



Graduate Representative Organization

GC Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: 6:00 PM ET March 3rd, 2025

[Zoom](#)

Meeting Agenda:

- I. Call to Order and Agenda Review
 - The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm
- II. Approval of February 17, 2025, Meeting Minutes: [GC Minutes 02.17.25](#)
 - Motion to approve minutes (ID 163)
 - Motion passes
- III. Meeting President Ron Daniels on the 10th of March
 - Presentation on current question banks for the meeting, last year's agenda, and slides that will be discussed more in the advocacy meeting this week.
 - Some outcomes from the meeting last year:
 1. Increased university-wide programming
 - a) Cross-campus standing committee
 - b) President/Provost sponsored first cross-campus happy hour
 2. Increase in conference grant budget
 - a) Including WSE MA student conference funding.
- IV. Agenda review based on the developed question bank for the president's meeting with orders not finalized yet.
 - Revisiting the prioritization of GRO/grad students in general
 - Emphasis on professional development
 1. Difference in resources, advisors from peer institutions

- Federal/NIH funding lawsuit
 1. Admissions being affected
 2. Funding for professional activities like conferences
- International student status and protections
- communication
- Invitation to our events, including some words at the formal
- Call for GC to review and clarify if necessary
- Caroline emphasized that the agenda is all about a general topic, hiding the specifics so that the president and team don't have a way to avoid answering the essential questions or addressing graduate-identified problems.
- A GC suggested that the gate under BMA be open after open hours if it can be crafted as a safety concern in the question bank.
- Ask if the agenda and questions have been sent to the president and team.
 1. Review the statement on how to inform admin the feeling that undergrads are prioritized over graduates.
- Emmett talks about the discrepancy in the funding available in the CaSE department by advisor.
 1. Due to funding constraints, there is a cap on who can go to a conference and the trip frequency.
 2. Caroline asked what can be done to resolve or address this issue.
 3. Emmette mentioned his uncertainty about resolving the issue, but he thought the GRO conference grant might help support the situation.
- GC mentioned that some take more time to finish their PhD due to bureaucracy in the system.
 1. Caroline asked if this could result from the funding source and constraint that some advisors are tied to, thereby affecting how different student progress is measured.
 2. Gabby mentioned some situations in the department where PhD students form thesis committees without advisors' insight due to time constraints.
- Deigo mentioned what doubling graduate students will mean for extending resources like the Gym center capacity for student use such as overcrowding.

1. Caroline thinks that they might not be open to expansion based on when the Rec Center was established.
 2. She continues to mention what other professional or well-being resources are identified as lagging.
 3. Diego mentioned some GC has mentioned issues regarding religious resources.
 4. Caroline mentioned she has experienced issues booking health and wellness appointments.
 5. Diego also mentioned his experience of not being able to access counseling services on time and is concerned about how bad it will be to double student capacity.
 6. Shubham asked what the percentage of expansion for grads will be.
 7. Caroline mentioned is doubling across all sectors of the university except the for the resources.
- A GC (Simon) department in the social department and humanities on the contraction in the department in terms of grad students being admitted.
 1. Admission of 14 last year compared to 8 in the recent year.
 2. Arman and Caroline mentioned the discussion with GRO, and they seem surprised by the situation.
 3. Sammee backs up the claim and emphasizes collaborating with the admin to support them in expanding rather than shrinking.
 - Caroline calls for the department to identify by raise of hands if their department is shrinking.
 - Gabby asked if it can be two questions: either department is shrinking or cohort is shrinking.
 1. Caroline mentioned we are focused more on the graduate shrinking, not the admin.
 - Carolien read from the chat that Health and Wellness is operating a triage model and wants to solve pertinent problems. However, it works for some things but not all thing, creating a gap in the service offered to all grad student.

- Emmette mentioned his previous university had same model and was surprised how generous Hopkins was but think providing external community support like having private space for conversation in the Health and wellness center for zoom therapy and things related
- Caroline spoke on getting a representative from the health and wellness center to the GC.
- GC that want to attend the presidents meeting to reach out to the co-chairs or GRO

V. Upcoming admin meetings

- President and Provost: Monday, March 10, 6 - 7:30 (Shriver Hall Board Room)
- Dean Ed Schlesinger (WSE) Tuesday, April 1st at San Martin 200B
- Dean Chris Celenza (KSAS) Tuesday, April 15th, 12-1 pm San Martin 200B)
- VProvost Rachelle Hernandez (Student Affairs) meeting TBD, this week

VI. Statement update

- Delayed due to a request for vetting.
- Meeting with Brittini Brown
 1. It is not a brand-new review process—the GRO has previously worked with the admin to review statements.
 2. Reviewal process - Clarity on the statements and escalate them where they need to be escalated.
 3. SOM grad students have to do a similar thing. They don't need a formal process or board but rather to collaborate and get it reviewed and sent out.
 4. "GRO is an extension of the admin." They are forcing us to review statements just like they review their related work with their higher-ups.
 5. We strictly mentioned that we could not make any promises as we need to vote on this
- Caroline spoke about her meeting with Laural regarding the GRO statement review. They explained the feedback on the email from Britinina, Racheal, and other high-ups on the statements to schedule a meeting with the two co-chairs and advocacy chair.
- Presentation on Caroline's reflection on the meeting regarding the statement vetting regarding the 53-minute meeting with the admin.
 1. Mentioned the admin being unsure of the claim and reason behind the vetting
 2. Trying to emphasize that the process as been inplace before hand which seem un true
 3. piggybacking on legal concerns for the university and the need for the review.
 4. Example of how Brittini calling 911 if people slipped for unclear ice or

snow.

- Gabby asked what the GRO options were for rolling out the statement.
- Sammee asked if the admin was aware of the topics we were addressing.
- Arman explained that the admin thought and talked about whether we should see ourselves as GRO as a separate part or admin or as another entity.
- Caroline mentioned the admin is more on letting their suggestion be heard on the statement instead of forcing it.
- Arman mentioned that ideas would be voted on in the next GC.
- A GC mentioned the worst-case scenario if the GRO does not go the admin way.
- Gabby requested support for rephrasing the “Demand to choose our student representatives at different committees” statement for the meeting with Ron Daniels.
 1. Arman asked about the difference between the statement and the one last voted on
 2. Gabby responded that it is due to the corrections made so far on it and, therefore, needs another vetting from the board and GC.
 3. Asks on the implication of the admin decision or opinion on the statement.
 4. Caroline suggested sending the statement to the advisor for feedback and comments and emailing it to the GC for feedback and suggestions for further action.
 5. Statement be sent to advisor to be given 72 hours to respond
 - a) Voting ID: 164

VII. Advocacy community update

- WSE
 1. Next PerkUp and SpeakUp event - AMS (Date TBD)
- KSAS
 1. Call for the department to participate in the perkUp and speakUp.
Proposing Gilman as the venue
- Town Hall meeting for all graduate students (date TBD)

VIII. E-board update

- Satvik: called for volunteers for the upcoming coffee hours.
- Sammee: Pizza at next GC meeting (March 31st)

IX. Open discussion

X. Adjournment

- Motion ID: 165
- Motion passes

Voting Motion ID	163	164	165
Motion	Motion to approve meeting GC minutes	Statement be sent to advisor to be given 72 hours to respond	Motion to adjourn
Anthropology		Yea	Yea
Applied Mathematics & Statistics (AMS)	Yea	Yea	Yea
History of Art	Yea	Yea	Yea
Biology	Yea	Yea	Yea
Biomedical Engineering (BME)			
Biophysics	Yea	Yea	Yea
Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Yea	Yea	Yea
Chemistry			
Civil Engineering	Yea	Yea	Yea
Classics			
Cognitive Science			
Computer Science	Yea	Abstain	Yea
Economics	Yea	Abstain	Yea
Electrical & Computer Engineering (ECE)	Yea	Yea	
Engineering Management	Yea	Yea	Yea
English	Yea	Abstain	Yea
Environmental Health and Engineering (formerly DOGEE)			
EPS (Earth and Planetary Sciences)	Yea	Yea	Yea
Modern Languages and Literatures (Formerly GRLL)	Yea	Yea	Yea
History			
History of Science and Technology	Yea	Abstain	Yea
Comp Thought and Literature			
Information Security Inst			
Materials Science & Engineering	Yea	Yea	Yea
Mathematics			
Mechanical Engineering			
Near Eastern Studies (NES)	Yea	Yea	Yea
Philosophy	Yea	Abstain	Yea
Physics and Astronomy	Yea	Yea	Yea
Political Science	Yea	Yea	
Psychological and Brain Sciences	Yea	Yea	Yea
Sociology	Yea	Yea	Yea
Writing Seminars			
Robotics			

Co-Chair 1		Yea	Yea
Co-Chair 2	Yea	Yea	Yea
Secretary			Yea
Treasurer			
Admin & Funding		Yea	Yea
Social 1			
Social 2			
Advocacy 1	Yea	Yea	Yea
Advocacy 2			
Communications	Yea	Yea	Yea
Diversity			
Graduate Involvement Chair		Yea	Yea
Professional Development	Yea	Yea	Yea
Intercampus Co-ordinator			
Intercampus Chair	Yea		
Summer sports coordinator			
Health & Wellness	Yea		
Security Concerns Chair			
Yea	27	24	28
Nay	0	0	0
Abstain	0	5	0

2	Voting Motion ID	153	154	155
	Motion	n	Approval of GC meeting minute	Motion to Adjourn
4	Anthropology			
5	Applied Mathematics & Statistics (AMS)		Yea	
6	History of Art		Yea	Yea
7	Biology		Yea	Yea
8	Biomedical Engineering (BME)			
9	Biophysics		Yea	Yea
10	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering		Yea	Yea
11	Chemistry			
12	Civil Engineering		Yea	Yea
13	Classics			
14	Cognitive Science			
15	Computer Science			
16	Economics			
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			
25	Comp Thought and Literature			
26	Information Security Inst			
27	Materials Science & Engineering		Yea	Yea
28	Mathematics			
29	Mechanical Engineering			
30	Near Eastern Studies (NES)			Yea
31	Philosophy			
32	Physics and Astronomy			
33	Political Science			
34	Psychological and Brain Sciences		Abstain	
35	Sociology		Yea	Yea
36	Writing Seminars			
37	Robotics			
38	Co-Chair 1		Yea	Yea

40	Secretary		Yea	Yea
41	Treasurer		Yea	Yea
42	Admin & Funding		Yea	
43	Social 1			
44	Social 2		Yea	Yea
45	Advocacy 1			Yea
46	Advocacy 2			
47	Communications		Yea	Yea
48	Diversity			
49	Graduate Involvement Chair			
50	Professional Development			
51	Intercampus Co-ordinator			
52	Intercampus Chair		Yea	
53	Summer sports coordinator			
54	Health & Wellness			
55	Security Concerns Chair		Abstain	Abstain
56	Yea	8	22	22
57	Nay	0	0	0
58	Abstain	2	2	1

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2	Voting Motion ID	151	152
3	Motion	Vote to approve 18th Nov Gc meeting minutes	Motion to adjourn
4	Anthropology		
5	Applied Mathematics & Statistics (AMS)	Yea	Yea
6	History of Art	Yea	Yea
7	Biology	Yea	Yea
8	Biomedical Engineering (BME)	Yea	Yea
9	Biophysics	Abstain	Yea
10	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Yea	Yea
11	Chemistry		
12	Civil Engineering	Yea	Yea
13	Classics		
14	Cognitive Science		
15	Computer Science	Yea	Yea
16	Economics		
17	Electrical & Computer Engineering (ECE)	Yea	Yea
18	Engineering Management	Yea	Yea
19	English	Yea	Yea
20	Environmental Health and Engineering (formerly DOGEE)		
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		
28	Mathematics		
29	Mechanical Engineering	Yea	Yea
30	Near Eastern Studies (NES)	Yea	Yea
31	Philosophy		
32	Physics and Astronomy		
33	Political Science	Yea	Yea
34	Psychological and Brain Sciences	Abstain	Yea
35	Sociology	Yea	Yea

36	Writing Seminars		
37	Robotics		
38	Co-Chair 1		Yea
39	Co-Chair 2	Yea	Yea
40	Secretary		
41	Treasurer	Yea	Yea
42	Admin & Funding		
43	Social 1		
44	Social 2		
45	Advocacy 1	Yea	
46	Advocacy 2		
47	Communications	Yea	Yea
48	Diversity		
49	Graduate Involvement Chair	Yea	Yea
50	Professional Development		
51	Intercampus Co-ordinator		
52	Intercampus Chair	Yea	Yea
53	Summer sports coordinator		
54	Health & Wellness	Yea	
55	Security Concerns Chair		
56	Yea	25	26
57	Nay	0	0
58	Abstain	2	0
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