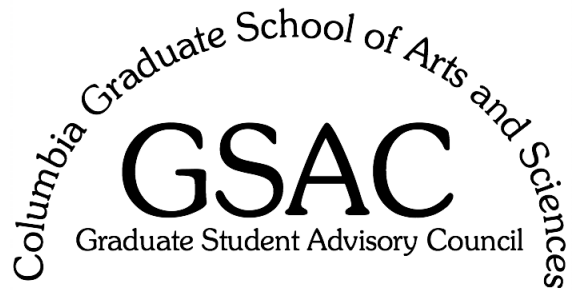


Minutes from GSAC Plenary
Oct 08, 2013



Quality of Life Survey

Library Services – East Asian, and Hebrew Library now have space exclusively for graduate students. Data from spring quality of life survey will be released in November. For special concerns, contact Sophia Brumer, the quality of life chair.

Group Recognition

Human Rights Graduate Student Group – Erin O’Leary (not present at meeting)

Votes in favor of group approval: 15

Votes opposed: 0

Votes abstained: 2

Group approved!

Independent Student Theater Group – Mia Shandell (not present at meeting)

Tabled this while moved to next group, since they are somewhat similar.

UNSCRIPTED: Performance Working Group – Gillian Young (present)

Group approved unanimously!

Graduate Association of Latin American and Iberian Cultures – Diego Azurida (not present at meeting, no description)

Unanimous vote to table them until next month when they can provide a group description.

Columbia Student Consulting – Philipp Zahn (present)

Votes for approval: 0

Votes to make a clear governing structure/handling profits; tabled for 2 months: 14

Votes to give them probationary 2 month approval: 2

Votes for no approval: 1

Abstentions: 0

Independent Student Theater Group – Mia Shandell (not present at meeting)

Votes in favor of group approval: 10

Tabled until representative present: 9

Votes opposed: 0

Votes abstained: 3

Group approved!

Finance Update

Student Initiative Grants

Columbia Student Consulting Club did not receive group recognition at this time, so they are no longer eligible for approved funds. Thus all approved funding totals to \$8600 for this semester.

Proposal: Vote to accept the full funding suggested by the Finance Committee.

Funding unanimously approved!

GSAC Update

Ivy + Summit planning:

Submitting a provost funding application; event will be held in the International Affairs Building.

Travel Grants Reminder: Deadline must be submitted by Friday 5pm.

Festifall: event was well attending.

Philosophy 301: will be opening in mid-January.

GSAC plenary body: GSAS is concerned about dearth of representatives in social sciences/humanities, but overrepresentation of sciences, medical school, SIPA, business school.

Is there a way to incentivize people to attend?

Different meeting times, stipend of \$50 for department reps?

Social Update

First TEASE was last Thursday, at the Village Pourhouse (around 125 people)

Next one will be in mid-November.

They are currently less frequent since Philosophy 301 is closed.

October 24th- Joint poker tournament with Engineering.

Alumni & PR

Fireside chats are renamed to "What can you be with a PhD?" First one is October

30, oil market analyst.

Open Forum

Why do we not host TEASE in the Party Space? Problems with cost, booking, tight restrictions. Once Philosophy 301 reopens, we will likely hold events outside of vendor hours, but it will be a multi-purpose room.

Amend the constitution to contain language about how to deal with groups that make profits.