



Graduate Representative Organization

GC Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: 6:00 PM ET Sept 29th, 2025

HSC 210B, [Zoom](#)

Meeting Agenda:

- I. Call to Order and Agenda Review
- II. Approval of last Meeting Minutes: [GC Minutes 09.15.25](#)
 - Motion to approve minutes (ID 187)
 - Motion passes
- III. Review of meeting calendar by co-chair Caroline
- IV. Health and Wellness Chair Election
 - Congratulations, Hau Ern Lien
- V. CSAC: Cross-Institutional Student Advisory Committee
 - Gabby presented on the role of CSAC and the responsibilities of its members
 - Examples of issues presented include
 1. Cross-campus access to the Rec Center
 2. Bike/scooter lanes between the campus
 3. Proper student representation in a critical committee
 - Caroline: No matter the size of the issue, they all carry the same importance. GC members should note that.
 - A rep mentioned the lack of interaction between the different schools at Hopkins
 - 5-minute break to generate issues across the department that could be addressed
 1. Transport: Late arrival of the shuttle to pick up the student
- VI. Election for PAC (Provost Advisory Committee)

- Gabby: All GC members should give it a shot
- Caroline encouraged Gabby to provide background information about PAC, including what it does, who is involved, and the impact it can make.

VII. E-board Updates

- Admin and Funding Chair - Peter
 1. Presented the eligibility criteria for the conference grant, samples of how the lottery is done, and rubrics
 2. Caroline asked Peter to provide the source and references for information regarding the conference grant to the GC.
 3. A GC member clarifies the point and the tickets awarded to students who have and have not been to a conference
 4. A GC member raised a concern that some graduate students were not seeing the “Apply” button to begin registration for the conference grant
 - a) Alex clarifies that the button is there on the website.

VIII. Upcoming Meeting

- TRU
 1. Sammy presented the current TRU issues that they will be discussing in the next GC, including
 - a) Master's student's right
 - b) International student concerns
 - c) Campus safety and surveillance
 - d) Academic freedom
 2. Suggestions for any other matters can be sent to Sammy:
@stavass1@jh.edu

IX. Department Concern

- The sociology rep raised a concern of incoming international student not having all the information and resources they need when entering the country and settling down in the first few months
- Concerns around the department admin person not being efficient due to the workload

- Alex explained that it has been a long-standing issue and that the university rejected the request for an additional admin person for the department.
- Gabby explained that the situation was brought to the dean and vice dean of KSAS 2 years ago, and nothing has been done to date
- Kevin (international concern chair) encouraged the use of OIS in cases student are confused.

X. GRO Advocacy Team

- Caroline advertised and encouraged GC to join the advocacy team to get things moving at a good pace
- Current endeavors are
 1. International student concerns from Hop Van policies to visa limits to payment for intersession courses
 2. Course evaluation
- Meetings are every Wednesday at 6:30 pm for the team

XI. GRO International Student Concerns Team

- Review of statement to be sent to the general graduate student body on changes to visa stay limit.
- The vote was passed to review and send the message after considerable deliberation among the GC.
- Review occurred between 7:46 pm and 7:53 pm
- Motion passes

XII. GC and E-board Social

- October 15 from 6 pm to 8 pm

XIII. Open discussion

XIV. Adjournment

- Motion ID: 189
- Motion passes