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

HGC General Assembly Agenda

November 7th, 2016 from 7:30 to 9:30pm

Harvard Law School, Wasserstein Hall, Room 1010

Welcome & Socialize

Open Forum

President and Vice President - *Peter and Simeon*

- New Introductions-*Peter*
- Exec Update-*Simeon*
- Partnership Opportunities with Harvard Athletics-*Nick Majocho*
 - Discussed the possibility of a better dialogue with HGC. Discounted tickets, a dedicated section at the H/Y game and future opportunities to work together. Would like HGC to work on other ideas in which we can get together and create a better dialogue. Please forward any ideas/suggestions to nmajocho@fas.harvard.edu.

Governance—*Robin*

- Robin presented the proposed voting procedure outline and suggested we use such going forward. The voting procedures were accepted unanimously.

Finance Update—*Kevin*

- The budget is fixed. There will be adjustments during the year, but we will use this as is until tweaks are made for different events. Kevin will be meeting with Marshall to discuss final guidelines. Kevin made a motion to approve the Budget, it was seconded by Simeon. Approved unanimously. No further action until meeting with Marshall.

Events—*Krishna & Sana*

- Krishna discussed a need for creating a survey within each school (reps to send around a survey of sorts) to solicit professors for LTL. Would like to look at a number of structures for the LTL, whether full on Ted Talk, limited to 5 or 10 minutes per professor. Round table or combination of both. In any event volunteers and speakers are still needed. WED will proceed a location is set and Andrey will discuss more.
- Sana is working on Leadership in a time of crisis? Leadership Conference will be held April 8, 2017 - a Saturday.
- Oyku is leading the charge for the Food Festival (w/Krishna), Tracie will help.

Advocacy—*Natalie*

- David Chan discussed the progress on the Climate Change initiative and a formal proposal on our collective position is in development. First Climate Change Initiative was spring 2015. David suggested the initiative take place in the Spring 2017 (HUSE?). The main organizers need to come up with a budget. School Reps Contact different

professors in different schools, for panelists and put them in touch with David Chan or vice versa.

- Natalie has not met with Mike Contillo, but has discussed the SupraBoard initiative with another school rep. She is working on an approach to the various schools in this area.
- Student Leader Convening on Addressing Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment at Harvard held was held on November 5th, there are about 9 (school groups) with representation.
- Natalie presented Nino Monea’s referendum outlining the HLS’s position on Indigenous Peoples’ Day name change initiative. Natalie made a motion for HGC to write a letter in support of such a name change, Faheem seconded, motion passed unanimously. The council requested a change in language and voted to base the letter on the presented referendum with some minor word changes and vote on the corrected position prior to the next meeting.

Information—*Andrey & La’Toya*

- Andrey showed the updated site and discussed the need for council member bios. Also, the importance of making the website the first and most important place for students to go for information in regards to HGC and Events.
- La’Toya discussed the new blogsite and other social media initiatives, progress.
- H/Y game update is now included on the site.

Adjourn

Next Council Meeting: Monday, November 21st at 7:30pm, Longview - Toteson Medical Education Center, room 227(260 Longwood Avenue).

In Attendance:

GSAS	Peter Dyrud, President, GSAS Voting Rep
GSD	Carla Ferrer Llorca, GSD Voting Rep
	Natalie Wang, Chair of Advocacy and Diversity
HBS	Simeon Bochev, Vice President, HBS Voting Rep
	Krishna Rajendran, Chair of Events
	David Chan
	Okyu Akkaya
HCSPH	<i>[not represented]</i>
HDS	Aric Fleming, HDS Voting Rep
	Sana Saeed, Chair for Social Engagement
HES	Christopher Nagle, HES Voting Rep, HES Director of Student Activities
	Tracie Gordon, Chair of Internal Operations, HES Director of Events
	Andrey Berezin, Chair of Information
	La’Toya Jackson, Vice Chair for Communications
	Payum Noshiravan
HGSE	Sam Sharma, HGSE Co-President, HGSE Voting Rep
HKS	Faheem Rathore, HKS Voting Rep

HLS	Robin Ladd, Chair for Governance, HLS Voting Rep
HMS	Mark Zaki, HMS Voting Rep
HSDM	Jacob Emge, HSDM Co-President, Surrogate HSDM Voting Rep
SEAS	Kevin Tian, Chair of Finance, SEAS Voting Rep, SEAS Co-President