and the mail for nominations would be sent out in the coming days.

XII. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

### XIII. Voting Results

2	Voting Motion ID	72	73	74	75	76
3	<b>Motion</b>	To approve minutes of 10/16	To approve the joint statement with TRU	To approve full funding for JHPMC Event	To approve Intercampus Bar Craw event	To adjourn the meeting on 10/30
4	Anthropology					
5	Applied Mathematics & Statistics (AMS)					
6	History of Art	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
7	Biology	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
8	Biomedical Engineering (BME)	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
9	Biophysics					
10	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
11	Chemistry	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
12	Civil Engineering					
13	Classics	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
14	Cognitive Science					
15	Computer Science	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay	Yea
16	Economics	Yea	Yea	Yea	Abstain	Yea
17	Electrical & Computer Engineering (ECE)					
18	Engineering Management					
19	English	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
20	Environmental Health and Engineering (formerly DOGEE)					
21	EPS (Earth and Planetary Sciences)	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
22	Modern Languages and Literatures (Formerly GRLL)	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
23	History					
24	History of Science and Technology					
25	Comp Thought and Literature	Abstain	Yea	Yea	Nay	Yea
26	Information Security Inst	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
27	Materials Science & Engineering	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
28	Mathematics					
29	Mechanical Engineering	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
30	Near Eastern Studies (NES)					
31	Philosophy					
32	Physics and Astronomy		Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
33	Political Science	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
34	Psychological and Brain Sciences	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
35	Sociology	Yea	Yea	Yea	Abstain	Yea
36	Writing Seminars					
37	Robotics					
38	Co-Chair 1					
39	Co-Chair 2					
40	Secretary					
41	Treasurer	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
42	Admin & Funding					
43	Social 1	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
44	Social 2	Yea	Abstain	Yea	Yea	Yea
45	Advocacy 1	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
46	Advocacy 2	Yea			Yea	Yea
47	Communications					
48	Diversity					
49	Graduate Involvement Chair					
50	Professional Development					
51	Intercampus Co-ordinator					
52	Intercampus Chair					
53	Summer sports coordinator					
54	Health & Wellness	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
55	Security Concerns Chair	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
56	<b>Yea</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>25</b>
57	<b>Nay</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
58	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>