Graduate Student Council Meeting Notes – Nov. 4, 2015
Questions or Suggestions? Contact your GSC reps, August Guang & Alexandria Volkening
(Note: Stephanie Dodson attended as proxy for August, who could not make it.)

- **Title IX Report:** Sara Matthiesen came to report from the Title IX office. Her focus is on outreach and resource development for grad and med students. Her office hours are Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 9-10 AM in J. Walter Wilson. Student groups are welcome to contact her to arrange a training session on Title IX resources. If you contact Sara for a training about Title IX, she can keep your contact anonymous, so your group does not need to know who arranged the Title IX training workshop.

- **Grad School Food Drive:** The Grad School Holiday Food Drive will run until Nov. 20. If you would like to donate, you can drop off food donations in the box located in the front lobby of 182 George St. or in the box outside of the Grad Student Lounge.

- **GSC Committee Vacancies:** There is a vacancy on the GSC Nominations Committee. If you are interested, contact the Nominations Officer. This committee handles most of their work and voting via email, so the time commitment is small.

- **GSC Finance Board Updates:** So far this semester the GSC Finance Board has given 11 conference travel grants. Departments in good standing are eligible for a departmental rebate of $5 per grad student; these rebates are issued once per calendar year.

- **Masters Student Dean Status:** There are 3 finalists for the position of Masters Student Dean. The Masters’ Advocate expects that the new Masters Student Dean will be determined in spring 2016.

- **Update on Student Groups:** You can learn about grad student groups at Brown by visiting BearSync online and selecting “graduate student organizations” as the category. Many undergrad student groups are also open to grad students.

- **Library Advisory Board:** The Library Advisory Board pointed out several resources the library offers: for example, there is the Brown Digital Repository; you can also request scans of Brown material through document delivery, recall items that are currently in circulation, and check out lockers. Note that the second floor of the Rock Library is being converted to a grad student space.

- **Newsletters:** If you would like a copy of the GSC’s first-ever semester newsletter, email gsc_communications@brown.edu. There are a few copies of the newsletter located in some common areas around 182 George and 170 Hope St.

- **GradCon:** The second annual GradCon is on Saturday, Nov. 14. This event invites alumni back to campus and provides networking events, career panels, etc. If you would like to attend, register soon, as space is filling up quickly.

- **Thanksgiving Pub Trivia:** Sign up for the GSC’s Thanksgiving pub trivia night! There will be drinks and pub food. If you would like to participate, there is still space to sign up a team. It was also noted that the GSC has not publicized this event well, and they will work on improving their advertisement of future events. They recommend students check out the GSC facebook page for the most up-to-date announcements on GSC events.

- **GSC Winter Formal:** The GSC Winter Formal will take place on Friday, Dec. 4, from 9 PM - 1 AM at the RI Convention Center. Tickets are $10 per person ($5 off if you bring a canned good).

- **Elections:** A new GSC President, VP of Advocacy, Nominations Officer, International Grad Student Representative, Communications Officer, VP of Social Events, and Masters’ Advocate were elected. The Treasurer, the Tech Officer, and one of the VPs of Social were re-elected.

- **Next GSC Meeting:** The next GSC meeting is Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 7 PM. As usual, all are welcome to attend. Pizza & drinks are provided.