GSC Elects Brown, Gittins to President, VP Positions

Incoming GSC Treasurer D. Granger G., President Caryl B. Brown G., Vice President Christopher M. Granger G., and Secretary John F. Olson G.

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The Graduate Student Council elected new officers at its April and May meetings. President Caryl B. Brown G., Vice President Christopher M. Granger G., Secretary John F. Olson G., and Treasurer Brett D. Granger G. will lead next year’s council.

All the officers but Granger were elected unanimously by the council on April 15. A treasurer could not be elected at that time because no one had been nominated for the position. Granger was elected treasurer on May 11. Mehta, Gittins, and Olson took office at that time. Brown will assume office today because he has been out of town. Outgoing President Anand Mehta G. has continued in that position in Brown’s absence.

GSC officers are elected to separate terms by the council, which is made up of departmental, living group, and large representative groups. Each department is represented by one member for every 100 graduate students, with a minimum of two and a maximum of five representatives per department. Each living group selects one representative, and there are five positions held at-large.

The GSC also maintains several committees whose members are not necessarily council representatives and fills graduate student appointments to institute committees.

New officers look ahead

Brown hopes to involve more people in student government next year. He also hopes the GSC will “continue to be a strong advocate for graduate students, not only for special interest groups.”

An important role for the GSC is to “create a community” where students can work, said Gittins. “People are here to do research, and their research is their work,” he said. “We can’t just be the way to judge next year’s GSC leadership. He observed that only a small number of the Council’s seats are filled and some departments are not even represented. Gittins also stressed the importance of maintaining graduate student representation on Institute committees.

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Students in the middle of financial aid appeals and to students who experienced delays in obtaining additional documentation.

Although those students’ decisions will be coming in within the next few weeks, the financial aid office will not run its final data analysis until after Registration Day in the fall, Hudson added.

Class demographics within norm

Despite an incomplete class, the College Board test score statistics and demographics of the incoming class have already taken shape. The addition of another 100 students will not greatly affect the current calculations, according to Bebek. The average Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) math score was received from last year’s 738 out of 800 to 742 for the incoming class. The SAT verbal average fell from 624 out of 800 to 617. The average of both Math and verbal entrance test scores was 750 out of 800, down from 752 last year. Among students whose high schools provided a class ranking, 32 percent ranked number one, down from 35 percent. Fully 88 percent of the Class of 1997 ranked within the top 5 percent.

The proportion of females fell slightly, from 37 percent to 36 percent. The class is broken race by race as follows: African-American, two percent; Hispanic, two percent; Native American, two percent; Asian-American, six percent; and Jewish, six percent. Among students to whom Harvard was the number one choice, 52 percent were Asian-American, 35 percent were white, 11 percent were black, and 1 percent were Hispanic. Also, 57 percent were domestic students and 53 percent were international students, whose race is not reported.

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