



THE HARVARD GRADUATE COUNCIL
The Representative Body for All of Harvard's Graduate and Professional Students

January 23, 2023, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Location: Harvard Extension School (Online)

Zoom link:

<https://harvard.zoom.us/j/94619513052?pwd=NGliTjJVQ1FPMTI0NkJKQ3ViVmVLZz09>

Password: 495754

For any questions or concerns, please get in touch with Ulzijargal Sukhbaatar at **808-304-5588** or if you are a Representative/Board Member, use the #general slack channel!

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Schools are required to have at minimum one Representative present **in person** to cast votes for your school. If you cannot attend in person, you are encouraged to send a degree-seeking graduate student from your school to serve as a designee. Forward the meeting calendar invite & meeting agenda to your Designee and email operations@hgc.harvard.edu by noon on Sunday.

Other Information:

Please arrive/login 15 minutes early prior to the start of the meeting (this applies to everyone -Representatives and Executive Board). The meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 pm ET.

Food will NOT be provided. HGC Representatives and current Executive Board members will be reimbursed up to \$20 for a meal eaten on the day of the meeting (either before or after our HGC meeting). Save your receipts. HGC cannot reimburse you without a receipt. If you would like to reimburse your meal, please fill out this form: [HERE](#)

AGENDA

I. School Tour and Presentation (6:30 pm - 6:55 pm)

- Presentation [HERE](#)

II. Roll Call and Welcome – *Carlos and Mayank* (7:00 pm - 7:05 pm)

- Roll Call of School Representatives

Schools	First Name	Last Name	Individual Present?	School Present?
SEAS	Mark	York		
GSAS	Tammy	Lan		
	Chanthia	Ma		
HLS	Tolu	Alegbeleye		
	Alice	Hu		
	Dee	Um		
HBS	Maxine	Nesbitt		
	Daniel	Applewhite		
	Ryan	Rivera		
	Davida	Bynum (new)		
HSDM	Subin	Jeong		
	John	Couri		
HES	Brett	Monson		
	Andrew	Blair		
	Angelica	Remanche		
	Lillian	Wang		
HKS	Eliazar	Chacha		
HSPH	Heather	Olden		
	Idongesit	Sampson		
	Kushi	Desai		
HMS	Kosti	Psimopoulos		
	Sunny	Jeong		
	Diviya	Rajesh		

	Naira	Ikram		
HGSE	Athena Cole	Tassis Wilson		
GSD	Aakanksha	Jain		
	Amna	Pervaiz		
HDS	Nicole	Collins		
	Keisha	Bush		
	Shariah	Anderson		

- Quorum in attendance (8/12 required):
- Approval of the Agenda
 - Approval of the Agenda - **MOVED** by Keisha Bush (HDS), **SECONDED** Eliazar Chacha (HKS) , **DISSENT** none, **APPROVED** 7:00 PM ET

III. Guest Presentation (7:05 pm -7:45 pm)

- Lisa A. Valela, Director, Graduate Commons
 - Grad Fest
 - Harvard University Housing - recognized some issues
- Rachel Jacoby, Representative, Harvard Graduate Student Union (HGSU)
 - The Union represents all
 - Collectively collaborate the student workers
 - Emergency fund help with students
 - Union partner with a lot of departments, organizations to make things functional for the student workers

IV. Public Comments (7:45 pm - 7:50 pm)

- Harvard Student Leaders in AI Program: The program runs through the Spring semester and involves biweekly seminars (free dinner included), the chance to publish an Op-Ed, and connections to interesting people in the industry/academia. More information [HERE](#)

V. Action Items (7:50 pm - 8:40 pm)

- Harvard Graduate Gala proposals - Carlos Gonzalez Sierra, President (15 min) **MOTION PASSED** (Yes 6; Abstain 4, Total of 10 votes)
 - Harvard Club of Boston - Reception with open bar (estimate of 3 drinks/person) [HERE](#)
 - Estimated price for students: \$80
 - Estimated price for guests: \$100
 - Reception with 2 drink tickets paid by HGC [HERE](#)
 - Charles Hotel proposal [HERE](#)
 - Comment - Sheraton Hotel: capacity
 - MOTION: 3 drinks
- Headshot Initiative proposals - Arya Rao, Chair of Academic Affairs (10 min) **MOTION**

PASSED (Yes 10, Total of 10 votes)

- Planning to have two photographers
- Need to look into the background
- Please share schools what their school offers in terms of headshots
 - Does not offer any headshots at the school: HDS, GSD
- Motion to open notice and comment on amendments, Brett Monson, HES Representative (25 min)
 - Amendment 23-1-A: HGC Executive Board and Representatives Structure and Responsibilities [HERE](#)
 - Amendment 23-2-A: HGC Legislation Formatting [HERE](#)
 - 4 weeks to discussion for open discussion

VI. Updates and Board Reports (8:40 pm- 8:55 pm)

Executive – Carlos & Mayank

- Spring welcome back email to all graduate students
 - Marshall is planning to send all graduate students
- Mid-year check ins and spring priorities w/ several board members.

Finance – M.J. Mehdi

- One Harvard Catalyst Fund Impact report update

Operations & Governance – Ulzijiargal & Azwa

- Send agenda requests by 5 pm on Thursday before the meeting [HERE](#)
 - We will review your request and let you know if approved
- Join Slack [HERE](#)
 - Let Ulzijiargal know if you cannot join

Programming – Prabhroop & Shreya

- Welcome back meeting for the General Council
- Planning the Gala that is coming up in spring
- HCG mixer - sometimes in February

Advocacy & Engagement

- Academic Affairs - Arya
 - Photo shoots updates given earlier
- Wellbeing - Ambria & Annie
 - Well-being mental health resources
- Diversity & Inclusion - Shabeha
 - Social on minority group - challenge to network
 - If anyone knows in the minority group students, feel free to contact Shabeha.

- Advocacy & Engagement - Janan
 - Would like to brainstorm and discuss the advocacy issues that we need prioritize
 - Students from all graduate students - Town Hall

Information & Marketing – Gabriel & Cayden

- Working on newsletter
- Cuban-American project
- Welcome back holiday message
- Marketing/Social Media - meet the board or highlights of the board
- Social LinkedIn updates

VII. Announcements (8:55 pm - 8:58 pm)

- **Next General Council Meeting:** Monday, February 6, 2023, 6:30-9 pm, hosted by Harvard Kennedy School.

VIII. Adjournment

- Motion to **ADJOURN** by Eliazar Chacha (HKS), **SECONDED** by Athena (HGSE), **DISSENT** , General Council meeting **ADJOURNED** at EST 8:35 PM