



# 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 Meeting Agenda

**September 11, 2017 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm**

Center for Government and International Studies (CGIS), Room S020 (Belfer Case Study Room)

1737 Cambridge St., Cambridge

### **Welcome and Roll Call – Kevin & Aric (7:00-7:10)**

### **Organization Introduction – Kevin (7:10-7:20)**

- Background, organization, organizational structure, definition and description of all board functions.
- We follow Robert's Rules of Order
- Each meeting will provide updates and agendas
- Meetings are Bi-weekly
- Each school – 1 rep –up to 3 additional reps.
  - Attend and participate
  - Vote on behalf of school
  - Act as primary liaison
  - Facilitate marketing of our events and communicate
  - Listen to community and inform us
  - Volunteer for a committee/event
  - Innovate – share new ideas.

### **Executive Updates and Summer Recap – Kevin & Aric (7:20-7:40)**

- School Orientations and Summer/Fall Planning
- External Committees and Events (HILT, HUIT, Ivy+)
  - HILT Conference:
    - <https://hilt.harvard.edu/conference>
    - Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 8:30am - 2:30pm
      - Registration deadline Thurs 9/14
    - Wasserstein Hall

- HUIT
  - Interest committee that deals with technology across university
  - Committee meets twice a semester
  - Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 12pm-1pm @ ScienceCenter Room 142.02 next meeting
  - Contact Shannon Rice <[srice@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:srice@fas.harvard.edu)> for details/joining (cc: president@hgc.harvard.edu)
- Ivy + Summit Planning Updates– Gathering of Graduate student leaders – open only to Executive Board members of graduate student governments. Consists of Ivy League plus MIT and U Chicago, hosted at Harvard this year.
- Presidential Search Committee
  - President Faust is stepping down at end of year
  - Begin considering what student body / school wants to see in the next University President. Will begin taking action later in semester.

**Internal Updates (8:10-8:20) – Kevin & Tracie**

- Student Representative Updates
  - Please send updates of full student government exec boards to [internal@hgc.harvard.edu](mailto:internal@hgc.harvard.edu)
- Elections for Executive Board
  - All Vice Chairs, Chairs of Advocacy and Events Open
  - <https://hgc.harvard.edu/elections>
  - Announce intent to run by e-mailing: [president@hgc.harvard.edu](mailto:president@hgc.harvard.edu), [vp@hgc.harvard.edu](mailto:vp@hgc.harvard.edu), and [internal@hgc.harvard.edu](mailto:internal@hgc.harvard.edu).
- 3 minutes speech (PowerPoint optional) & 3 -5 minutes Q&A.
- Dexton asked to change constitutional requirement for Undergrads – Kevin Tables it for Open Forum.

**Events Updates –Payum, Alexis/La'Toya, Christina, Kevin (8:20-8:50)**

- Welcome Back Event – 150 student tickets “sold”
- Lectures that Last - Science Center
- Worldwide Week and International Food Festival – October 22
  - Alexis – reaching out to local vendors to participate and - 2<sup>nd</sup> event for HGC – offering cultural items – diverse – La'Toya – having a tent in Science Center Plaza – looking for student groups
  - La'Toya – looking for student performers – reached out to undergraduate student groups. –form to fill out for those interested.

Each group 10-12 minutes to perform.

- Music Entrepreneurship Conference – Christina Sookhoo -11/4th & 5<sup>th</sup> – World Artist United. Rodney Jerkins will be at the Conference. People in the industry who actually understand the industry. Mindset, building teams and how to share your content. Have many volunteer positions – many opportunities.

**Finance Updates – Sam & Dexton (8:50-9:05)**

- HGC Budget - \$33,000 dollar budget. Full approval to be given next meeting
- USG & Superboards Update – Dexton – More than a spreadsheet – wants to expand this and bring all people together cross – participation from like groups.

**Advocacy Updates – Mike, Kevin & Aric (9:05-9:20)**

- Natalie Wang – Recap of events through advocacy
  - Student Unionization – Protest for Staff and Cafeteria Workers – Created Platform Statements – Indigenous Peoples Day –
  - Opened board up for discussions school
  - Worked with Title IX office – event’s formal statement – having all schools use this statement on all event invites. Formalized statement to President Faust on position from Harvard Graduate Schools.
- Motion to open discussion on DACA unanimously passes with three abstentions – GSAS, HKS and GSD.
- DACA – Creating Spaces for these students – had a rally in front of John Harvard Statue – created feeling banners(ribbons) – writing statements and hanging them. – Students are currently, clearly under threat. Urged President Faust to support these students. Medical School would like to initiate a formal statement – Chris – Clarification – Nat – Preliminary Draft.
- Show of hands is this board interested in beginning to think about writing a statement on behalf of DACA. – Open to all perspectives – Kevin – we have been fortunate in creating these with full support of voting reps and schools.

**Information & Communications Updates – Akinwande, La’Toya (9:20-9:30)**

- Status of Communications & Website – Change the way of how we distribute information – harvardevents.today example website.  
<[information@hgc.harvard.edu](mailto:information@hgc.harvard.edu)>
- Crimson/Gazette <[communications@hgc.harvard.edu](mailto:communications@hgc.harvard.edu)>
  - Establishing Newsletter Committee – Seeking 1 or 2 people to assist with communications –

- Established communications with Crimson – they will cover our election in two weeks. Established a relationship with the Gazette. Covered Black Convocation. Any events covered in your school – she can cover them in your school or if you want to submit the article – La'Toya will submit them.

### Open Forum (8:50-9:00)

- Open Discussion on the number of HES Undergraduates allowed on HGC – Still open for discussions. Next Meeting is in 2 weeks.

Meeting adjourned 8:45pm

Name	Position	School
Kevin Tian	HGC President & GSAS Rep	GSAS
Aric Fleming	HGC Vice President, HDS 2 <sup>nd</sup>	HDS
Tracie Gordon	HGC Chair of Internal Operations, HES –Dir. Of Clubs	HES
Sam Pun	Chair of Finance	HGC
Dexton Goh	Vice Chair of Student Groups	HES
Akinwande Lalude	Chair of Information	HGC
La'Toya Jackson	Vice Chair of Communications	HES
Natalie Wang	Chair of Advocacy	GSD
Paul Tylkir		GSAS/SEAS
Saraf Nawar		GSAS/SEAS
Samuel Matthews	GSD – Lead	GSD
Krishna Rajendran	HBS – Lead	HBS
Steve Nunez	HDS – Lead	HDS
Alexis Williams		HES
Catherine Dondero		HES
Christina Sookhoo		HES
Christopher Nagle	HES – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	HES
Natalie Le		HES
Payum Noshiravan		HES
Josue Lavanderia	HGSE – Lead	HGSE
Amanda Lee	HLS – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	HLS
Robert Seaney		HLS
Sam Spearman	HLS - Lead	HLS
Mark Zaki	HMS Lead – (in abstentia) – email	HMS
Stacey Rogers	HSDM – Lead	HSDM
Lin Nyugen	HSPH – Lead	HSPH