



HARVARD GRADUATE COUNCIL

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THE HARVARD GRADUATE COUNCIL

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

Harvard Medical School
Tosteson Medical Education Center, 250 Mini Amphitheatre
260 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02215 (See [MAP](#))

Coming from Harvard Square: Please take the free [M2 shuttle](#) from Lamont Library to Vanderbilt Hall, last stop of the shuttle. Cross the street towards the HMS Quad and the first building to the right is the Tosteson Medical Education Center.

AGENDA

I. School Tour - HMS 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?	School Present?
SEAS	Mark	York	Yes	Yes
GSAS	Chanthia	Ma	Yes	Yes
	Sonya	Gupta		
	Yash	Rana		
	Max	Lu		
HLS	Ethan	McKenzie		No
	Mazzen	Shalaby		
	Maxine	Asenso		
HBS	Rex	Willis	Yes	Yes
	Adhavan	Adityan		
	Ty	Alfriend		
	Davida	Bynum		
HSDM	John	Couri		Yes
	Adrian	Ke	Yes	
HES	Emina	Dedic	Yes	Yes
	Brad	Canales	Yes	
	Matt	O'Brien		
	Angelica	Remache		
HKS	Wilfred	Mbah	Yes	Yes
HSPH	Olayinka	Fakorede	Yes	Yes
HMS	Jose	Orejas	Yes	Yes
	Yanni	Zong	Yes	
	Fielding	Fischer	Yes	
	Robin	Hu	Yes	
HGSE	Derrick	Holifield	Yes	Yes
	Marc	Claude	Yes	
GSD	Mike	Kaneshiro Chou	Yes	Yes
	Caroline	Arbour	Yes	
HDS	Mustafa	Diwan	Yes	Yes

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

- Faculty Guest (20 minutes): *Anabella Morabito*, Associate Director and *Alexis Stokes*, Associate Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer for EDIB Community Engagement within the Office for Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging in the Office of the President & Provost, *Alexis Stokes*, Associate Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer
 - All schools have EDIB offices that the OEDIB works / coordinates with
 - Culture of inclusion:
 - Affinity celebration for graduates
 - Student-led, celebrating cultural traditions - started at HGSE and expanded to other schools
 - Planning committees starting soon; students are hired to lead the work as well
 - BIPOC Connections (August): Two-day welcome event for new community members on navigating Harvard; Welcome Back Block Party
 - EDIB Forum: Two-day annual convening, 2,400+ registered
 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Lecture (October)
 - Heritage Calendar & Workgroup: 30+ representatives from across the University meeting quarterly to select heritage months and identity days
 - Bimonthly Newsletter: Sent twice monthly to subscribers -- highlighting EDIB-related news, initiatives, events, etc.
 - Organizational excellence:
 - Convening DIB leadership from across Harvard
 - DIB Leadership Council: Works with Inclusion and Belonging Student Leadership Council
 - Consultant
 - EDIB Academy: Training modules
 - Resource guides & toolkits
 - Data Informed Innovation
 - Harvard Culture Lab Grants
 - Invests \$200K annually to support innovative, community member-led projects (e.g., catering, speakers)
 - 13 projects received funding in FY22
 - School-wide pulse survey: Conducted for the first time in 2019; Next iteration in 2024
 - Inclusion Index Pilot -- to share information about EDIB efforts led by community members; online database
 - Campus support & mental health resources; community spaces
 - Community dialogue: Mon 11/6 at 4PM in Science Center Hall D + online
- Open Floor (10 minutes):

- Mayowa Oke (HMS): HUHS
 - Limited number of PCPs on the Longwood campus; long wait times
 - Some Longwood-based students have PCPs over at the Smith Center; limited specialist care, challenges with referrals
 - Co-write a resolution with HSDM, HSPH? Survey among Longwood students to collate list of specific problems people are facing?
- Mustafa Diwan (HDS): Lack of study spaces
 - Lamont and Cabot are open 24 hours, but study spaces are not open weekend evenings >> if there is a study place for Friday and Saturday nights, it would be helpful especially for finals
 - GSD also does not have much public spaces to study in
 - Smith Center also closes at 10PM
 - Will be on the Advocacy agenda

IV. Old Business (7:30 pm - 7:40 pm)

- [Resolution 23-5-R The One Harvard Socials Series](#) PASSED HGC 02OCT23
 - GSD - 200 tickets sold; Fall Fest - 67 tickets sold
 - HSPH Comedy Night - sold out today
 - GSAS - Application for a December event
- [Resolution 23-6-R Harvard ID Cards as MBTA Cards](#) PASSED HGC 02OCT23
 - 12 weeks in the approval process; may be able to provide by Fall 2024
- [Resolution 23-10-R President Gay Invitation - April 2024 Awards Meeting](#) PASSED HGC 16OCT23
- [Resolution 23-13-R Prayer Space](#) PASSED HGC 16OCT23
 - Working with Chaplains

V. New Business (7:40 pm - 8:30 pm)

- [Resolution 23-11-R One Harvard WhatsApps](#)
 - In progress -- discussions among Advocacy Committee on how to manage the group; how to be mindful of different ways in which people seek information
 - One HKS -- facing a challenge with caps on number of people who can join
 - HGC surveyed students 2-3 years ago: Email is the primary way to get information; we should look at data first
 - This will not be replacing other means of communication (e.g., first use the WhatsApp to direct people to Instagram channel)
 - **PASSED** by 10 votes. 1 abstained.
- [Resolution 23-12-R Harvard Graduate Athletics / Intramurals Programs](#)
 - **PASSED** by Unanimous.
- [Ordinance 23-1-O Student Discount Club](#)

- How would we operationalize this?
 - Who will be funding? Will the HGC negotiate with individual retailers?
 - In the SDSU case -- incentivized by advertisements
 - Alumni ticket office -- list of businesses run by alumni
 - We need to figure out marketing, operations, finances, etc.
- **MOVED** to table by Emina (HES). **SECONDED** by Caroline (GSD).
- **MOVED** to refer to Olayinka by Emina (HES). **SECONDED** by Wilfred (HKS).
- Appointment of a New Chair of Programming - Aparajita Mridha (HKS)
 - **ELECTED** by Unanimous.
- [Constitution / By-Law Amendments](#)
- University-wide Student Survey - Spring 2024
 - Previously - around 10% of each school responded

VI: Executive Board Reports (8:30 - 9:00)

- President
- VP
 - Ivy+ Summit - common challenges and learnings
- Operations
 - 11/16 7-9PM Casual gathering, place TBD
- Finance
 - Jose (HMS): leading financial (internal) communications with each committee
- Information
- Programming
 - Welcome Back Buddy Meals → Continue for rest of Fall, but will hold more faster-paced events in Spring (but smaller coffee get-togethers)
 - Who is invited? → Everyone is invited; e-blast
 - Harvard-Yale Game (Tailgate): Yale is hosting a tailgate where Harvard students can purchase tickets
 - Masquerade Ball: Challenging to find a venue that can accommodate many people & fit the budget; Finance is engaged early on to ensure we keep ourselves in the budget
- Advocacy

VII. Adjournment

MOVED by Emina (HES), **SECONDED** by Wilfred (HKS), **DISSENT?** Meeting was adjourned at 8:58PM.

VIII. Recreation - The Mission Bar & Grill