



# 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

March 20, 2016 from 7:30 to 9:30pm

CGIS South Room S020

### Open Forum (7:30-7:40)

### President and Vice President - *Peter and Simeon* (7:40-7:50)

- Executive Updates

- Structural changes: each of six functions now a Chair and Vice Chair
- April 3 election updates

- Primary Voting Reps from Schools

Mike Contillo requested clarification as to whether there is a mechanism to restrict members from any one school from acting as voting rep in lieu of actual rep and asked about elections. Simeon mentioned that primary voting reps can run for any open position; if none wish to run any other member or student can run for position. Peter explained former rules of four voting reps from schools all acting as voting reps led to discontent, in summary the new design as set by Provost's Office is now 1 voting rep per school with up to 3 identified alternatives; the Executive Board must be notified in advance who will be voting in voting rep's absence. President and Vice President must be official Voting Reps from other schools (graduate students). Five positions will be held for Fall Elections due to school dynamics. HES is unique in that it is both a grad and undergrad school; Tracie requested specifically to make the case that HES President is Undergrad therefore not eligible for Pres, Vice President, positions, which are specifically reserved for grad students. (Will speak more to this in Governance section of meeting).

- Superboards update

Simeon reiterated that we are very close to our goal of attaining a full Superboards roster and asked that those still not created please reach out to

schools and take the few minutes to complete. Any current voting reps are encouraged to speak to their individual school president and/or boards if they wish to retain their positions. Dexon will continue to work on this and reach out across Harvard to have this completed.

### **Finance Update—Kevin & Dexon (7:50-8:00)**

- Budget updates  
The Lectures that Last event came in under budget.  
Outstanding Debt has been settled (\$1400). Transportation was not acceptable, therefore not satisfied.  
Masquerade Ball update - No update to date.

### **Events—Krishna & Aaron (8:00-8:15)**

- Upcoming events
  - Leadership Conference -  
April 8th, have over 15 speakers, looking to add one or two speakers. Need help marketing the event. Combine with Aaron's Case Competition after event.
  - Small Group Dinners  
Very good sign ups presently. 500 people from 9 different schools are interested.
  - International Food Festival  
We will be having a phone conversation about licensing, etc. Once the permit/licensing is resolved we will set a date.

### **Advocacy—Natalie (8:15-8:20)**

- General update  
Suggestion for schools to include behavior and safety reminders on event ticketing  
Make sure there is accountability at all events with tickets having wording regarding safe spaces. A vote was placed as to whether HGC would include wording on their events. The wording should be included in all event ticketing per Natalie. The agreed upon statement, which can be modified is "We remind our students that the \_\_\_x\_\_ is an event sponsored by a student organization of Harvard University. We expect our students and guests to comply with relevant HGC policies, including those pertaining to sexual and gender-based harassment."  
There was a short discussion on the various advocacy events President Faust's office has initiated, including one at the Law School.  
Natalie asked for a vote and it was seconded by Simeon. The vote passed with one abstention. Mike Contillo asked for clarification on who are / are not Voting Reps.  
Placards were secured to make voting easier.
- Potential collaboration with schools for safe space events.  
Request made that all schools include same type of language.

### **Operations and Governance—Tracie & Amjad (8:20-9:25)**

- Update on possible commencement event (Post.Harvard) Onesie Harvard Appathon

Hackathon discussion located at the SOCH - Tuesday and Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup>.

- Vice Chair for Diversity (Nominations and Vote)  
Vice Chair for Diversity discussion by candidates and vote.  
Payum Noshiravan  
Vanessa Levine  
Mike Contillo - New Vice Chair.
- Constitution and Bylaws presentation and discussion.  
Peter thanked MJ for the work he put into pulling together the Document. He briefly highlighted several areas. Simeon also clarified various areas. There was discussion around a few specific board positions, however, Peter and Simeon, clarified this is an initial draft and Peter, Simeon and Kevin will be reviewing in detail and make some light revisions as needed before sending out to full board as needed. They ask that we wait for the revised document before sending in suggested changes. Simeon reiterated that he believe HES Undergrads should fight for a position on the HUC.

### **Information—Andrey & La'Toya (9:25-9:30)**

- Update on website - Andrey stated website is updated, please send any updates by email and he will address it as received. Peter requested other activities be posted to HGC website, send to Andrey so they can be included.
- Newsletter - La'Toya informed all that her Masq. Ball article appeared in the Gaszette, and to please post anything you'd like to include in newsletter to the google form on the HGC website. Simeon suggested that she included the election in the newsletter.

### **Adjourn**

**Next Council Meeting: Monday, April 3 at 7:30pm, Aldrich Hall Room 209, Harvard Business School**

School	Name	Position
GSAS	Peter Dyrud	President, Voting Rep
GSD	Oliver Curtis	Substitute Voting Rep
	Natalie Wang	Chair for Advocacy
HBS	Simeon Bochev	Vice President, Voting Rep
	Krishna Rajandran	Chair for Governance
	Mike Contillo	
	David Chan	
HDS	Aric Fleming	Voting Rep
	Steve Nunez	

HES	Chris Nagle	Voting Rep (remote)
	Tracie Gordon	Chair of Internal Operations
	Amjad Faqouseh	Chair for Governance
	Andrey Berezin	Chair of Information
	Dexton Goh	Vice Chair for Student Groups (remote)
	La'Toya Jackson	Vice Chair for Communications
	Jasmin Frankel	
	Melisa Sherifi	
	Vanessa Levine	
	Payum Noshiravan	
	Suphapriya Roy	
HGSE	Lyndsay Pinkus	Voting Rep
HKS	<i>[not represented]</i>	
HLS	Joseph Gallardo	Substitute Voting Rep
HMS	Mark Zaki	Voting Rep
HSDM	Stacey Rogers	Voting Rep
HSPH	Megan Huang	Substitute Voting Rep
SEAS	Kevin Tian	Chair of Finance, Voting Rep, SEAS Co-President