

**Harvard Graduate Council
Graduate Council Meeting
Oct. 24th, 2016**

I. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:43pm.

II. Introductions of new members and participants

Garrettt Herin – HES

Christopher Nagel – New Lead - HES

III. Open forum

- a. Indigenous Peoples Day

- i. HLS Student Body President Nino Monea

- 1. Advocate for the university to recognize Columbus Day as “Indigenous People’s Day.”
 - 2. University is currently undergoing an internal review; HLS would like the board to take a stance on it.
 - 3. Monea is currently drafting legislation with the law school body and would propose that HGC signs on.

- ii. Chair for Advocacy Natalie Wang stated that the holiday would be addressed and is already on the agenda.

- b. Harvard Global Institute Symposium

- i. David Chan

- 1. Harvard will be hosting a symposium about its Sustainability Efforts on Nov. 16th from 2:00pm-6:00pm
 - 2. President Drew Faust, and other schools will participate
 - 3. Event will be submitted to Vice Chair of Communications La’Toya Jackson to be added to the newsletter and possibly placed on website.

IV. Advocacy

- a. Presentation by Chair Wang on the following Current Advocacy Items:

- i. Indigenous Peoples Day

- 1. Cambridge City Council has voted to change name to Indigenous Peoples Day

- ii. Sexual Assault & Prevention

- 1. November 5th 2016 – Meetings and Workshops all day.

- iii. Student Unionization

- 1. Call for Convening - If interested in discussing please email advocacy@hgc.harvard.edu

- iv. Climate Change

- 1. Event in the Spring

- v. Chair Wang emphasized that advocacy issues should be brought to the HGC’s attention, and that she would like to work with each graduate school’s advocacy or diversity and inclusion committee

- vi. HGC will facilitate better relations with each school through collaboration, surveys, working groups and showing support on initiatives.
- b. Discussion of HUDS Strike
 - i. HKS Representative Faheem Rathore requested information on how many schools have endorsed the strike
 - ii. Positions of each school:
 - 1. HBS -neutral – no discussion as of yet
 - 2. HKS, HLS, HMS and HSDM -in support
 - 3. GSD, HGSE and HES – Undecided
 - 4. GSAS – no position (students probably in favor)
 - iii. HGC will facilitate the conducting of a poll for the student bodies of each graduate school
 - 1. Poll will be available for the Representatives to view
 - 2. Please submit responses by Friday, Oct. 28th
 - iv. Post-survey, HGC will re-engage with voting reps on types of solutions they will be supporting then propose a resolution and letter to accompany.
- c. HUDS Strike Survey
 - i. Chair for Governance Robin Ladd created a survey for each student rep to share with their respective student bodies
 - ii. Debate was raised by Isabelle Sun, as to whether the survey should include links, or have a bullet point fact sheet.
 - iii. A motion was made to determine if the survey should be sent out as is (with links) or if a fact sheet should be made and inserted.
 - 1. Motion to send out the survey as-is passed 7-3, with agreement to additionally work on a fact sheet later.

V. Governance Presentation

- a. Chair Ladd presented on the proposed working governing structure of the HGC.
 - i. Constitutional Committee – the constitutional committee will be drafting the bylaws and constitution of the HGC. If interested please email governance@hgc.harvard.edu by Nov. 1st.
 - ii. Chair Ladd will also create working bylaws with resolution powers and institute e-voting process.

VI. Chair of Information Andrey Berexin and Vice Chair of Communication La'Toya Jackson Presentation

- a. Communications / Website
 - i. Chairs discussed the progress to date of both communications and information, and how it will show itself to the public
 - ii. The website will function as the platform for covering our events
 - iii. HGC would like to add information about all of the representatives so they can be added to the website.

- b. Vice Chair Jackson Presentation
 - i. The Social Media eBlast to be distributed tonight.
 - ii. Would like to receive contact information for the Social Media liaisons at each school
 - iii. HGC Information will be distributed via social media Facebook, twitter, and other platforms.
 - iv. Guidelines for social media
 - 1. Please submit no more than a paragraph with important info and at least 1 image.
 - v. Chair Jackson is also working on a blog request for a writer from each school.

VII. Presentation of Budget by Chair of Finance Kevin Tian

- a. Required guidelines for spending discussed.
- b. Feedback on the budget will be provided
- c. Initiatives listed in the budget are those that we have committed to contributing toward.

VIII. Revisit Topics of Open Forum

- a. Indigenous Peoples Day
 - i. A point was raised by Chair Wang regarding Indigenous Peoples Day, where the Council was asked to consider how it would proceed, in terms of letter drafting or an email on the day.
 - ii. Christopher Nagle suggested an alternate name
 - iii. Several schools: no concrete answer, topic will be revisited.
- b. Graduate Students Unionization –
 - i. HLS President Monea- HLS will have a faculty member speaking with the students. The event will possibly be expanded to all graduate schools.
 - ii. Chair Tian- raised a point of caution about inadequate representation of viewpoints during a discussion of unionization.
 - iii. President Dyrud and Chair Tian- GSAS and SEAS students have strong opinions on both sides, so the discussion is split.
 - iv. Likely that HGC will not take a stance.

IX. Chair for Events Krishna Rajendran Presentation

- a. Current Events
 - i. Halloween Bash
 - 1. Promote event within each graduate school
 - 2. Discussion of a policy in terms of complimentary tickets
 - ii. Email sent for volunteers at each event
- b. Event hosting guidelines
 - i. HGC Supported events
 - ii. HGC Led

- iii. HGC Partnership – An organization would like us to co-sponsor the event.
 - 1. Both Vice Chair Sana Saeed and Chair Rajendran will oversee events when HGC cosponsoring
 - c. Signature Events
 - i. Masquerade Ball
 - ii. Lectures that Last
 - iii. Vice Chair Saeed will oversee events, and Chair Rajendran will focus on signature events
 - d. Outreach for Events
 - i. Events would like more volunteers to help chair or co-chair an event.
 - ii. Get in touch with Event Representation for each school – would love a committee for all 12 schools
 - iii. Chair of Internal Operations Tracie Gordon: more volunteers needed for the costume contest for the Halloween Bash
- X. Harvard-Yale Tailgate**
 - a. Representative Mark Zaki
 - i. HMS is looking to collaborate with other schools for a combined tailgate
- XI. Final Votes**
 - a. A final motion was made to accept HGC's co-sponsorship of the following events:
 - i. Halloween Party – One Partner
 - ii. Lectures that Last – One Signature
 - iii. WED (HESA/HEEREA) – One Support
 - b. Motion was made by Peter Dyrud and seconded by David Chan.
 - c. A Voice Vote was requested.
 - i. The Motion was passed unanimously.
- XII. Meeting Adjourned at 9:15pm.**

In Attendance (in alphabetical order by school):

GSAS	Peter Dyrud, <i>President, Voting Rep</i>
GSD	Thadis Antonis
	Carla Ferrer Llorca, <i>Voting Rep</i>
	Natalie Wang, <i>Chair of Advocacy and Diversity</i>
HBS	David Chan, <i>Surrogate Voting Rep</i>
	Krishna Rajendran, <i>Chair of Events</i>
HCSPH	<i>[not represented]</i>
HDS	Evelyn Nam, <i>Surrogate Voting Rep</i>
HES	Andrey Berezin, <i>Chair of Information</i>
	Jasmine Frankel, <i>HES VP</i>
	Tracie Gordon, <i>Chair of Internal Operations</i>

	Garrett Herrin
	La'Toya Jackson, <i>Vice Chair for Communication</i>
	Henry Moodie
	Christopher Nagle, <i>Voting Rep</i>
HGSE	Sam Sharma, <i>Voting Rep, HGSE Co-President</i>
HKS	Aron Axe
	Faheem Rathmore, <i>Voting Rep</i>
	Fred Shaia
	Isabelle Sun
HLS	Robin Ladd, <i>Voting Rep, HLS VP</i>
	Nino Monea, <i>HLS President</i>
HMS	Mark Zaki, <i>Voting Rep</i>
HSDM	Stacey Rogers, <i>Surrogate Voting Rep</i>
SEAS	Kevin Tian, <i>Chair of Finance, Voting Rep, SEAS Co-President</i>