



HARVARD GRADUATE COUNCIL

12 GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS, ONE HARVARD.

HGC GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA

March 26, 2018, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

Wasserstein Hall – Room 3034

1585 Mass Avenue, Cambridge, MA

Roll Call and Open Forum – Aric (7:00-7:10)

- Updates on Sponsorships
- Smith Campus Center Tour

Kevin took roll call, talked about wonderful tour of Smith Center, and that HGC will be sharing facilities with the Undergraduate Council (UC). Requested greater student input.

Executive Updates – Kevin & Aric (7:10-7:20)

- Status of Chair of Events
 - Payum will be unable to attend meetings for one month
- Collaboration with Undergraduate Council

Elections Overview – Kevin (7:20-7:40)

Kevin gave a brief overview of elections process, and which positions that would be available, how the voting works. He then spoke about how transition would take place over the summer for positions that will not begin until the fall. Elections will be on April 9th at the Tosteson Medical Education Center at 7pm - candidates will have chance to speak for 3 minutes and then followed by Q&A. He continued to talk about who would be eligible to run, as well as the expectations of HGC officers deciding whether to take on this commitment.

Finance Updates – Sam & Ken (7:40-7:50)

Kevin spoke about potential for Smith Campus Center reopening and how it might benefit HGC's impact, as well as promote greater interaction between student groups (USGs, HAA, UC, etc.) and facilitate improved communication with the new incoming Harvard President.

- Budget Update and Sponsorship
 - Sam gave his presentation remotely, talked about the budget.
- USG Updates:
 - Kick Off Activity and possible end of 2018 (year-end activity)
 - Ken spoke about his conversation with Marshall to attempt an event with USG groups at the Smith Center before the end of semester, and he graduates in May.

Internal Updates & Governance Tracie & Hanes (7:50-8:05)

- Governance Updates on Elections Process

- With regards to the report by Hanes, who was unfortunately absent, Kevin spoke about the unusual lack of clarity regarding what should happen in the case of a tie vote in the elections process. He also spoke about the need to complete the bylaws sentence which reads “Any positions not filled during an election _____.” (left blank). After proposing by law changes.

Mariano asked for further clarification about what was the intent about someone being unable to attend the HGC election being excluded from being a candidate due to academic conflict. Ismael and Akinwande also weighed in before the changes were voted in.

- Internal updates – VIP Ticket Registration and Explanation

Events Updates – Jayson & Tracie (8:05-8:30)

- Masquerade Ball – Sponsorship Packages Report on first official meeting.
- Tracie said the link is now open for VIP tickets - VIPs being those who are HGC voting reps or their designated proxy - and will be sending out an email later to register - which will allow VIPs into dinosaur lounge and “electricity theater” (which will happen twice). There will also be an afterparty at the Liberty Suite from 11:30-12:30am at Liberty Hotel. VIP Suite will have champagne service and potentially liquor as well (“infinity punch”). The event is sold out and we have sold 483, but not one student from the dental school is going.
 - Volunteer Application update
 - Royale After Party / VIP Liberty After Party
- WAU Music Entrepreneurship (April 7th/8th)
Christina Sookhoo, a representative from WAU (World Artists United), spoke about an upcoming music entrepreneurship conference (as mentioned in Forbes magazine) on April 7, 8th and all HGC reps will have comped admission.
 - <https://www.musicentrepreneurconference.com/>
 - Discount code: “HGCBboard”
- Lectures that Last (update with Jayson/Tracie)
Jayson then spoke about Lectures that Last and his attempt to organize something in April or before end of semester.
- Small-group Dinners – (Jayson/Tracie)

Advocacy Updates – Dana & Kelly (8:30-8:50)

- Discussion of EAC and Policy Platform
Kevin wants to have a discussion about policy platform bylaws.

Information & Communications Updates – Akinwande & La’Toya (8:50-9:00)

- Status of Communications & Website – Updates
Akinwande gave a website update.
- Newsletter – Updates
Latoya also shared good news in that her thesis is finally completed.

Kevin closed by talking about S.706/H.632, which is legislation relating to sexual violence on higher education campuses and there will be a rally on April 10th.

Next Meeting:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Elections – TOTESON MEDICAL CENTER, 260 LONGWOOD AVENUE, ROOM 227