



Graduate Representative Organization

GC Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: 6:00 PM ET March 31st, 2025

[Zoom](#)

Meeting Agenda:

- I. Call to Order and Agenda Review
 - The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm
- II. Approval of March 03, 2025, Meeting Minutes: [GC Minutes 03.03.25](#)
 - Motion to approve minutes (ID 168)
 - Motion passes
- III. Sabine and Rachelle Update
 - Email to all students to put through the questions they may have regarding the new federal funding situation.
 - Encouraged GRO to help recirculate so that no student is left behind
 - Emphasis on guaranteed funding for the PhD students irrespective of the funding situation or PI budget cut.
 1. Caroline calls for questions from the GC that affect their department or other students.
 2. Will asked how much liquidity the University has to maintain the commitment to fund PhD students.
 3. Sabine mentioned there is no specific information on how much liquidity, but the University is in decent shape to support its staff and students and is hoping things get better before the worse happens.

4. Rachelle mentioned the university is prioritizing departments that might need support to meet the funding for Ph.D.s.
5. Ayo asked about the decrease in some department admissions for graduate offers, as reported by some members of the GC.
6. Sabine explained that it is not the case because the department is supported if needed to meet the student obligation. Also, the department already made offer decisions before the federal funding cut, and the decision is now on whether the student wants to come. Especially the PhD's
7. A GC member asked on who the student should contact in case their PI says they don't have enough funding.
 - a) Sabine responded that they should contact the department Dean and chair because the PI may not have the best information on funding issues.
 - b) Carolien: Who exactly should they contact if they are in the situation?
 - c) Sabine said the program director or the Deans. Suggested Ronaide for KSAS and Christine for WSE
8. Another GC asked if the department and PI say no funding and if the PhD student still gets funded.
 - a) Sabine reiterated that the school works with different departments differently, and they will ensure the student gets the funding required.
9. Arman mentioned having a coffee hour or another section to bring students together to discuss more on the federal funding cut issues and the implications going forward.
 - a) Sabine mentioned being at the KSASA town hall on Friday.
10. Liam from GC asked about the implications of ICE action on the community and campuses for Hopkins students.

- a) Sabine responded that there are resources and numbers to contact when any student is in such a situation. OIS was given as a good and best resources
- b) Rachelle emphasized the specific information and contacts on OIS to help students when they are in contact with ICE or have any immigration-related issues.

11. Marian, a GC member, asked about the resources available for international students traveling who get into situations at the airport.

- a) Rachelle mentioned the available phone numbers to call in case of such an emergency and asked students to not only have the numbers on their phones but also write them somewhere safe.
- b) Gabby asked if lawyers or legal representatives would be provided to students in such situations.
- c) Sabine and Rachelle mention that there is a group of people in the OIS ready to roll out when students need them.
- d) Gabby mentioned the late response of OIS to student queries.

Usually up to 2 weeks

- (1) Sabine and Rachelle mentioned that it should not be happening because the head of OIS believes they are seamless, and if it's still happening, the GRO should let them know.

IV. Review of Ron Daniels and Provost Teams Meeting (Monday, March 10, 6-7:30, Shriver Hall Board Room).

- Presentation on the outcomes of the meeting by Arman
 - 1. Two meetings per year with the president instead of one.
 - 2. Career advising and mentorship
 - a) Gabby explained that it is a complex process and not much has changed, but Sabine is working on some things related to the situation. However, the process looks pretty slow.
 - b) Caroline and Arman emphasized that their reluctance is mandatory. Faculty training on mentorship

3. Communication issues are resolved by clarity and the attention of whoever is concerned. After the meeting, we also observed a good change in the advisor structure.

4. International Student status and protection already discussed tonight

5. Invitation of president to the formal.

- Recap of the topic ban for the discussion with Ron Daniels
- Carolne's hot takes explained the outcome of the Statement on GRO involvement in selecting representatives on student advisory committees, and there was late or almost no feedback on the PDF share claiming they have comments on a Google doc. GRO was blamed for not following up with the two advisors simultaneously.
- Still no word from them on the statement review
- Gabby mentioned the statement is already been sent to other school student groups for approval.
- Arman mentioned that the GRO bylaws do not stipulate that the advisor or admin review statements apart from the board and GC.

V. Upcoming Admin Meetings

- Dean Ed Schlesinger (WSE) Tuesday, April 1st, 5-6 pm (Tomorrow!!) - San Martin 185
- Dean Chris Celenza (KSAS) Tuesday, April 15th, 12-1 pm - San Martin 200B

VI. KSAS Cross-Institutional Student Advisory Committee (CSAC)

- Gabby nominated himself
- Suggestion to open for more nominations to the entire graduate committee.
 1. There will be a two-week grace period before GRO can vote on it.

VII. Advocacy Update

- Course Evaluation: Alexandra
 1. Meeting before spring break with Dean Chen
 - a) No decision yet if the evaluation should be mandatory
 - b) Seek GRO advice on a department to use as a pilot for the course evaluation.

- c) The burning question is whether the evaluation should be narrative or numeric and whether information could be gleaned about each department's work.

VIII. Recap of Town Hall Meeting on March 27th

- Overall successful event - 84 attendees
- Students have raised a lot of concerns regarding the following broad categories:
 1. Can a master's grad student rent regalia as it will only be worn once? (Just like phd students)
 - a) Ayo mentioned that students are more concerned if the rental price can be subsidized by the GRO
 - b) Arman and Caroline mentioned something that can be looked into.
 - c) Satvik suggested a donation box for regalia
 2. Increasing the radius of Transloc and making it more efficient
 3. Shuttle to DC campus
 4. More career development opportunities like career fair; making it department specific.

IX. Vote on Floating Chairs

- Discussion on which floating chair is needed based of situation and circumstances
- Multiple suggestion form all e-board and GC was collated and voted on to choose just "TWO"
- 1.

X. Vote on Intercampus Budget for Formal

- Total Budget is \$50000 (Ticket sale and budget)
- The total number of people expected is 420 (including 20 eboard)
- 1ST ticket sale for \$60
- 2nd round for \$65
- All-you-can-eat buffet
- Two drink tickets
- Boarding is between 6:30 and 7:00
 1. Discussion on the best time to tell students to start boarding
 2. Arman suggested having announced boarding time to be shorter so people can make it
 3. The north side of the inner harbor will be the boarding venue.
- Motion to approve the full amount
 1. Voting ID: 169
 2. Motion passes

- XI. Co-chair Election
 - Congratulations to Caroline Myers and Will Watkins on becoming the new co-chairs
- XII. Summer Sport Chair Election
 - Congratulations to Emi Mondragon on becoming the new Summer Sport Chair
- XIII. Eboard Update
 - Volunteer needed for the coffee hours
- XIV. Open Discussion and Question
- XV. Adjournment
 - Motion ID: 180
 - 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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