



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

**March 6th, 2023, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm**

**Location:** Harvard Graduate School of Education - Longfellow Hall, 2nd floor Eliot Lyman Room

For any questions or concerns (e.g., if you are unable to find or access the room, please get in touch with Ulzijjargal 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.** The meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 pm ET.

**Our host, HGSE, will provide food.** Therefore, HGC will not reimburse for meals this week.

**AGENDA**

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

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?
<b>SEAS</b>	Mark	York	Yes	Yes
<b>GSAS</b>	Tammy	Lan		No
	Chanthia	Ma		
<b>HLS</b>	Tolu	Alegbeleye		Yes
	Alice	Hu	Yes	
	Dee	Um		
<b>HBS</b>	Maxine	Nesbitt	Yes	Yes
	Ryan	Rivera		
<b>HSDM</b>	Subin	Jeong	Yes	Yes
	John	Couri		
	Kody	Christiansen	Yes	
<b>HES</b>	Andrew	Blair		Yes
	Angelica	Remanche		
	Lillian	Wang	Yes	
<b>HKS</b>	Eliazar	Chacha	Yes	Yes
<b>HSPH</b>	Idongesit	Sampson	Zoom	Yes
	Kushi	Desai	Yes	Yes
<b>HMS</b>	Kosti	Psimopoulos	No	No
	Sunny	Jeong		
<b>HGSE</b>	Athena	Tassis	Yes	Yes
	Cole	Wilson	Yes	
<b>GSD</b>	Aakanksha	Jain	Yes	Yes
	Amna	Pervaiz	Yes	
<b>HDS</b>	Shariah	Anderson	Yes	Yes

- Quorum in attendance (8/12 required): 11
- Approval of the Agenda
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### III. Guest Presentation (7:05 pm -8:15 pm)

- Martha Whitehead, Vice President, Harvard University Library
  - Harvard Library - established in 1638 - oldest library in the U.S.
  - One Harvard, One Library - user centered
  - Working at scale on specialized functions that everyone relies upon, and none can manage alone.
  - Library's structure embeds library resources and services in each discipline and professional school
  - Critical in the strategic external partnerships, and those collaborations allow for better leverage of resources across Harvard schools.
  - Right standards and specialty
  - Building network - pockets are talking to each other
  - People are restoring the data - able to talk to each other
  - Library administration -
    - Provost and Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences
    - Harvard library committees
  - Research teaching and services - connected to each other
  - Services that helps all Harvard across all schools
  - Advisory - governance structure
    - Corporation - president - provost (library board, faculty advisory council, overseers' committee to visit the Harvard Library)
  - Advancing Open Knowledge
    - Strategic Framework
    - Purpose, vision, mission, and values
      - Values: embrace diverse perspectives, champion access, aim for the extraordinary, seek collaboration, lead with curiosity.
  - Symbol of knowledge -
  - EDIBA - Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Belonging, and Antiracism in our workforce, services, collections, and spaces.
    - In all we do, we are seeking to become a truly antiracist research library that addresses issues
  - Research libraries in a global knowledge commons
    - Shared goal
      - Data at the core, policy, distributed infrastructure, and services that facilitate user engagement with data.
      - Born analog, digitized analog, born digital analog, innovative digital.
  - Scholarly publishing - copyrights

- Two aspects: communities in all parts of the world empowered to produce, share, and retain ownership of local research outputs and cultural resources. Will benefit scholars at Harvard as well as people around the world.
  - Invest in open-access infrastructure and services that support equitable, sustainable models for scholarly communication and open knowledge
  - Be:
    - FAIR - Findability, accessibility, interoperability, and reuse.
    - CARE - Collective benefit, authority to control, responsibility, ethics.
- Harvard Library News
- Harvard Library Curiosity - digitized copy
- Harvard Data Commons - what needs to be kept - collaborations between library and research
- Planning, storing, analysis, management, disposal
- Harvard Yard Libraries
  - Widener, Lamont, Pusey, and Houghton.
  - Widener - cultural gateway to the libraries, archives, and museums of Harvard and the world.
  - Lamont - restore it to meet today's standards of care and infrastructure requirements
  - Pusey - underground architecture
  - Houghton - central resource in this cluster of libraries, providing multiple pathways to its treasures and building on the success of its recent renovation.
- UX and Digital Accessibility
  - Harvard Library's User Research Center has regular conversations with students and faculty about library services to inform decision-making
  - User research and digital accessibility projects.
- Apply for the URC newsletter to be part of future conversations.
  - Harvard [Library](#) Feedback List
  - [libraryux@harvard.edu](mailto:libraryux@harvard.edu)
- Robin Glover, Associate Provost for Student Affairs, Provost's Office
  - Part of the implementation team - Student Affairs
  - Working with the state holders
  - Mental Health and Well-being
  - Addresses any issues that arises from time to time.
  - Student Affairs Leaders - addressing the needs and would like to have
- Rachel DiBella (MSW, LICSW), Associate Director, Education Programs, Office of Gender Equity
  - Resources

- Discussion of prevention
- Office for Gender Equity
- 1. Sexual Harassment/Assault Resources and Education (SHARE)
  - Confidential and privileged
  - Trauma-informed advocacy based counseling to individuals impacted by harm.
- 2. Prevention Education, Engagement and Outreach
  - Promotes and climate of gender equity and inclusivity in your school or unit
- 3. Title IX Resources
  - Private resources, not confidential
  - Connect with UNiversity and local Title IX resources
  - Anonymously disclose a concern

#### **IV. Public Comments (8:15 pm - 8:20 pm)**

- none

#### **V. Open Discussion (8:20 pm - 8:35 pm)**

- GDS Beer and Dogs (aka the Friday social) - Aakanksha Jain, GSD Rep.
- Masquerade Ball ticket distribution [HERE](#) - Carlos Gonzalez Sierra, President
  - Spread the word: Additional tickets on sale at noon on Wednesday, March 8th
- Meal reimbursements - Carlos Gonzalez Sierra, President
  - During the Covid-19, the meal reimbursement
  - Catering services

#### **VI. Action Item (8:35 pm - 8:40 pm)**

- HGC Disability Graduation Resolution 23-1-R [HERE](#) - Cole and Brett
  - Vote PASSES

#### **VII. Updates and Board Reports (8:40 pm- 8:55 pm)**

##### **Executive – Carlos & Mayank**

- Scheduling meetings with President, President-elect, and Provost

##### **Finance – M.J. Mehdi [HERE](#)**

- HGC Budget
- Reimbursement policy reminders

##### **Operations & Governance – Ulzizjargal & Brett**

- HGC Spring Elections - Brett Monson, Chair of Governance
  - Election day: Monday, March 27th
  - Declare your candidacy by 7 PM EST on Friday, March 24th [HERE](#)
- Graduation stoles:
  - We have a total of 15 graduates in good standing who will receive stoles at our last HGC General Council meeting.

## **Programming – Prabhroop & Shreya**

- HGC Mixer update

## **Advocacy & Engagement**

- Academic Affairs - Arya
  - Professional Headshots update
  - Promote Cross-School Buddy Program. Interested students can sign up [HERE](#)
- Wellbeing - Ambria & Annie
  - The [Student Wellbeing Council](#) was established this year as part of the Implementation Committee for Student Mental Health to help promote a culture of wellbeing for our community through advocacy and programming to raise awareness about Harvard's mental health and wellness resources and support. The launch of the inaugural Harvard Wellbeing Week (March 20-25) is a university-wide initiative that in collaboration with various schools, departments, and student groups we hope gives each student an opportunity to participate in-person/online to keep wellbeing in the forefront of our everyday lives.
  - Follow us on Instagram for daily prizes and details about the week's programming: <https://www.instagram.com/harvardwellbeing/>
  - See our full calendar of Wellbeing Week programming (subject to change): <https://bit.ly/HarvardWW>
- Diversity & Inclusion - Shabeha
  - First Gen Affinity Graduation Speaker
- Advocacy & Engagement - Janan
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## **Information & Marketing – Gabriel & Cayden**

- Next newsletter going out on Tuesday, March 7th

## **VIII. Announcements ( 8:55 pm - 8:58 pm)**

- **Next General Council Meeting:** Monday, March 27, 2023, 6:30-9 pm, hosted by Harvard Business School
- We have 3 more HGC General Council meetings left in the year! - SEAS on Tuesday, April 4, and HLS on Monday, April 17.

## **IX. Adjournment**

- Motion to **ADJOURN** by Kody (HES), **SECONDED** by Mark (SEAS) , **DISSENT** ,  
General Council meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:59 EST **PM**