University of Chicago Student Government

**Graduate Council**

04 May 2015

Booth C07

6:00-7:30 pm

Attendance (**Bold** = absent, (L) = late)

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| Anthony Martinez | Graduate Council Chair |
| **Erin McCauley** | Graduate Council Vice-Chair |
| **April Chao** | GC Representative - Booth |
| **Paritosh Kumar** | GC Representative - Booth |
| **Katie Perri** | GC Representative - Booth |
| Haley Stinnett | GC Representative - BSD |
| **Noelle Patno** | GC Representative - BSD |
| Aneesha Suresh | GC Representative - BSD |
| **Janae Gurley** | GC Representative - Divinity |
| Elliott Balch | GC Representative - Harris |
| **Laura Lee Burks** | GC Representative - Harris |
| **Hunter Vance** | GC Representative - Law |
| Lisa Fan | GC Representative - Law |
| Alyssa Weiner | GC Representative - Pritzker |
| **Caroline Meehan** | GC Representative - Pritzker |
| **Hannah Roth** | GC Representative - Pritzker |
| Jonah Simpson | GC Representative - SSD |
| Casey Anthony | GC Representative - SSA |
| **Hannah Rosenblatt** | GC Representative - SSA |
| Gabriel Velez | GC Representative - SSD |
| **Levke Koop** | GC Representative |
| **Siddharth Venkatesh** | GC Representative - Booth |
| **Katie Schumacher** | Graduate Liaison to the Board of Trustees |

Meeting called to order, 6:00

**Opening remarks/getting settled**

* Party in the Sky was a big success, lots of good feed back

**Funding Requests – final funding requests of the year**

* Peer Mentoring - $500
  + Lot of variability in the success of students that come to university and want to make sure everyone has support
  + Matching will happen through the Dean of students in SSA division
  + Starting with only 1 division and planning to branch out to other divisions
  + Keeping it small the first year – 50 students in total
  + Asking for $500 for this pilot
* Softball League - $2000
  + Lots of teams and variety from the hospital to different divisions ~300 graduate students
  + Lasts all summer
  + Traditionally have used sources from divisions but this has been problematic in the past
  + Asking for ~$2000 for field renting mostly, this will cover about half their full budget – will get rest for divisional social committees
  + Overlaps with IM for 2 weeks, but on different days of the week so no overlap
  + Faculty are also on some teams
* Students for Justice in Palestine - $1500
  + Raise awareness of events in Gaza
  + Mix of students from different backgrounds just trying to raise awareness about human rights issues in the middle east- focus on bringing in speakers to talk on these issues
  + Working with Chicago groups in organizing this event
  + Bringing in speakers and also want to provide food
  + Most funding from outside sources
  + About half of membership is graduate students
* PSD/BSD/IME Arts Council - $1290
  + Last year had an event and opened submissions from people in divisions who might encounter art in scientific research like microscopy images to bridge science and art 🡪 expanding to PSD this year
  + Have wine/cheese/fruit and voting on pieces
  + Last year had about 100 people – hoping to expand to $150 this year
  + About $1290 for room cost, printing, etc.
  + Open to any grad student who wants to attend it
* UofC Women’s initiative Gala - $4696.75
  + 1st annual gala last year – 200 students, faculty, alumni
  + Celebration of women in leadership on campus
  + Had Women’s a cappella groups, speakers – 2 students, 1 alumni, performance from women’s dance group, displayed art from female students and alumni
  + May 23rd of this year – on track with publicity and funding
  + Hoping for more graduate student participation – having a graduate student speaker from Booth talking this year
  + Need funding for logistical support – food is biggest expense
  + If not getting money – can remove AV costs and remove decoration costs, but want to make sure to cover food costs
  + Charging $5 per ticket to ensure accountability in arrival of students at event – offset some costs
  + For entire UChicago community, most of audience in undergraduate but hoping to expand this to graduate students and faculty
* Motion to fund all events in full
  + In favor: 8
  + **Motion passes**

**Next Year**

* Nominations
  + Casey nominated for Chair
  + Elliott nominated for Co-Chair
  + In favor: 9
  + **Motion passes**
* GC retreat in September 18-19 – contact Gabe if you plan on attending or if anyone wasn’t at the meeting who is coming
  + Will send out email about this
* Let Casey know if you want to lead any committees
  + Gabe: finance committee
  + Lisa: social committee
  + Haley:

**Interdivisional Conference**

* Has been postponed – alumni relations department hasn’t gotten back and the catering fund only just got back to use
* Want to clarify that DoS should request that their students go instead of just forwarding it along

Meeting adjourned, 7:00 pm