



Graduate Representative Organization

GC Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: 18:00 PM ET December 11th, 2023

[Zoom](#)

Meeting Agenda:

- I. Call to Order and Agenda Review
 - A. Approval of November 27th Meeting Minutes: [GC Minutes 11.27.23](#)
- II. Susan Han and Amani Martorella from JHU Counseling Center (30 min)
 - A. Recent update includes Integrating physical and mental health services
 - B. Qiong: Could you speak more about the specific services you offer?
 1. Anyone interested in receiving services can call the center. We then schedule an (ideally same-day) initial consult.
 2. Importantly, we are not staffed or appropriate for long-term care. Our goal is to establish certain therapy goals, that are easily accomplished in a semester or two.
 3. How is any of this communicated to students? (especially short-term care options?) What about psychiatric care, that is designed to be long term?
 - a) We are talking about specifically, therapy goals being met. We have onboarded new nurse practitioners, etc.
 4. Michael: what about shortening the gap between initial consultation and follow up sessions? You spoke about immediate ICs, but what about the first real meeting? We've received complaints about this gap.
 - a) We've set up our model such that the first appointment should be within a week. If someone is in crisis, we try to shorten this even more. Of course, there are times that are busier in the semester. We are also not able to provide weekly therapy, and we will work with other providers to address this. Rescheduling can also be an issue, there are some very busy times where we really can't reschedule within a week, or even a two week period. The expectation between IC to initial appointment should be 1-2 weeks, closer to a week if the student is in crisis.

5. Qiong: What about students that need outside services? Can you speak to how you recommend students seek additional services? What if someone is in crisis?
 - a) I would encourage folks to start with the counseling center. We have dedicated team members that are strictly dealing with referrals, to help you find the treatments that work for you- with wellfleet insurance, with a specific type of therapy, etc.
 - b) BCHT: The Behavioral Crisis Health Team is available, they are mobile behavioral health crisis specialists- this is a team of 8 clinicians that have shifts around the clock. Their job is to avoid any unnecessary hospitalizations.
6. Caroline: How often is this BCHT service used?
 - a) We don't know exact numbers. It's used by clinicians frequently, with the goal of trying to keep students from going to the hospital. Faculty and RAs also use this service frequently.
7. Michael: How are you following up with students that are referred out to other forms of treatment? We've heard complaints about affordability, specialization, etc.
 - a) I would need to hear more about the timeline, as we were shortstaffed for a while. I'm not sure if anyone is currently keeping data on this, but I would hope that it has improved.
 - b) Michael follow up: How big is this network?
 - c) So from referral to appt, should we expect a couple weeks?
 - (1) Yes.
8. Kevin: Is there a timeline for accommodating a long-term treatment model? It seems that there are resources you dedicate to stopping emergencies, but it might be easier to reduce the amount of people in immediate distress by providing long-term care. Is there a plan or advocacy plan to achieve long-term care?
 - a) Amani: short answer: no. No one seems to want to pursue this, because, I assume, the need would be never-ending. We

III. Elections: Advocacy Chair and Graduate Involvement Chair (30 min)

- A. Nomination form: <https://forms.gle/fNFqqQ9nYrk6J2DY9>
- B. Ayemi was elected!

IV. GRO Focus Groups (15 mins)

- A. [Example Data Collection Form](#)
- B. [Mark your Department here](#) if the survey has been sent out to the department
- C. Discuss results from department surveys & on focus groups
 1. We still need departments to send out surveys. We hope that by Spring, we will have enough info to inform our committee formation.
 2. Gabby: We collected data at LOTQ, with 240 responses! Harini will analyze it, and we will present it next semester! It's not the best data because people really wanted the free stuff, but we will have it prepped for next semester! 13 departments (yay!)
 3. We have 9 departments that havent done anything yet! DO IT!!!!

V. Reminder of Meetings with Dean's

- A. Dean Favrette on 12/20 at
 - 1. [Last Meeting Communication Sheet](#)
- VI. E-Board Updates (20 min):
 - A. Dean Ed Meeting Updates: [Minutes for WSE Dean Ed Meeting 12.05.23](#)
 - a. Lakshmi presents Dean Ed meeting minutes
 - i. Lack of space/moving to Mt Washington campus
 - ii. CPT/OPT issues
 - 1. How to implement more MA advising
 - 2. BME level discrepancies addressed, regarding hours per week that qualify toward the thesis
 - iii. Advisor-advisee relationships
 - 1. TA surveys
 - 2. Advisor evaluations: trying to anonymize these. We asked them to implement a campus-wide instead of lab-wide system.
 - B. Climate and Sustainability Action Plan Statement
 - C. Did any other orgs support this/want to sign off on this?
 - a. Harini: No.
 - b. Gabby: Yeah, no organizations that were a part of this to begin with really want to follow up with us...
 - D. LoTQ Survey Results
 - a. Covered in points [A through C]
 - E. Intercampus Winter Gala Update (Satvik & Will)
 - a. Cancelled.
- VII. Open Discussion & Questions
 - A. In the spring, we will need to elect some chairs a bit earlier. (e.g. orientation, secretary, treasurer...)
- VIII. Vote to adjourn
 - A. Motion to adjourn, passes (Voting ID: 84)
 - B. Meeting adjourned at 7:52
- IX. Voting Results

Voting Motion ID	86	87	88
Motion	Approval of Nov. 27th Meeting Minutes	Approval of Climat	Adjournment
Anthropology			
Applied Mathematics & Statistics (AMS)			
History of Art	Yea	Abstain	Yea
Biology	Yea	Yea	Yea
Biomedical Engineering (BME)	Yea	Abstain	Yea
Biophysics	Yea	Yea	
Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Yea	Yea	Yea
Chemistry	Yea	Yea	Yea
Civil Engineering			
Classics	Yea	Abstain	Yea
Cognitive Science	Yea	Yea	Yea
Computer Science	Yea	Yea	
Economics	Yea	Abstain	
Electrical & Computer Engineering (ECE)			
Engineering Management	Yea	Abstain	Yea
English			
Environmental Health and Engineering (formerly DOGEE)	Yea	Abstain	
EPS (Earth and Planetary Sciences)	Yea	Yea	
Modern Languages and Literatures (Formerly GRLL)	Yea	Yea	
History			
History of Science and Technology			
Comp Thought and Literature	Yea	Yea	
Information Security Inst	Yea	Yea	

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Materials Science & Engineering	Yea	Yea	
Mathematics			
Mechanical Engineering	Yea		
Near Eastern Studies (NES)	Abstain	Abstain	Yea
Philosophy			
Physics and Astronomy	Yea	Yea	
Political Science	Yea	Yea	
Psychological and Brain Sciences	Yea	Yea	Yea
Sociology			
Writing Seminars			
Robotics	Yea	Yea	Yea
Co-Chair 1	Yea	Yea	
Co-Chair 2			
Secretary			
Treasurer			
Admin & Funding			
Social 1	Yea	Yea	Yea
Social 2			
Advocacy 1	Yea	Yea	Yea
Advocacy 2	Yea	Yea	
Communications			
Diversity			
Graduate Involvement Chair		Yea	
Professional Development			

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Communications			
Diversity			
Graduate Involvement Chair		Yea	
Professional Development			
Intercampus Co-ordinator			
Intercampus Chair			
Summer sports coordinator			
Health & Wellness	Yea	Yea	Yea
Security Concerns Chair			
Yea	27	21	14
Nay	0	0	0
Abstain	1	7	0