



Harvard Graduate Council
The Representative Body for All of Harvard's Graduate and Professional Students

HGC General Assembly Meeting Minutes (Proposed)
2016 / 09 / 27

Harvard Business School, Aldrich Hall – Room 108

1. General introductions for members in attendance
2. Peter on Harvard Alumni Association
 - a. Graduate student outreach is a high priority for them this year; we can help them connect with graduating students and stay connected through advisory council
 - b. HAA is also a great resource for sponsoring events, contributing funds
 - c. Potential to connect student special interest groups with post-graduation groups
3. Kevin on the HUIT Initiative
 - a. Coordinates IT services across the university
 - b. Roll out of dual authentication update (mandatory after Oct. 19th)
 - c. Harvard Appathon – Large Event Cash Prizes (Deadline Sept. 30th Oct 2nd)
 - Hackathon for mobile app Oct 8-9. No programming experience required.
 - App Platform developed by Modo Labs (Harvard Thrive app)
 - 1st Place = \$3000, 2nd Place = \$1500
 - www.modolabs.com/appathon-2016/
 - <https://www.facebook.com/events/183050465434075/>
4. Elections for President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary
 - a. President – Peter Dyrud voted in Unanimously (12 votes)
 - Peter Dyrud (Unopposed)
 - b. Vice President – Simeon Bochev voted in Unanimously (12 votes)
 - Simeon Bochev (Unopposed)
 - c. Secretary – No candidates. Election postponed to next meeting.
 - d. Treasurer – Kevin Tian voted in Unanimously (11 votes at time of vote, 1 delayed)
 - Kevin Tian (Unopposed)
5. Events and initiatives on the Horizon
 - a. Halloween Party (HKS)
 - HGC interested in partnering with school(s) to put on event
 - Carla from GSD already has event well into planning - 10/21/16
 - HBS, HMS, HDSM also have parties being organized

- b. Harvard–Yale Tailgate
 - Previous years has been organized independently or in collaboration with HSPH. HSPH organizing one at present, Abhinav to report back on status
 - Graduate Student Tickets cost \$50 -\$75
 1. Are tickets are too expensive?
 2. Option to advocate through the Provost office and/or subsidize tickets directly
 3. Simeon to send letter on issues raised regarding ticket pricing; the Council gave its tacit approval for the initiative
 - c. A Safari Dinner
 - Three-course meal (appetizers, main course, dessert) with food prepared at a single house (with many houses) but with rotating “guest” groups for each course
 - Enables sharing parts of a meal with different students across Harvard
 - d. Lectures that Last (February) – TED-style talks from across Harvard
 - e. Leadership Conference (April) – External speakers brought in for 1-day conference on leadership
 - f. Masquerade Ball (February 11) – Currently being planned by HES, formal ball bringing students from across Harvard
 - g. Sexual Assault & Harassment Initiative (November)
 - Convening of student leaders and related administrative offices to support the addressing of Sexual Assault
 - Currently being planned by Natalie Wang /Lola Fagbami
 - h. 5K Run (March/April) – opportunity to involve students and staff, take donations
 - i. Google doc suggested as platform for volunteering sign ups by Mike Costello
6. Open Floor
- a. Robin Ladd requested discussion on Childcare Reimbursement for speakers for babysitting services
 - b. Mark Zaki requested discussion on involvement with Harvard University Dining Services (HUDS) workers strike
 - Peter requested a fact sheet for the situation
 - c. Abhinav Reddy requested discussion on the Grad Student Union (HGSU-UAW)
 - Marshall mentions fact sheet provided by GSAS Dean. Abhinav mentions HGSU-UAW response
 - d. Andrey Berezin suggested partnering with Peoples’ Friendship University of Russia
 - e. Oliver Curtis requested the HGC to address/write a letter regarding the (internal) renaming of Columbus Day to Indigenous People Day. Pointed out Cambridge has already done so, but Harvard has not

In attendance:

- Provost's Office:
 - Marshall Page
- GSAS:
 - Peter Dyrud*
- GSD
 - Carla Ferrer Llorca*
 - Oliver Curtis
 - Natalie Wang
- HBS
 - Simeon Bochev*
 - David Chan
 - Krishna Rajendran
 - Oyku Akkaya
 - Mike Contillo
- HDS
 - Sana Saeed*
 - Steven Nunez
- HES:
 - Misan Oteri*
 - Tracie Gordon
 - La'Toya Jackson
 - Henry Moodie
 - Andrey Berezin
- HGSE:
 - Sylvia Brodbeck*
- HKS:
 - Faheem Rathore*
- HLS:
 - Robin Ladd*
- HMS:
 - Mark Zaki*
- HSDM:
 - Samuel Lee*
- HSPH:
 - Abhinav Reddy*
- SEAS:
 - Kevin Tian*

* Voting Representative