



HARVARD GRADUATE COUNCIL

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THE HARVARD GRADUATE COUNCIL

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

HGC General Assembly Agenda

February 13, 2016 from 7:30 to 9:30pm

CGIS South Building (1730 Cambridge St) Room S020

Minutes written by Amjad & Tracie

Welcome & Socialize (7:30-7:40)

Open Forum (7:45 - 7:50)

- (Referendum Letter to the Dean of the Law School: 10 votes yes, 1 abstain School of Public Health)
- (Talked about recent event for Executive Order from the Kennedy School, people involved are both Professors and Students- talking about how it affects them, etc.)
- PETER GOT ENGAGED! CONGRATULATIONS!
- Masquerade ball Ticket update- Valentine's Day sale for the tickets- Reach out to Andrey or Aaron
- Introductions to new visitors- talked about photography about lectures that last event

President and Vice President - *Peter and Simeon* (7:50 - 8:15)

- Executive Updates
 - Aaron Roe - Vice Chair Social Engagement (vote)
 - Introduction-Talked about his background and experience, 11 votes are yes, 1 abstain from School of Public Health
 - Amjad Faqouseh - Chair of Governance (vote)
 - Introduction- Talked about background and experience, 10 votes are yes, 1 abstain Divinity School
 - New Position - USG (potential vote)
 - Proposition for new executive position Vice Chair of Student Groups- Helping with the events in the future and administer the student groups program- Proposal either an election or an E-Vote, and have a 2nd person charged for finances on the board.
 - Lack of ticket sales for Masquerade Ball- Misan
 - Raffle ticket giveaway

- Not enough ticket sales- cannot maintain over 20% of ticket sales and needs to decrease amount of enthusiasm and ticket sales.
 - Flyers are at Staples, and need volunteers to pass them up
 - Last minute marketing strategy still vague and not in place
 - Concerns of marketing from board member and not being on social media such as twitter
 - Is not as well-known as needed in order for ticket sales
 - Number of tickets sold are 365 tickets sold out of 2,500, and tickets are unknown as to whom is 21+ which shows a lack of organization
 - Idea is to have ONE HARVARD and other schools around Boston is necessary if need be to sell tickets
 - HUID + guest for ticket sales (can bring one guest to the Harvard Party)- by using the Harvard E-mail.- Cannot authenticate the Harvard e-mail which poses a problem for the committee.
 - Budget includes performance, e.t.c according to Misan
 - Seems unorganized and needs help for event to sell tickets
 - Last minute Marketing strategy proposed by MJ, and flash sale by Misan- but still Misan showing need for volunteers to increase ticket sales- shows lack of marketing and organization and exposure to Harvard Students
 - Valentine's Day Bash was a success- and eventbrite was very successful to show up!
 - HAA Engagement
 - Meeting with Provost update (see above)
 - New Banners/Logos- (see below)
 - CODOS Meeting
 - GSE - hosting annual Latin American Conference. Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 8:30am-6:30pm at Longfellow Hall.

Finance Update—Kevin (8:15 - 8:25)

- Overview and Q&A
- Student IT Advisory Board -
 - HUIT/Canvas - Friday the 17th
- Revised Budget - presentation and vote
 - Event Basis Sponsorship- brought up by Misan- explained give away through a sponsored trip to travel through plane.

Events—Krishna & Aaron (8:25-8:50)

- Grad Night at Harvard Men's Basketball vs Brown University on Saturday 2/25. Tickets [here](#)
- Review of upcoming events
 - Masquerade Ball (see above)
 - Leadership (see above)
 - Lectures that Last (see above)
- Update on Dinners
- Update on Guidelines & Procedures

Advocacy—Natalie (8:50-9:10)

- Natalie spoke about the letter and how Harvard is concerned about our generation and how the future deems necessary for diversification and unification.- Concerns with the particular words such as “truth”, “our communities”- the votes are as follows: to take out the statement= 1 yes, 7 no, and 3 abstain, “vexing”- affecting to be used instead- 6 votes for affecting- 4 no, and 2 abstain, “country and rest of the world”- this term came from polarization and the impact of the election which wasn’t necessarily impacting polarization within rest of the world.- it seemed out of scope- the votes were as follows: to remove the phrase “the rest of the world” = 8 votes yes, and 4 abstain, were dealt with particular words within the letter, and were changed throughout within the board by voting on particular words to be used. Particular language was needed to be changed in order to have a much more smooth transition on the letter to represent the student body without an issue with the use of words in a political spectrum.
- The corrected and edited version of the letter had the following votes: FOR a corrected and edited version by council approval has 11 votes and 1 abstain, School of Public Health absence. Later voted in favor through email.
- HLS shield needed to be modified for the Law School and re-submitted
- Crimson newspaper was there taking notes and listening in on the conversation
- SupraBoards Update - tabled
- Graduate student union update - tabled
- Vote for approval of formal HGC language in response to EO - Passed by Majority Vote - eVote sent and voted on by Public Health - Vote passed unanimously.
- Climate Change Initiative Update - *David* (5min)- 24th-28th of April Harvard Climate Week, Director of Natural Resources Keynote coming to spread the word, and needed help from HGC as well as other clubs to spread the word for the awareness of the opportunity to get involved for panel to see and talk about environmental policy, procedure, and protocol.

Operations and Governance—Simeon & Tracie (9:10 - 9:20)

- Update on Committee (Simeon)
- Update on Banners/T-shirts (Tracie)
 - Possible Vote on Banner Design
 - This was decided by the student Council. The banner that was decided by majority vote was banner #1
 - Possible Vote on T-Shirt Design
 - The t-shirt design was wanting to be with 2 designs put into 1, with design #1 and #2. The majority of the vote with t-shirt design #1
 - The council members liked the design not be both sided, but it would have been double the cost, and discussion as to what colors are to be used weren’t talked about due to time constraint

Information—*Andrej & La'Toya* (9:20 - 9:30)

- Update of Website- *Andre* (5min)
- Newsletter - *La'Toya* (5min)

Adjourn

Next Council Meeting: Monday, February 27th at 7:30pm, [Longwood Campus \(TBD\)](#)

GSAS	Peter Dyrud, HGC President, GSAS Lead Rep Nava Gharaei Vanesa Levine
GSD	Carla Ferrer-Llorca, GSD Lead Rep Natalie Wang, HGC Chair of Advocacy & Diversity Oliver Curtis Antonios Thodis
HBS	Simeon Bochev, HGC Vice President, HBS Lead Rep Krishna Rajendran, HGC Chair of Events Oyku Akkaoya
HDS	Evelyn Nam, HDS Lead Rep
HES	Christopher Nagle, HES Lead Rep (remote) Tracie Gordon, HGC Chair of Internal Operations Amjad Faqouseh, HGC Chair for Governance Aaron Roe, HGC Vice Chair for Social Engagement Andrey Berexin, HGC Chair of Information LaToya Jackson, HGC Chair of Communications Misan Oteri, HES President Payum Nashiravan April Parker Melissa Sherifi Poornima Peins
HGSE	Lyndsay Pinkus, HGSE Lead Rep, HGSE Co-President
HKS	Faheem Rathore, HKS, Lead Rep
HLS	Robin Ladd, HLS Lead Rep
HMS	Mark Zaki, HMS, Lead Rep

HSDM	Stacey Rogers, HSDM Lead Rep
HSPH	<i>[Not Represented]</i>
SEAS	Kevin Tian, HGC Chair of Finance, SEAS Co-President, SEAS Lead Rep
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