June GSC General Body Meeting Notes

7th June 2022

Topic 1. New Executive Board
The new executive board introduced themselves to the general body.

Topic 2. General Body Meeting Structure
Members discussed the format of the general body meetings. Zoom is convenient for those commuting, and is appropriate for pandemic policy compliance. However, in-person meetings build a better sense of community. Some expressed that the current start time of the meeting is not particularly convenient since the work day typically ends at 5pm. The general body meeting can also be tedious, so a suggestion was made to partition the meeting into two parts: a town hall section and legislative section.

Topic 3. Open Forum Topics
During the open forum section of the meeting, several topics of concern were raised. These included the rising cost of living both locally and nationally, the housing crisis, issues with transportation, and the Dartmouth food pantry’s stock. Specifically, members discussed how the graduate student stipend is insufficient which leads to financial hardship that contributes to the other issues mentioned above.

Graduate Student Council Member(s) of the Month
Congratulations to Pepper Pennington, Minje Kim, and Anneka Johnson for being the members of the month! Thank you for all of your hard work!