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**November 22, 2021, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm**

Meeting Zoom recording:

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**Location:**

For those attending in-person, the general body meeting will take place in the **Ames Courtroom** in **Austin Hall, Harvard Law School** (1515 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA 02138). Upon arrival, our HLS reps (Joan) will provide a brief **tour** of the law school, **starting promptly at 6:30 PM in front of Austin Hall (under the three arches)**. To enter the Ames Courtroom for the meeting starting at 7 PM, folks can approach from the front of the building (under the three arches), and the HLS Reps will let them in and take them via elevator or stairs to the **2nd floor** where Ames Courtroom is. To learn more about Austin Hall before arriving, here is the website on it: <https://hls.harvard.edu/dept/facilities/buildings-overview/austin-hall/>. **Those who are remote will have the opportunity to participate via Zoom with the information below (starting at 6:55 pm).**

Janet Park is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: 11/22 HGC Gen Body Meeting (at HLS)

Time: Nov 22, 2021 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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### **IMPORTANT INFO REGARDING ATTENDANCE:**

We require in-person attendance of a minimum of one rep from each school for schools that are currently conducting classes in-person (all other additional reps from that school may attend in-person or remotely if they wish). If you are from a school that conducts classes in-person and you cannot attend the meeting in person, PLEASE forward the meeting calendar invite & meeting agenda to your **PROXY** and email [operations@hgc.harvard.edu](mailto:operations@hgc.harvard.edu) and [governance@hgc.harvard.edu](mailto:governance@hgc.harvard.edu) by **SUNDAY, 11/21, at NOON**. Otherwise, we will expect that you will be in attendance in person. If your school's enrollment policies are in-person and a rep or proxy is not in attendance at general council in-person, votes cast via Zoom will not be counted and your school will be considered absent. The only schools who may attend fully remotely are HES and HGSE (consistent with some of their current program's remote enrollment policies). Please let Janet know if the school rep(s) from your school have to attend the meeting virtually also by **SUNDAY, 11/21, at NOON**, and we can make accommodations.

### **Meal Reimbursements:**

Meals eaten on the evening of Monday, November 22nd (either before or after our HGC meeting) will be reimbursed up to \$20.00. If you would like to reimburse your meal, please fill out this form: <https://hgc.harvard.edu/reimbursement>

**I. HLS School Tour (6:30 pm - 6:55 pm)**

**-Meet in front of Austin Hall (under the three arches)**

**II. Roll Call and Welcome – *Peter & Himaja* (7:00 pm - 7:20 pm)**

Schools	First Name	Last Name	Individual Present?	School Present?
SEAS	Mark	York	yes	Yes
GSAS	Anna	Walker		Yes
	Michael	Cheng		
	Nikita	Kupko	yes	
	Tammy	Lan		
HLS	Joan	Josiah		Yes
	Gabrielle (Gabe)	Crofford	yes	
	Ivanka	Canzius		
HBS (HBSSA)	Brian	Ratajczak	No	No
	Kyle	Blank	No	
	Vivek	Agarwal	No	
HSDM	Subin	Jeong	yes	Yes
HES (HESA)	Brett	Monson	Yes	Yes
	Jim	Smith	yes	

HKS (KSSG)	Camille	Choe	Yes - 7:31 PM	
	Jordan	Biggers	No (remotely attending as of 8:09 PM)	Yes
HSPH (HCSA)	Natasha	Matthews	yes	yes
HMS	Marta	Williams	Yes (left at 8:50)	
	Michael	Liu		yes
	Divya	Singh		
HGSE	Parisa	Loftis Hamm	yes	yes
GSD	Aeshna	Prasad	No (remotely attending)	No
HDS	Mayank	Kumar	yes	yes

2. Quorum in attendance: Yes
3. Approval of the Agenda
  - 3.1. Approval of the Agenda - **MOVED** by **Jim Smith (HES)** , **SECONDED** by Gabe Crofford (HLS) , **NO DISSENT**. Agenda **APPROVED** 7:09 PM ET.

### III. Public Comments (7:20 pm - 7:35 pm)

- None

### IV. Open Discussion (7:35 pm - 7:50 pm)

- Ian and Gino (GSAS): collaboration with FAS Athletics to create a graduate school-wide intramural sports program
  - Link of article: <https://engage.gsas.harvard.edu/news/242343>
  - Part of a working group of administrators and students working to create a university-wide intramural league. Seeking access to gym facilities for graduate students. Has been working with Marshall Page and other admin, and would love to work with HGC. FAS has been sending out a survey for graduate students to complete to get an idea for what the different schools would want in a intramural program and what resources are currently available to students. Hoping to include the survey in the HGC newsletter. Organizing town halls across different graduate schools students. Will share the date. There will be a pilot event as well in early

February to get feedback (in the process of locking the date down). The plan is for a working group to also be created with representatives from all schools.

- Marta (HMS): are there other existing student sports groups that you can connect to and partner with?
- Answer: yes, would love to be connected to those groups - email [gsas.athletics@gmail.com](mailto:gsas.athletics@gmail.com)
- Getting input and finding students and organizations to work with would be great. Also learning about different communication channels would be helpful.
- Gabe (HLS): If not already done, having a message/flyer/graphics that reps can send around would be great
- Answer: yes, there are messages put on out Engage, for example, but will send this around for HGC reps to share
- Motion to suspend the rules to let guest speak: Mark (SEAS) motions, Marta (HMS) seconds, any discussion points, none
  - HDS - yes
  - HLS - yes
  - HKS - none
  - HBS - none
  - HES - yes
  - GSD - none
  - GSAS - yes
  - HMS - yes
  - HSDM - yes
  - SEAS - yes
  - HGSE - yes
  - HSPH - yes
- Motion passes
- Guest: Clarifying question - is the idea to have each school host a team and compete with one another? HBS has organizations that might want to help/support
- Answer: based on now undergrad league works, each school can form a team and will compete in tournaments throughout the season (any group of students can form a team) - this would be a way to have central support
- Shankar: 1) is there a community effort to send out surveys? 2) collecting admin support
- Answer: want to find a way for do so and leverage support to send out the intramural survey - and reach out to HGC to help with this
- Peter: the Intramural conversation is a high-level one involving many administrators (CODOS, HGC advisors, etc). History: HGC works closely with Jackie, Lisa, and

Marshall. The Dudley house was the place where grad students could go to in order to participate in sports (ex. Compete for house cups). This year, though there is lots of interest from grad students, admin wants more current data of what students really want from an intramural program. Time is of the essence. Key stakeholders are meeting by **December 3** and there isn't a lot of time. If there isn't interest, there will be conversations around REMOVING intramural sports. FAS athletic department has been funding intramural sports and overseeing this effort. There are rental fees, apparel, medics on site, etc that add up and cost money and before was covered by FAS. If FAS does not support, then the program may be removed. The Dudley house system is mostly under the undergrads and is not ideal, so we don't want to lose sight of this and leverage this movement to bolster support and resources for grad sports resources. We don't want to lose FAS support, which is why we need to push the survey out. Landon and Shankar are point people, Estefania and Kathleen are also part of these discussions. Reps, please reach out to our Exec Board and work with us to blast out this survey ASAP!

- Landon: perhaps each rep can send out survey to their student body presidents so they can disseminate this info and generate more interest in the survey
- Question: can we also send out the article link which explains the motivations behind this effort? Also, FAS has an urgent need to really make a decision on this so the survey will be paramount to their decision
- Camile (HKS): is there a target number of people to fill out the survey? Also, what are the specific outcomes (is there a specific commitment for them)?
- Answer: not sure if there is a threshold / there is no threshold, it's meant to inform their planning, and it's a general interest form (no commitment). No specific commitment on their end, but they are interested in doing something. All schools treat their athletics differently (not all schools have their own facilities, so this could provide equity)

## V. Updates and Reports (7:50 pm - 8:20 pm)

1. **Finance & Student Groups – Kathleen & Shankar (7:50 pm - 8:00 pm)**
  - HGC Swag
    - Over the next few days, Kathleen will gather options and post on Slack for people to vote what their favorite options are
2. **Information & Communication – Nima & Troy (8:00 pm - 8:07 pm)**
  - concerns/questions for the HUIT meeting on 11/30
  - Nima is meeting with HUIT: alumni don't maintain access to their emails after graduation (hoping to figure out a solution to this); if you have any questions or comments, please send them on slack or email Troy ([information@hgc.harvard.edu](mailto:information@hgc.harvard.edu))
  - Marketing Submission Form: <https://hgc.harvard.edu/marketing-submission-form> (also on HGC website).

3. **Advocacy & Policy – *Xavier & Max* (8:07 pm - 8:10 pm)**
  
4. **Student Life & Community Engagement – *Estefania & Landon* (8:10 pm - 8:15 pm)**
  - HGC hosted HY game - sold 100 game day tickets and 110 bus tickets
    - HUGE thank you to everyone!
  - HGC Friendsgiving
    - On Wednesday or Thursday
    - Plan: Troy will help us launch a survey
    - Option 1: in-person dinner for groups of 5 (open to first 75 students for \$20 dinner) (Timeframe: Nov 25 - Dec 5)
    - Option 2: messages of gratitude to be shared on HGC social media
  
5. **Operations & Governance – *Janet & Carlos* (8:15 pm - 8:17 pm)**
  - Attestation Forms
    - Peter passed out forms, reps and Exec Board needs to fill it out attesting that you understand the roles/responsibilities and have read the Constitution and bylaws
  
6. **Executive – *Peter & Himaja* (8:17 pm - 8:20 pm)**
  - Ex-Officio Seats & Liaisons: HUPD, Harvard Library System
    - Still pursuing seats on different departments/organizations
    - HUPD has 3-5 student reps
      - 1 undergrad and 2 graduate students, undergrad is the student gov president, the 2 grad students are open to the general public but still none just reserved from HGC, they may prefer to have an HGC member as a liaison and we can work with them in this capacity
    - Harvard Library System - Meet three times a year but have Executive Leadership, control all libraries and online database and student access, so for reps who are interested in this, it would be interesting to serve (this seat will be open soon).
  - HGC Exec Board Stipending (Brown & Columbia)
    - Brown and Columbia have exec boards that are provided stipends, GSAS has figured out a way to make this work and we should too. They were able to make the positions under a “fellowship” so there may be some work to do on the side, but this would allow us to potentially get compensated

## VIII. Action Items (8:20 pm - 8:50 pm)

- Brett Monson (HES) & Carlos Gonzalez Sierra (Chair of Governance): Present three proposed amendments to the HGC Constitution and Bylaws. Access the proposed language here:
  - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OwX6xwqVohKvfU1d4gzjrd-pvluXuJ6R/edit?usp=sharing&oid=100316423054640878315&rtpof=true&sd=true>
  - Carlos: job is to look through Constitution and address inconsistencies - here are three- all that is needed today is to open up commenting period which will last two weeks from today
  - Brett: first amendment - looking out for the fiscal health of the group; other groups always have done budgeting in the spring of the year before; was the financial chair last year and struggled to get HGC events started (such as welcome events) because even after Council approves, it goes out to Marshall, which can take more time. This amendment would simply make it where it would allow us to project the budget for the next year
  - Concern: lack of ownership from next Council
  - Response: if there are priorities/concerns, they can be addressed in the summer and through the fall; this would allow the next Council to be set up for success
  - Carlos: Second amendment - designate someone from your grad school to serve as a proxy if rep is not able to attend
  - Carlos; third amendment - if the HGC voting reps agrees to close the voting if all representatives have casted their vote, then they should be able to vote to close the 48-hour voting period earlier
  - Peter: Add on an amendment that we can suspend the rule that non-voting people cannot speak when we want to hear from a guest in our meetings
  - Motion to open discussion:
  - Carlos: **open up the 2-week commenting period** for amendments
    - Gabe (HLS) moves, Jim (HES) seconds
    - Camile: what does the commenting period entail?
    - Peter: if a simple majority vote passes now, commenting period opens and at the next meeting you can propose changes, and then we will likely hold each amendment for separate votes with separate discussions. Constitutional amendments require  $\frac{2}{3}$  of those who show up (super majority)
    - If you want to make amendment more specific, you can do so (the plan is to vote on this at the next General Body meeting) - friendly amendment to make this clear
  - Vote:
  - HDS - yes
  - HLS - yes
  - HKS - none
  - HBS - none

- HES - yes
  - GSD - none
  - GSAS - yes
  - HMS - yes
  - HSDM - yes
  - SEAS - yes
  - HGSE - yes
  - HSPH - yes
  - Motion passes, Carlos will follow up with more information
  - Peter: please take this time to speak to your representative schools and constituencies
- One Catalyst Fund applications:
    - [Dave Evans Designing Your Life Workshop](#)
      - **Club:** HBS Christian Fellowship
      - **Event:** Design Thinking workshop given by #1 NY Times bestseller Dave Evans on November 5
      - **Attendance:** 187 students - approx. 25-30 students each from HGSE, HKS, HSPH, HMS, HLS, and HBS
      - **Total Event Budget:** \$3180
      - **Catalyst Funding Requested:** \$2500 (money would cover speaker fee and hotel he stayed in the night after the workshop)
      - Professional development workshop held in November by a professor on design thinking, 187 students attended, the total budget was \$3180, they are requesting \$2500 to cover speaker fee and accommodation
    - [LGBTQ+ End of Year Celebration](#)
      - **Club:** HBS Pride Club
      - **Event:** Cross Grad School LGBTQ+ End of Year Celebration on Dec 1, 2021 at A4Cade in Central Square
      - **Attendance:** 150 students have RSVPd (primarily from HBS, HGSE, HKS, and HLS with other schools also represented)
      - **Total Event Budget:** \$8000
      - **Catalyst Funding Requested:** \$2500 (money would be used to cover location reservation fee and sandwiches from Roxy's)
      - Holding event at bar (A4Cade), total cost is \$8000, 150 students have rsvp'ed
    - This can be one joint message or vote separately, if there are questions then maybe motion for each separately

- Marta: same semester?
- Answer: yes
- Natasha motions to open up discussion for the first Catalyst fund application, Parisa (HGSE) seconds
  - Camile: based on what was discussed last time, should we fund 50% of what the total cost will be?
  - Kathleen: council can hold to this
  - Camile: these are both organizations out of HBS, any issues with this?
  - Kathleen: this was discussed in Exec session, if your club is associated with a particular school, and if your event is hosting a robust mix of students from different schools, you should be able to apply
  - Camile (HKS): it would be better for students to collaborate with other organizations and their student governments
  - Max: the Council should consider what the precedent should be and being consistent (are we making sure their funding requests are robust, are we sticking with providing 50% funding, etc.)
  - Aeshna (GSD): what was the information dissemination of this event? Was this shared through HGC networks to all schools equitably, the whole community should hear about these events
  - Kathleen: we can share these events on HGC media and make sure their is university-wide outreach
  - Shankar: referring to the applications and what documents are required, we don't require these documents on our end so perhaps this is something the Gen council should vote on
  - Aeshna (GSD): since the first application refers to an event that has already passed, what promotion channels were used? Were all schools involved in this?
  - Peter: We do not know this information, but good point to keep track of
  - Parisa (HGSE): the first event has passed, so is there any difference in procedure? Is there a deadline for when we respond to these funds?
  - Kathleen: no hard fund, but we want to address within the semester of interest
  - Parisa (HGSE): since we are encountering different types of applications, we should encourage establishing precedence

- Marta (HMS): the first event has passed so now we can't spread information about this event to other schools, and we can't ensure there is a good mix of students from other schools. Logistically, timing is hard and the turnaround has to be practical, so we need to be mindful of the information we are requesting to make sure we're not creating too many barriers to applying to the Catalyst fund
- Peter: you have options to create motions and request information that you need to make informed decisions. These are good thoughts and perspectives and let's think about what our action plan is
- Camile (HKS): Add a question to the application: "how did you market this event to the various graduate schools?"; clarify the eligible language on application either: a collaboration between organizations between at least 2 graduate schools or an org that is open to all graduate students.
- Peter: these are really good points, perfect opportunity would be to join the Finance committee
- Marta (HMS): motion to close discussion on first Catalyst fund
- Mark (SEAS) seconds
- Discussion - Natasha (HSPH) - would be good to get more information
- Any dissent - Natasha (HSPH)
- Point of inquiry - Parisa (HGSE) - when does the voting for the first Catalyst fund happened? Procedure?
  - Debate opened, closes, vote then happens - then there can be tiers
- HLS - yes
- HKS - yes
- HDS - yes
- HES - yes
- GSD - none
- GSAS - yes
- HMS - yes
- HSDM - yes
- SEAS - yes
- HGSE - yes
- HSPH - yes
- Motion passes, no more discussion, main motion is on the floor

- Natasha (HSPH) - can we table this and get more information
- Parisa (HGSE) seconds
  - Vote by dissent - is there any debate for this? Subin and Mark dissent
  - HLS - yes
  - HKS - yes
  - HDS -
  - HES - yes
  - GSAS - yes
  - HMS - Yes
  - HSDM - no
  - SEAS - no
  - HGSE - yes
  - HSPH - yes
  - Motion to table passes, this will be brought up at next General Council meeting - PLEASE talk with Kathleen and Shankar to ask for what information you would like so our team can help find out - and share this info with other reps as needed
- Motion for second catalyst fund - Natasha (HSPH) motions to discuss, Mayank (HDS) seconds,
  - Natasha (HSPH): what other communication channels are there and can we put this into the one. Make it clear in the application that are expected to utilize the HGC newsletter to advertise the event.
  - Landon: Is it possible to modify application to require that clubs co-host events with other graduate schools to foster collaboration?
  - Peter: all logistical discussions re: One Harvard Catalyst is up to the Finance team to decide.
  - Brett (HES): motion of privilege: can we test using iPhone and passing it around as a microphone for virtual attendees
  - Gabe (HLS): This event is cosponsored by HLS Lambda. Wonders if the application only asks for one organization and is creating confusion. Believes we should not be gatekeeping One Catalyst Funding. Sees our role to give out this money to whomever qualifies and puts in an honest effort to open and publicize the event to other graduate schools.
  - Aeshna (GSD): Agrees with what Gabe said. Is the event closed? In line with “One Harvard,” biggest concern is how accessible the even is.

- Kathleen: RSVP still open.
- Parisa (HGSE): With regards to precedent, last meeting, the Council agreed that we would only fund half of the budget for the event. Concerned that smaller schools that have smaller budgets will cause them to always get less funding than schools with larger budgets.
- Natasha (HSPH): Concerned about the equity behind the Fund because she has not heard of these events and HSPH struggles to get funding for student events.
- Peter: Reps have the power to change how the Catalyst Fund operates and other related details.
- Natasha (HSPH): Is there a Slack channel for reps events happening in their schools for other reps to know and help promote.
- Subin (HSDM): Council previously discussed getting an itemized list of how clubs plan to expend per event.
- HLS -
- HKS - yes
- HDS -
- HES - yes
- GSAS - yes
- GSD -
- HMS -
- HSDM - yes
- SEAS - yes
- HGSE - yes
- HSPH - yes
- Motion passes

#### **IX. Announcements (8:50 pm - 9:00 pm)**

- Sebastian (remote): HGSU update
- I'm the recording secretary of HGSU (graduate of law school and first-year PhD student): [hgsu.records@gmail.com](mailto:hgsu.records@gmail.com)
- We have reached an agreement with Harvard (4yr agreement) on our labor contract
- Voting whether or not to accept this agreement
- Link to agreement (HGSU thinks this is a neutral agreement): <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cUGb-mSkpG3N7Gd5Ohf5LmEMBk5W81JF0E5VJMriyWA/edit>

- You have to be a member of HGSU to vote (if you had a job with Harvard in the past year you're eligible to join): <https://harvardgradunion.org/join/>
- Didn't win what we were looking for in terms of Title IX & paying into the Union in some capacity
- Likely there will be another strike in the spring

## **X. Adjournment**

**Next Meeting:** Monday, December 6, 2021, 6:30 - 9 pm ET (SEAS)

- Motion to **adjourn** by Mark York (SEAS), **seconded** by Nikita Kupko(GSAS), **dissent** by none , Gen Council meeting **adjourned** at 9:01 **PM**
  - Point of information - no more discussion because discussion is closed