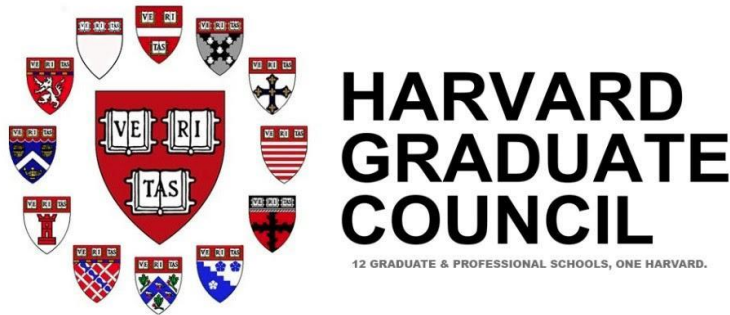




THE HARVARD GRADUATE COUNCIL

The Representative Body for All of Harvard's Graduate and Professional Students

HGC General Assembly Agenda

January 30, 2016 from 7:30 to 9:30pm

CGIS South Building (1730 Cambridge St) Room S020

Welcome & Socialize (7:30-7:40)

Open Forum (7:45 - 7:50)

- Robin Spoke briefly about New Initiatives and Student Concerns given current political climate.

President and Vice President - *Peter and Simeon* (7:50 - 8:05)

- Welcome Back
- New Introductions-*Peter* (5min) -
 - Meeting with Deputy Provost outcome.
 - Meeting with President Faust to discuss our vision. Administration was supportive in terms of initiatives but has not responded in terms of additional funding. Potentially getting official sponsorship for some events. Spoke about Indigenous Peoples Day, President Faust convened a committee for Indigenous Peoples Day. Unfunded Mandates are not easily addressed. We would like to standardize schools across the board. School of Public health has a mental health issue, if anyone has an issue please let Peter know. They spoke about and highlighted safety issues across campus.
 - New Banners/Logos - We will be updating banners due to damage and new logo.
- Exec Update-*Simeon* (10min)
 - Two Open Positions on Exec Board (Chair for Governance and Vice Chair for Social Engagement) - request for interest to fill vacancies - brief discussion on why vacancies occurred (other time commitments)
 - Introduction of Zoom or other Audio/Visual Connection
 - Reassess Meeting Day to Tuesdays at 7:30pm. No one affected - moved on. Meetings will remain on Mondays.
 - Crimson Editors - Inclusion. - Introduced.

Events—*Krishna* (8:05-8:35)

- Masquerade Ball Initiative - *Misan* and *Alex* (5 min) - *Misan* introduced *Alex*, for the Masquerade Ball marketing discussion. The Campaign has a 5-point sub - campaign. It will revolve around their message of One Harvard (1H).
 - o Have a 1H #Masala.
 - o Create contact - Passive Campaign Form
 - o Facebook Pictures - Articles on real people - Tag your friend competition.
 - o 1H - Chalking Campaign
 - o Shield will id 1 Harvard Message - Business card with shield to hand out/distribute thought the campus.
- They need 12 volunteers from across the 12 schools to carry out mission
Robin and Carla - Need More info about Volunteer Commitment and Responsibilities.
 - Tracie - Will the One Harvard New Logo - Confuse students with the HGC Logo, which is One Harvard?
- European Conference Organizers (5 min)- March 3rd. Roberto Moreno and Corina Stoemesur from HBS discussed the European Conference and our continued need for this type of event. They discussed the mission of Europe has some challenges, especially in the current climate. They are very passionate about this event and have secured marketing across all social media platforms. It is also felt, there will be a benefit of benefit to Harvard. They are requesting sponsorship, as they have not yet reached their goal and a real need to get the discussion and create solutions. Roberto emphasized whatever financial support we give them would be greatly appreciated. All European clubs at Harvard are involved. This is the fifth time the event will be held. HGC support is necessary to bring in the Harvard community and to see the event through, it is presented by students at across 5 Harvard Schools: Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard Business School, Harvard Law School, Harvard Graduate School of Design and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.
- Review of upcoming events- Lectures that Last - Krishna
 - February 23. Website is up and running - still need volunteers.
 - Would like to revisit the idea of the individual dinners across the student body as we discussed in the beginning of the year.
- Review of upcoming events- Leadership Conference, *Krishna* & *Andrey* (5min)
- Int. Food Festival, *Krishna* (10min)
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 - Krishna emphasized need for volunteers - Ongoing efforts.
- Crimson Madness (2/25)- \$500 budget and marketing event proposal, *Simeon* (5min)
 - Discussed Crimson Madness - Matt Stansky (HBS), Basketball Team, discussed a tailgate for Crimson Madness with ticket cost including a T-shirt for those who attended. Any help to carry out the event, much needed and appreciated.

Finance Update—Kevin (8:35 - 8:55)

- Overview of revised budget and Q&A (10 min)

- Revised Budget to reflect reallocated funds not used in fall semester. Will send copy of revised budget to all Board Members. Discussed the reasons for said reallocation and how money would be distributed going forward.
- Kevin made a motion, seconded by Simeon, to reallocate the 5K from the budget. Motion approved unanimously, 10/10
- Motion to approve revised budget (10 min)
 - Masquerade Ball - Disbursing 5K
 - European Conference (vote/approval/ disbursement) Motion made by Kevin/Seconded by Simeon - Motion Carried 2K - 9 for / 1 against (HSPH)
 - March Madness (vote/approval/ disbursement) Motion made by Kevin/Seconded by Simeon - Motion Carried \$500 - Motion approved unanimously, 10/10
 - India Conference - Motion made by Kevin/Seconded by Simeon - Motion Carried \$500 - Motion approved unanimously, 10/10
 - Event Basis Sponsorship - student approved.

Advocacy—Natalie (8:55-9:10)

- Updates—SupraBoards and Graduate Student Union, *Natalie* (10 min)
 - Still gathering point of contacts in each school.
 - Graduate Student Union is still reviewing challenges. Still 313 challenge ballots.
 - Natalie discussed present climate due to President Trump's Executive Order and all the possible areas in which we as Harvard would be affected.
 - Peter - first discussant - HGC normally does not take a stand on political items, however, these were not ordinary times and that members should prepare a stance on how we should proceed and submit them via email to the board. We would follow up as soon as possible with actions
 - Natalie discussed further racial justice and healing initiatives and that GSD would be having different events on Thursdays geared toward said initiatives
 - Chan School is having an Open Forum to gather resources and discuss initiatives.
 - This Executive Order is changing Visa requirements throughout Europe and Asia

Governance—Simeon & Robin (9:10 - 9:15)

- Update on Committee (5min) - Simeon thanked Robin for staying on Council and assisting going forward when possible. It is important that committee complete governing documents and adjust board by having 1 representative per school on Executive Board at one time.

Information—Andrey & La'Toya (9:15 - 9:30)

- Crimson Committee (5 min)
 - Present at tonight's meeting,
- Update of Website- *Andrey* (5min)
 - Still working on website, send any suggestions or addition you'd like to see.
- Newsletter - *La'Toya* (5min) (*Simeon*)
 - Please submit changes additions by tomorrow

Adjourn

Next Council Meeting: Monday, February 12th at 7:30pm, CGIS

Meeting Attendees

GSAS	Peter Dyrud*, HGC President
GSD	Carla Ferrer Llorca* Natalie Wang, HGC Chair of Advocacy and Diversity Antonios Thadis Oliver Curtis
HBS	Simeon Bochev*, HGC Vice President Krishna Rajendran Okyu Akkaya David Chan Roberto Moreno Matt Stansky Corina Stoemesur
HDS	Aric Fleming*
HES	Christopher Nagle* (remote) Andrey Berezin, HGC Chair of Information La'Toya Jackson, HGC Vice Chair for Communications Misan Oteri, HES President Aaron Roe
HGSE	Sam Sharma*
HKS	Faheem Rathore* Fred Shia
HLS	Robin Ladd*
HMS	<i>Pre-approved absence, due to school-wide event</i>
HSDM	<i>Pre-approved absence, due to school-wide event</i>
HSPH	Adil Bahalim*
SEAS	Kevin Tian*, HGC Chair of Finance
Alumni/Guest	Alex Olawade Raphaella Mueller

* Voting Representative