



## **Graduate Representative Organization**

### **GC Meeting Minutes**

**Date/Time: 6:00 PM ET February 17th, 2025**

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#### **Meeting Agenda:**

- I. Call to Order and Agenda Review
  - The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm
- II. Approval of February 03, 2025, Meeting Minutes: [GC Minutes 02.03.25](#)
  - Motion to approve minutes (ID 161)
  - Motion passes
- III. Meeting President Ron Daniels
  - Call to contribute to the topics for discussion for the presidents' meeting on the 10th of March at Shriver Hall.
  - Some topics from the previous meeting include:
    1. Increase in conference grant
    2. Increase in university-wide programming through the cross-campus committee
    3. We hope to achieve a lot of things through the meeting.
    4. Agenda for the meeting to be submitted by the end of February
    5. Caroline emphasized being well-organized and having valid discussion points that contribute to the positive experience of graduate students at the University.
    6. Arman mentioned how vital things and big deals could be the very least that can be approved.

7. Caroline encouraged having all contributions by Wednesday, the 19th of February.

#### IV. Other upcoming admin meetings

- Meeting with Vice-dean Chen on Wednesday, February 19th from 12 - 1 pm at San Martin 200B
  1. Call to review the agenda on the Slack group or ask to review via email
- Meeting with Britinni and Vice Provost Rachelle on Wednesday, February 19th, from 4 - 4:45 pm. This will be virtual.
- Meeting with President and Provost on Monday, March 10th from 6 - 7:30 pm at Shriver Hall
  1. The meeting is open to GC members, but they need to inform the co-chair (open door policy)
  2. Satvik raised concerns about sharing questions or topics with the president's team before the meeting.
  3. Arman mentioned more will be discussed during the open discussion
- Meeting with Dean Ed Schiesinger (WSE) on Tuesday, April 1st.
- Meeting with Dean Chris Celenza on Tuesday, April 15th from 12 - 1 pm at San Martin 200B
- Meeting with Vice Provost Rachelle Hernandez with no date specified yet
  1. Meeting is more on the budget and next steps

#### V. Advocacy: Statements Update

- The distribution of statements to the graduate community from the advocation has been delayed due to a request to vet by the admin vetting committee to avoid unwanted consequences on the university's federal funding.
- This will be clarified at the meeting on Wednesday to discuss the best approach and next steps.
- SGA reps will be discussing the same statement issue at their meeting.
- The list of demands at the meeting includes knowing who will be vetting the statement and what topics are essential.

#### VI. Advocacy: Shared Governance Council (KSAS) update by Chris

- Grad students to be welcomed at the next SGC subcommittee on Grad, overview of statistics of students who have completed PhD and postdoctoral affairs to discuss the graduate course evaluation and KSAS postdoctoral experience
  1. Call to add to the agenda and discussion point for the meeting
- Discussions about the federal policy changes that affect the university operation (example of office of federal strategy that focus on hope the university is doing with federal funding) to highlight and harmonize the SGC works and ultimately share stories through statement with the graduate student community via Hub articles and other means to show how the university has positioned itself in making impact
- Caroline asked who is open to the sub-committee
- Chris responded that a Few selected graduate students, possibly elected through GRO and anyone else interested, should attend the Vice-Dean Chen meeting.
- Arman asked how many people are on the committee
- Chris mentioned no particular number, but the link is public to view all the SGC subcommittee on grad affairs.

## VII. Course Evaluation for KSAS Grad courses

- Exploration of the feasibility across the KSAS department through a survey for students. The main questions in the survey includes
  1. What department are you in?
  2. Does your department have an existing course evaluation?
  3. In your department, approximately how many students are enrolled in first-year courses?
- Encouraged the GC in KSAS and WSE to start filling out the survey at the meeting
- Caroline asked how the transition from courses across different years and level may affect responses and can be captured.
- Arman asked if the survey is focused on MS, PhD, or combined student programs.
- Chris mentioned the survey is focused on PhD for now.
- Satvik asked how Hopkins planned to attend to the overhead cut

- Chris responded that all matters are still in court and going through proper proceedings.

#### VIII. Advocacy: KSAS Perk Up & Speak Up

- Advocacy-related coffee hour with departments to discuss issues and mitigation measures for the graduate student.
- Giveaways and other perks, including coffee, are provided during the meeting.
- There is no need for the department to provide materials for the event. GRO will support. All the Rep needs to do is inform their department and community.
- Ayo asked if a date is set yet for the KSAS coffee hour.
- Caroline and Shubhum said no date is set yet.
- Ayo encourages the Rep in KSAS to take the opportunity to show their effectiveness and activeness in GRO.
- A quick poll about Rep interest in the Perks & Speak up

#### IX. Advocacy Updates: Upcoming meetings

- Vice-Dean Sarma: Graduate Education (WSE) January 30th, Thursday 3 - 4 PM (San Martin Center 185)
- Vice-Dean Chen (KSAS) Wednesday, February 19th, 12-1 pm (San Martin 200B)
- President and Provost meeting with E-board: Monday, March 10, 6 - 7:30 (Shriver Hall Board Room)
- Dean Ed Schlesinger (WSE) Tuesday, April 1st
- Dean Chris Celenza (KSAS) Tuesday, April 15th, 12-1 pm San Martin 200B)
- Provost Rachelle Hernandez (Student Affairs) meeting regarding budget and any other advocacy-related issues - TBD

#### X. Advocathon

- Organised a protest against a meeting with the president. Scheduled for February 27th, 2025.
- As before, there will be a break out into groups to discuss different issue while people enjoy drinks and food.
- Encouragement from the co-chairs and advocacy chair for participation from the e-board and Reps

#### XI. Upcoming Town Hall Meeting

- Scheduled for March 27th between 6 - 8 pm

XII. E-board update

- Satvik: called for volunteers for the upcoming coffee hour and social event due to doubling resources.

XIII. Open discussion

- Meeting with facilities
- Provision of Mask during Advocathon or an online option for participants
- Issue on shift from NIH to NSF grant in some department.
  1. Law suit on federal government by Hopkins and other organizations

XIV. Adjournment

- Motion ID: 162
- Motion passes

2	<b>Voting Motion ID</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>162</b>
3	<b>Motion</b>	Motion to approval last GC meeting minute (02/03/25)	Motion to Adjourn
4	Anthropology	Yea	Yea
5	Applied Mathematics & Statistics (AMS)	Yea	
6	History of Art	Yea	Yea
7	Biology	Yea	Yea
8	Biomedical Engineering (BME)	Yea	Yea
9	Biophysics	Yea	Yea
10	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering		
11	Chemistry		
12	Civil Engineering	Yea	
13	Classics		
14	Cognitive Science	Yea	Yea
15	Computer Science		
16	Economics	Yea	Yea
17	Electrical & Computer Engineering (ECE)	Yea	Yea
18	Engineering Management	Yea	Yea
19	English	Yea	Yea
20	Environmental Health and Engineering (formerly DOGEE)	Yea	Yea
21	EPS (Earth and Planetary Sciences)	Yea	Yea
22	Modern Languages and Literatures (Formerly GRLL)	Yea	Yea
23	History	Yea	Yea
24	History of Science and Technology	Yea	Yea
25	Comp Thought and Literature		
26	Information Security Inst		
27	Materials Science & Engineering	Yea	Yea
28	Mathematics		
29	Mechanical Engineering	Yea	

30	Near Eastern Studies (NES)	Yea	Yea
31	Philosophy	Yea	Yea
32	Physics and Astronomy	Yea	Yea
33	Political Science	Yea	Yea
34	Psychological and Brain Sciences	Yea	Yea
35	Sociology	Yea	Yea
36	Writing Seminars		
37	Robotics		
38	Co-Chair 1	Yea	
39	Co-Chair 2	Yea	Yea
40	Secretary	Yea	
41	Treasurer		Yea
42	Admin & Funding	Yea	Yea
43	Social 1		
44	Social 2		Yea
45	Advocacy 1	Yea	Yea
46	Advocacy 2		
47	Communications		
48	Diversity		
49	Graduate Involvement Chair	Yea	Yea
50	Professional Development	Yea	Yea
51	Intercampus Co-ordinator		
52	Intercampus Chair		
53	Summer sports coordinator		
54	Health & Wellness	Yea	
55	Security Concerns Chair		
56	<b>Yea</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>29</b>
57	<b>Nay</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
58	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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55	Security Concerns Chair		Abstain	Abstain
56	<b>Yea</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>
57	<b>Nay</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
58	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

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