May GBM Minutes

7th May 2024

**Topic 1: Finance Report**
The GSC has roughly $7,323 remaining in the standard funding pool, which must last until October when the new budget will come into effect. It was noted that the GSC issued more student activities fee refunds than projected. When making reimbursement requests, it is tantamount that the receipt displays the last four digits of a personal credit card, and NOT a gift card, otherwise reimbursement will be denied.

**Topic 2: Standard Funding Requests**
Tabled to a Slack vote.

**Topic 3: Executive Board Elections**
The May General Body Meeting (GBM) marks the Executive Board elections for the next academic year. For the month of April, nominations were opened and acceptances gathered. For the 2024-2025 academic year, a new Co-Officer position was formed to support the duties of the Finance Officer.

The elections proceeded as such:
Candidates may run for multiple Executive Board positions, until elected to one. Candidates were allowed to give a 1-2 minute speech (no slides, video allowed in case of absence) on their qualifications for the position. Following each candidate’s speech is a short period for questions from the audience to the candidate. After all of the speeches, there is a call for write-in candidates who may also opt into giving a short speech upon acceptance of the write-in nomination. Finally, all of the candidates, including write-ins, leave the room to allow for a short discussion amongst the council and voting through Election Buddy. Once the voting period ends, the candidates are welcomed back into the room and the winner is announced. The order of Executive Board positions up for election is President, Vice President, Finance Co-Officers, Communications Co-Chairs, and then the remaining Committee Chairs in alphabetical order.

**Election Results:**
- President
  - Himanshu Goswami
- Vice President
  - Wei-cheng Wu
- Finance Co-Officer
  - Arina Petrova
  - Barbara Karakyriakou
- Communications Co-Chairs
  - Himanshu Patil
  - Shefali Patra
- Academic Chair
Topic 4: Announcements
Members were reminded to vote on Slack for the standard funding requests that were tabled due to the election. Additionally, Dartmouth will be hosting the Ivy+ Summit in December 2024 with extensive planning by the incoming Executive Board.

Topic 5: Open Forum
It was noted by members that the Student Support fund appears to be more focused on supporting STEM related academic pursuits such as conferences rather than those opportunities which fall under the arts and humanities. This assumption could stem from a lack of communication to other departments about the existence of the Student Support fund. Additionally, requests made to the fund are categorized into under $250 and over $250, but with no maximum limit which sometimes leads to unreasonable requests of upwards of $2,000.

Members voiced that sometimes South House sends their weekly emails several days late which results in outdated event advertisements.