



HARVARD GRADUATE COUNCIL

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THE HARVARD GRADUATE COUNCIL

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

HGC Full Board Meeting

February 27, 2016 from 7:30 to 9:30pm

Tosteson Medical Education Center (TMEC), room 227

Longwood Campus at 260 Longwood Ave, Boston

Open Forum (7:30 - 7:40)

- 1) Simeon stated last time during open forum we voted to support the resolution from the Law School- on the leadership selection committee for selecting the new Dean for the Law School- updates: students are very involved and is still in the process of selections for the Law School Dean.
- 2) April 22nd- a March for Science and they are in the early planning stages
- 3) March for Climate on April 29th- and Climate week is April 24th-28th- Climate week is going to be added on the newsletter within the HGC website- the event is being finalized and they are going to launch it on their own website as well

President and Vice President - Peter and Simeon (7:40 – 7:55)

- Executive Updates- President (Peter) update-
 - Vice Chair for Student Groups – Dexton introduced himself and the voting took place. Dexton was the only one running for the position, and the majority of the council votes YES to vote him in for position of Vice Chair for Student Groups.
 - Remarks about Lectures That Last- Lectures that Last turned out to be a great success, and the audience really enjoyed the lectures as well as the information they learned from the guest speakers.
 - Masquerade Ball- The Masquerade Ball (organized by a separate planning committee) is not going as planned, and there is still worry about ticket sales. Concerns brought up by Executive Board members included lack of organization and marketing, as well as inclusion of non-Harvard students. Reps expressed general support for the event and stated they have been trying to market but the ticket price is too high for many of their students. There are currently 500-600 tickets sold and about 1,000 would be needed to break even.
 - Next meeting and election date- The next meeting and election date falls on April 3rd for new positions.
 - SupraBoards Update- Simeon is waiting on the representatives of HGC for the different schools to gather the list of clubs so they are all interconnected through the HGC website. This is meant to join all the Harvard University Clubs so they are all connected and create a community sense within the student body of Harvard University. This also keep everything very organized and easily available for all sorts of things either for information, sign-up sheets, e-mails, events, flyers, etc.-. all for the benefit of the students and easily being able to contact them and their groups.

Finance Update—Kevin (7:55 - 8:05)

- Budget updates- Based on the previous debts from a couple of years ago, Kevin, is still trying to figure out how to pay for the debts, because there is an issue with the disbursement of the money- but Kevin said he'll be taking care of the issue.
- Lectures that Last was a very good turn out- \$3,100 (three thousand one hundred dollars) accumulated total expense costs with a projected budget of \$5,000 (five thousand dollars) - This was under budget and the venue was free that hosted the Lectures that Last.
- Lastly, the Harvard IT meeting is on April 21st- the meeting will be held near the Science Center- Kevin says that if anybody wants to attend the meeting they can contact him after the meeting and he'll put them on the list to join the meeting.

Events—Krishna & Aaron (8:05-8:35) *(Aaron absent)*

- Lectures that Last – Report- Krishna stated that the Lectures that Last was a successful event and it also has very good feedback.
- European Conference – Report- the European conference needs volunteers, banners, and want to set up a stall in order to inform people at the event as well as capture their attentions.
- Upcoming events- The International Food Festival is coming up mid-month of April 2017.- MJ has volunteered to run the event.
- HLC- Harvard Graduate Council Leadership Conference- This event is running on April 8th.- There is still room for more professors from a variety of backgrounds and professions to come and speak. It should only be about 10 minutes per person. The reason why the name had to change is because of the trademark issues that HGC had to go through.

Advocacy—Natalie (8:35-8:50)

- General update- The Executive Order Letter has been approved and made visible.

Operations and Governance—Tracie & Amjad (8:50 - 9:10)

- Update on Committee- The Constitution and Bylaws are in their final stages. The committee has been notified and reached out to. Everybody has their own set of schedules so MJ will be using the web conference program ZOOM in order to gather everybody's input.- This will also include aspects of the Harvard Undergraduate Council.
- Update on Possible Commencement Event (Post.Harvard)- Tracie requested a Post.Harvard volunteer committee and is looking into it. Once all the logistics have been worked out she will present it to the Executive board.
- Tracie also requested that HGC throw its support behind HKS and HEVO and HEES's Veterans Impact Day event. The event will support veterans and incorporate literacy into the program. The event will include the Honor Guard and many veterans. It will take place at the American Legion Marsh Post 442. This event will have food and drinks, and it will be a family atmosphere.
- Website Timeline- The website timeline will consist of pictures of events and a description of what happened and all to be stored in a folder so when you click on them they would pop up. This is a phenomenal way of keeping track of a historical timeline for HGC. The work is almost complete and will be a permanent record for future HGC Committees.
- Feedback on Banners/T-Shirts- The T-Shirts and banners were also successful because everybody likes them, and they captured people's attention.

Information—Andrey & La'Toya (9:10 - 9:20)

- Update of Website- Andrey has asked many times for the website to be updated with everybody's picture and bios. Please submit.
- Newsletter

Adjourn

Next Full Council Meeting: Monday, March 20 at 7:30pm, CGIS South S020

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HKS	[not represented]	
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