

QoL Meeting Minutes

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1 HWIC/QoL Panel on Policy

HWIC and QoL representatives are working on setting up a panel (or possibly a colloquium) of science policy makers. This would take place during the spring semester. Potential speakers are being contacted for this purpose at the moment. The possibility of running this event jointly with the medical school and another school, would facilitate funding for the event. Updates will be given regularly.

2 GSC

Chris Neumann, QoL GSC' representative, relayed the information pertinent to the group.

Harvard Affiliated Housing: A new "lottery" system will be put in place this spring for affiliated housing. It will be almost entirely web-based to hopefully make it more efficient and helpful. The biggest change is that you will be able to view floor plans and/or pictures of available units before choosing. In blocks of 250 people, students will be given a time frame in which to peruse available units and get to choose on a first-come first-served basis. Also, the meal plan will not be required in 29 Garden St anymore.

IP Policy: On November 17th at noon in Maxwell-Dworkin Rm 119 there will be a presentation by the Office of Technology and Trademark Licensing. The presentation will address the Harvard IP Policy and how it affects the work of GSAS students.

3 QoL Survey

The graduate student survey will go online today. The CCB members have up to November 21st to answer. A gift certificate worth \$100 at Amazon.com will be drawn amongst the participants.

4 Library Committee

The latest information about the library moving were relayed from Marcia Chapin by John Rearick.

No time frame was set, but planning progresses steadily. Seventy percent of the monographs will make it to the new location along with the theses and the video collection. All paper copies of journals available online will be stored in repository and Kimber will be transferred to Cabot. A self-checkout system with RFID is planned. Hopefully 5-6 carrels, upgraded computers and a couch will remain for student work in the new location.

Emily Balskus has agreed to be the QoL representative to the library committee that will meet sporadically throughout the year. Thanks to her!

5 Rotation Committee

MCB desires to sync further its rotation system with that of CCB to allow an easier student flow between the two departments. It was agreed that the length of the rotations in CCB should not be modified for this purpose, as it serves an important role in the students' experience. Other modifications were suggested. Eric Deeds, Melissa Grachan, and Chris Neumann will participate in the cross-departmental discussions on this subject and relay back the information to the QoL. Thanks to them!

6 Visiting Committee

The Visiting Committee appointed by the Board of Overseers of Harvard will be coming next week. The final method of selection of graduate student representatives was explained. A selection of four QoL and HWIC representatives should be made in the next couple of days. The remainder four representatives will be chosen by the CCB chair and the front office head from a list given to them by the faculty members and other sources. To protect anonymity, the identity of the chosen students will remain undisclosed to anyone but Prof. Friend, Tony Shaw, the committee members, and the other participating graduate students.

Meeting adjourned at 13h.

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