

### THE HARVARD GRADUATE COUNCIL

October 2, 2023 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm EST

Harvard Graduate School of Design Gund Hall 109 48 Quincy Street Cambridge, MA 02138

## **AGENDA**

# I. School Tour - GSD Representatives (6:30 pm - 6:55 pm)



# II. Roll Call – Yuriko (6:55 pm - 7:00 pm)

• Roll Call of School Representatives

Schools	First Name	Last Name	Individual Present?	<b>School Present?</b>
SEAS	Mark	York	Y	Y
	Chanthia	Ma	N	
	Sonya	Gupta	N	
	Yash	Rana	Y	
GSAS	Max	Lu	N	Y
	Ethan	McKenzie	N	
	Mazzen	Shalaby	Y	
HLS	Maxine	Asenso	N	Y
	Rex	Willis	N	
	Adhavan	Adityan	Y	
	Ту	Alfriend	N	
HBS	Davida	Bynum	N	Y
	John	Couri	Y	Y
HSDM	Adian	Ke	Y	Y
	Emina	Dedic	Y	
	Brad	Canales	Y	
	Matt	O'Brien	N	
HES	Angelica	Remache	Y	Y
HKS	Wilfred	Mbah	Y	Y
НЅРН	Olayinka	Fakorede	N	N
	Jose	Orejas	Y	
	Yanni	Zong	N	
	Fielding	Fischer	Y	
HMS	Robin	Hu	Y	Y
HGSE	Derrick	Holifield	Y	Y
	Mike	Kaneshiro Chou	Y	
GSD	Caroline	Arbour	Y	Y
	Mustafa	Diwan	Y	
HDS	Stephen	Kim	Y (20:00-)	Y

- Approval of the Agenda
  - Approval of the Agenda MOVED by Mark York (SEAS) , SECONDED by Emina (HES) , DISSENT? No. Agenda APPROVED YES

#### III. Presentations (7:00 pm - 7:30 pm)

- Faculty Guest: Julia. C. Curran, Harvard Counseling and Mental Health Service (CAMHS)
  - Roles of CAMHS (non-exhaustive): provide initial consults (15-20 min) for students; bridge sessions between counseling; provide referrals to therapy, psychiatry, support groups; patient portal community therapy referral mailbox; encourage collaboration
    - CMHS support line -- not a crisis line, but a support line
    - Urgent Care -- preferably call in advance
    - Referral mailbox -- Harvard has a roster of doctors outside of Harvard
    - TimelyCare -- telehealth service (Oct 2022-); unlimited health coaching
    - CAMHS psychiatry -- longitudinal, available for duration of your degree
    - All support groups are available online
  - Liaisons assigned to each graduate and professional school (as of fall 2023)
  - Wait times were a concern, but now reduced to ~10 business days
- Open Floor: Ian and Jeff (GSAS) (5 minutes)
  - Intramural athletics: 2 years ago, cross-graduate school league was created with full time staff to oversee the programs
  - Challenges:
    - FAS (Harvard athletics) gym fee varies by school and thus creates inequity
      - Is there a data point?
      - Can each school rep advocate for expanding his/her school's gym access to other Harvard students?
    - Limited coordination / cross-school messaging (Intramural has its own mailing list, Slack)
  - Types of sports available: Volleyball, basketball, soccer → Flag football, ultimate frisbee added this year

#### IV. New Business (7:30 pm - 8:30 pm)

- Resolution 23-4-R HGC Logo Change
  - PASSED by unanimous, SECONDED by Wilfred (HKS), DISSENT?
    APPROVED YES
- Resolution 23-5-R The One Harvard Socials Series
  - Should the funds be allocated based on the student size of each school?

- Emina: HES has 89 students on campus, but HGC is representing all of the school → Should not be proportional to the student size
- PASSED by unanimous / Mazzen (HLS), SECONDED by Emina (HES),
  DISSENT? No APPROVED YES
- Resolution 23-6-R Harvard ID Cards as MBTA Cards
  - Currently, MIT student ID & Harvard College ID cards act as a Charlie Card
  - PASSED by unanimous / Emina (HES), SECONDED by Derrick (HGSE),
    DISSENT? No APPROVED YES
- Legal Aid Committee Overview Mark York (SEAS)
  - Graduate Student Legal Aid launched on Saturday, Sep 30
    - Provide free legal aid to all Harvard graduate students
    - Only consultation, not legal representation
    - Looking for student volunteers to handle intakes
    - Appointments all booked up for October
  - Note: HLS's Legal Aid Bureau is not aimed to support students, but low-income populations in Boston
  - Potential ideas: Opportunity to get corporate volunteers? Pro bono immigration clinics?
  - o Contact: <u>harvardlegalaide@gmail.com</u>
- Funding Request GSD
  - Cory Page (President of GSD student association): Presenting an opportunity to co-host Beer & Dogs with HGC
  - This Friday: Opening the gates to 200 students from outside GSD (w/ wristband), but open to other students w/o wristbands
    - HGC events sell tickets typically through two rounds, one with a limit for each school & another that is the remaining
    - GSD student association hopes to make it into a model for future Beer & Dogs collaboration
  - PASSED by unanimous / Emina (HES), SECONDED by Mike (GSD),
    DISSENT? No APPROVED YES
- Funding Request HES
  - Hosting a Fall Fest Graduate Tailgating at the Harvard-Dartmouth Game on Oct 28 for 250 students (\$15 per student for ticket + food / non-alcoholic drink)
    - Brett: for graduate students, normal tickets are \$10
  - PASSED by unanimous / Wilfred (HKS), SECONDED by Mark York (SEAS),
    DISSENT? No APPROVED YES
- Student Housing Wilfred Mbah (HKS)
  - Next step draw up resolution as Advocacy action item
- Saturday Advocacy Event Emina Dedic (HES)

- Key issues
  - HES students are unable to live in Harvard graduate student housing
  - HES only school conferring undergraduate & graduate degrees, but no mention of program name -- only MLA
- 85% US domestic students; 15% international students
- o Rally on Saturday

#### V: Executive Board Reports (8:30 - 9:00)

- President
- VP
- Operations
  - Request: Fill out GradFest volunteer sign-up form
  - Request: Complete host school sign-up form
  - Next General Council meeting on Mon, Oct 16 at 6:30pm at HLS
- Finance
  - o Cash: good through December
  - Gross budget is ~100K; the difference is through ticket sales, fundraising
  - No reimbursements -- everything will be prepaid
- Information
- Programming
  - Welcome back buddy meals
  - o Harvard-Yale Football Game
- Advocacy
  - Non-citizen voting rights -- collaboration with MIT graduate student council
  - One Harvard WhatsApp / central communication efforts
  - Lack of prayer space -- Kennedy House on the Yard is the only option; disabled use for graduate students
    - HDS, HLS -- have spaces but need IDs
    - Working with chaplains, faith leaders within Harvard

#### VI. Adjournment

**MOVED** by unanimous, **SECONDED** by Angelica (HES), **NO DISSENT**. Meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM.

#### VII. Recreation - Russell House