



## Graduate Representative Organization GC Meeting Summary (February 3rd, 2025)

- I. Call to Order and Agenda Review
- II. Approval of December 2nd Meeting Minutes passed (Motion ID 156):
  - ☰ GC Minutes 02.03.25
- III. New E-board and GC Members
  - A. Introduced:
    1. E-board: Omotayo Adenuga (Professional Development Chair), Peter Olatunji (Admin and Funding Chair).
    2. GC Reps: Jiantong Liao (Modern Languages and Literature), Rishabh Humbare, Warnika Sinha (Engineering Management).
- IV. Advocathon Updates
  - A. Arman provided an overview of the Advocathon, highlighting:
    1. Engagement processes, topics covered, and outcomes.
    2. Key areas of focus included
      - a) Graduate course evaluation
      - b) Graduate representation
      - c) Changes to protest policies
      - d) Mentorship programs
      - e) Surveillance cameras on campus.
  - B. He called for volunteers interested in advocating for additional areas, such as recreation, communications, food access, and information availability.
  - C. KSAS Course Evaluation Proposal
    1. Chris presented three options for course evaluations:
      - a) Open Evaluations: Available but not mandatory for grade access.
      - b) Opt-out Evaluations: Students must open the evaluation form before opting out to receive grades early.
      - c) Incentivized Evaluations: Students receive early grade access for completing the quantitative portion of evaluations, while free responses remain optional.
    2. Concerns were raised about the applicability of these options, particularly regarding how they might impact student participation and privacy.
    3. After considerable discussion, the GC voted to propose Option 1 to the administration (Motion ID 157).
  - D. Protest Policy Statement

1. The administration clarified that the current protest policy had been reworded, not fundamentally changed.
  2. Gabby is working on a statement regarding this matter, which is still in development.
- E. Graduate Representation
1. Gabby advocated for involving the GRO in the selection of representatives for various advisory committees, rather than allowing the administration to choose based on convenience.
  2. Specific examples included committees like the police hiring committee and the Doctor of Philosophy Board.
  3. The group discussed the importance of cross-departmental representation and ensuring that the GRO is recognized in committee selections.
  4. A motion was passed to send out the representation statement for feedback from the entire GC (Motion ID 158).
- F. Committee on Student Matter Statement
1. Gabby solicited support for including graduate representation in the Committee on Student Matters (CAM) during discussions with KSAS deans.
  2. A motion passed to include this request as an active participant in the upcoming meeting with Vice Dean Chen (Motion ID 159).
- V. Advocacy Updates -Shubham presented
- A. Upcoming meetings with key administrators were announced:
1. Vice-Dean Sarma (WSE): January 30th, 3-4 PM.
  2. Vice-Dean Chen (KSAS): February 19th, 12-1 PM.
  3. President and Provost Meeting: March 10th, 6-7:30 PM.
- B. Shubham presented updates on recent advocacy efforts, including:
1. Collaboration with transportation to implement QR codes for JHMI shuttles.
  2. Future faculty additions to support growing departmental needs, including positions focused on AI and Data Science.
- VI. E-board Updates
- A. Call for volunteers for upcoming events and social gatherings.
- VII. Adjournment
- A. The meeting concluded with a motion passing to adjourn (Motion ID 160).