



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

February 6, 2023, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Location: Harvard Kennedy School, Starr Auditorium
Note: the Star Auditorium is in the Belfer Building, Room 200

Zoom link:

<https://harvard.zoom.us/j/94619513052?pwd=NGliTjJVQ1FPMTI0NkJKJQ3ViVmVLZz09>

Password: 495754

For any questions or concerns (e.g., if you are unable to find or access the room, please get in touch with Ulzijiargal 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. Otherwise, we will expect that you will be in attendance in person. Bring your ID and dress in business casual, if possible!

For those who are in degree programs that are currently entirely virtual (only specific programs at HES and HGSE), you will be allowed to attend the HGC meeting virtually. The Zoom information for participating remotely is below:

Other Information:

Please arrive/login 15 minutes early prior to the start of the meeting (this applies to everyone -I 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 - KSSG President Sam Yoon, on behalf of the Kennedy School.

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

- Roll Call of School Representatives

Schools	First Name	Last Name	Individual Present?	School Present?
SEAS	Mark	York	Yes	Yes
GSAS	Tammy	Lan		Yes
	Chanthia	Ma		
HLS	Tolu	Alegbeleye		Yes
	Alice	Hu		
	Dee	Um	Yes	
HBS	Maxine	Nesbitt		Yes
	Daniel	Applewhite		
	Ryan	Rivera		
	Davida	Bynum		
HSDM	Subin	Jeong		No
	John	Couri		
HES	Brett	Monson	Yes	Yes
	Andrew	Blair		
	Angelica	Remache	Yes	
	Lillian	Wang	Yes	
HKS	Eliazar	Chacha	Yes	Yes
	Sam		Yes	
HSPH	Heather	Olden		

	Idongesit	Sampson	Yes	
	Kushi	Desai		
HMS	Kosti	Psimopoulos		
	Sunny	Jeong		
	Diviya	Rajesh		
	Naira	Ikram		
HGSE	Athena	Tassis	Yes	Yes
	Cole	Wilson	Yes	
GSD	Aakanksha	Jain	Yes	Yes
	Amna	Pervaiz	Yes	
HDS	Nicole	Collins		Yes
	Keisha	Bush	Yes	
	Shariah	Anderson		

- Quorum in attendance (8/12 required): 9
- Approval of the Agenda
 - Approval of the Agenda - **MOVED** by Keisha Bush (HDS), **SECONDED** Eliazar Chacha (HKS), **DISSENT**, **APPROVED** 6:58 PM ET.

III. Guest Presentation (7:05 pm -7:35 pm)

- Anabella Morabito, Senior Manager, Office for Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging
 - EBID.Harvard.edu
 - Fostering a campus culture where everyone can thrive
 - OEDIB Team introduction
 - Strategic approach to advancing equity, diversity inclusion, and belonging at Harvard
 - Convener, Catalyst, Consultant, Community Builder, EDIB Leadership.
 - Every school has an Office of EDIB, and the central administration at Harvard works with them.
 - Conference: EDIB Forum - Reckoning and Transformation
 - Next week - Harvard-wide conference - 2 days Conferences
 - Culture Lab at Harvard (CLH)
 - Competitive grants program - up to \$15,000 to project teams to pilot ideas over one year to strengthen Harvard’s capacity to create a culture of belonging.
 - Express grants - \$200-\$1000 for one semester to supplement costs associated with diversity and inclusion conferences
 - Grants information [HERE](#)

- Resources Guides and Toolkits
 - Edib.harvard.edu - get support and learn
- Affinity graduation ceremonies - are open to all Harvard students
 - We welcome a conversation with students and open discussion
 - Planning ceremony for the students with disabilities
 - If the new identity group and wants to organize events, projects - students are welcome to make proposal
 - <https://commencement.harvard.edu/events-schedule>
- Black, Indigenous of People of Color Connections - resources
- Heritage Months and identity Recognitions
- Podcast series available - soundcloud.com/harvard-edib

IV. Public Comments (7:40 pm - 8:00 pm)

- Julia and Quirin, HKS students and organizers of the Viennese Ball (10 min) [HERE](#)
 - 37th McCloy Viennese Ball
 - February 24th
 - It is open to all Harvard students
 - Requesting the funding of \$3000 from the HCG
 - Will send the e-Vote to the representatives during this week.
- Alejandra Davila, Representative from the HKS Disability Justice Caucus

V. Open Discussion (8:00 pm - 8:20 pm)

- University-wide affinity graduation for students with disabilities (Cole Wilson, HGSE)
 - Will invite students from the different groups for the next meeting
 - Will organize the resolution and need help from the representatives and board members to put together the document
- Report from Legal Aid Committee (Janan, Brett & Mark)
 - The difference from the other Harvard Law clinics is, it is open to all the students and in variety of the issues.
 - Strategic plan, have clear scope.
- Student Wellbeing Council (SWC) - University Wide Wellbeing Week (Annie)
 - SWC Event Planning Committee Meeting - Wellbeing Week: [HERE](#)
 - Timely Feedback Form: [HERE](#)

VI. Action Items (8:20 pm - 8:30 pm)

- Confirmation of Brett Monson as Chair of Governance (needs a majority of the quorum to approve) (Mayank Kumar, VP) **11/11 Confirmed**

VI. Updates and Board Reports (8:30 pm- 8:55 pm)

Executive – Carlos & Mayank

- Email to the graduate community
- Remember that notice and comment is open for two amendments. We will discuss and vote next meeting
- *Save the date:* HGC Masquerade Ball, March 25th at the Harvard Club of Boston

Finance – M.J. Mehdi ([HERE](#))

- Honorariums
- Swag
- Headshots
- Masquerade Ball
- USG

Operations & Governance – Ulzijjargal

- Merchandise
 - [Graduation stole](#) order form - [HERE](#)
 - Please only complete the form if you are graduating in May 2023
 - You must have met all requirements in the constitution and bylaws, including attendance, to be eligible to receive a stole
 - Hoodie (HGC logo) order request form - next week's General Council meeting
- 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](#)
 - If you cannot join, let Ulzijjargal know

Programming – Prabhroop & Shreya

- Valentine's Movie Night - Valentine's Day Movie in case the board has any other suggestions
- Welcome back meals
- HGC Mixer options
 - February 28 or February 22
 - Venue: Beat Brew Hall or Any venue at campus

Advocacy & Engagement

- Academic Affairs - Arya
 - Mentorship Program: newsletter
- Wellbeing - Ambria & Annie
 - Events: Intramural
 - Focusing on the advocacy
- Diversity & Inclusion - Shabeha
 - D&I initiatives

- If there are any programming need funding
- Monthly cultural and awareness
- Focusing on the availability of the D&I structure and materials that can impact HCG's work
- Advocacy & Engagement - Janan
 - Town Hall
 - Tuesday at noon - maybe at the Smith Center or hybrid (available)

Information & Marketing – Gabriel & Cayden

- Newsletter
- Flyers for events
- Gabriel - updating the website
- Let Cayden know anything to be publicized

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

- **Next General Council Meeting:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 6:30-9 pm, hosted by Harvard Graduate School of Design (GSD).

VIII. Adjournment

- Motion to **ADJOURN** by Keisha Bush (HDS), **SECONDED** by Maxine Nesbitt (HBS), **DISSENT** none, General Council meeting **ADJOURNED** at EST 8:38 PM.