Open Graduate Program Survey: The GSC is interested in collecting opinions on the Open Graduate Program and will send out a survey soon. In the future they plan to use surveys to collect more data about what grad students want and think.

Graduate Student Wiki: The GSC has updated the wiki and invites you to help update it with better, more current info – it has information on a wide range of topics from recommendations for pet services or area restaurants to info about airport transportation, tax returns, etc.

Group Recognition Process: If you have at least 10 people who share an interest, then you can form a grad student group. Benefits include eligibility for grants from the GSC, Morning Mail privileges, and the ability to advertise using GSC channels. Questions? Contact the nominations officer.

Grad Student Groups: Two clubs have recently been recognized as grad student groups by the GSC: Brown Tango Club and the Nepali Community at Brown.

Dental Insurance: Dental insurance for grad students is not a budget item – a one-time anonymous donation funded dental insurance for PhD students for this year, so we need to continue to advocate for dental insurance to keep it in the future. In particular, the GSC urges us to use our dental insurance, especially this semester. Doing so will help show the university that it is important to us, and using it in the fall semester will allow the GSC to collect usage data and show the usage stats to the university in the spring.

Fall 2015 Budget: We will vote on the new budget at the October meeting.

Executive Board Elections: The elections for executive board positions (president, vice president, etc.) will take place at the GSC meeting on November 4, 2015. If you are interested in a position, email the GSC officer in that position.

GSC Initiatives for Fall 2015: The GSC is advocating for university funding for grad student groups and working on obtaining more dedicated grad student space on campus.

Vacancies on University Committees: There are many vacancies on university committees right now – the deadline to apply to be on many of these committees is September 17, 2015. To see the committees with vacant spaces, check the GSC website.

New GSC Logo: The GSC logo has been updated.

Next Meeting: October 7, 2015 at 7 PM in the GSC Lounge. Pizza and drinks!