



# HARVARD GRADUATE COUNCIL

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## THE HARVARD GRADUATE COUNCIL

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

October 19, 2020, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

Location: [Zoom Link](#) (HSDM)

### I. Roll Call and Welcome – *Himaja & Peter* (7:00 - 7:15)

- Roll Call - *Peter*
  - HBS - Apoorva
  - HDS - Tsering
  - HES - Alt: Brett
  - GSAS - Rachael
  - GSD - Nima
  - HGSE - Nariman
  - HKS - Emily
  - HLS - Diego
  - HMS - Hugh
  - HSDM - Franklin
  - SEAS - William
  - HSPH - Rutvij
- HSDM virtual “tour” - *Franklin, Dahee* (15 mins)
- Approval of the Agenda

### II. Public Comments (7:15-7:25)

- Hugh Shirley (HSPH - Advocacy Committee: [hshirley@hms.harvard.edu](mailto:hshirley@hms.harvard.edu)) “the Green New Deal”
  - Bringing about issues regarding environmental justice, socioeconomic issues, and health outcomes.
- Jack Swanson (contact w/ questions: (828) 525-5335) “Election Petition”
  - Vote at 8:20pm
  - This coming Thursday (10/22) is the deadline to vote on Change.org
  - Collecting petitions in the Harvard community to ask President Bacow in making election day a Harvard University holiday.

- Petition URL (Change.org):  
<https://www.change.org/p/president-bacow-of-harvard-university-make-election-day-a-harvard-university-holiday>
- Hugh Shirley - COVID-19 policies
  - HMS Dean stated to bring up concerns to respective student governments to pressure administration about how to move forward with January COVID-19 related policies. HMS will not release any definitive information about how to move forward with COVID-19 in January until other colleges make a definitive decision and/or policy on coming back on-site.
- In the future, it would be great to have public comments emailed beforehand so the HGC executive board can appropriately allocate time in our agenda for them.

### III. Updates and Reports (7:25-7:40)

#### Executive – *Chanthia & Jo Jo* (7:25-7:35)

- General Remarks from President
  - Role/duties as voting rep and alternate reps
- Ivy+ Summit debrief
  - State of the Campus - For other schools (i.e. Princeton) free COVID-19 testing for every student (don't necessarily need to be on campus), others are allowing unlimited mental health visit. If anyone is interested on COVID response, mental health resources, etc. please reach out to HGC and we can provide the notes! (email Jack Reid [jackreid@mit.edu](mailto:jackreid@mit.edu) at MIT to get access to the notes from Ivy+ Summit and to the slack channel)
  - International Students

#### Operations & Governance – *Himaja & Peter* (7:35-7:37)

- Email list for Presidents and Representatives
- Survey for scheduling and contact information
- Retreat replacements
  - One-on-one meetings
  - Other activities
- Primary & Alternate Reps
- Zoom council meeting attendance - For any one who comes in to council meetings late, please private chat Peter.

#### Advocacy & Policy – *Abhinaya & Cynthia* (7:37-7:40)

- Public comment writing workshop - REGISTER [here](#), [Publicity Materials](#)
- Environmental Justice Subcommittee (see above)
- EAC member election
  - via election or nomination from student govt president, student council member (voting reps), or Chair of Advocacy (Abhinaya)

#### Information & Communication – *Heidi & Tara* (7:40-7:42)

- Marketing for One Catalyst Fund
- Marketing for DHS writing workshop
- Updates for the Executive Board and Voting Representatives
- Follow us on social media:
  - <https://www.facebook.com/HarvardGraduateCouncil>
  - <https://www.instagram.com/harvardgraduatecouncil>

#### **Student Life & Community Engagement – Angela & Amreen (7:42-7:44)**

- GradFest: Thank you and feedback from students
  - Time zone difference difficulties
- Harvard Votes Challenge Updates: support HVC student organizers + share resources + (events?)
  - Help keep the community engaged
- Medicine in Motion: Move Campaign updates
  - Debrief:
    - [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1a3pymr4qK-UgxPMzukt\\_hoF\\_xY5MYIZMSdPvo7ehPrkg/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1a3pymr4qK-UgxPMzukt_hoF_xY5MYIZMSdPvo7ehPrkg/edit)
- Harvard Ballroom Dance Team: special membership discounts for Grad students
- Student Life: A Series of Events and Conversations from HGC 2020-21: Group 1 (HVC Fireside Chat/Panel/Education Week Nov. 16-20? - Amreen)
  - Asking for presidents and representatives to help plan for events/initiatives hosted at each of the schools

#### **Finance & Student Groups – Brett & Said (7:44-7:49)**

- HGC Swag ordering procedures:
  - Waiting on the official list on who is primary and alternate reps to order. (from HGC ops team)
- One Harvard Catalyst Fund (rolling applications, priority deadline: 11/6/2020)
  - <https://hgc.harvard.edu/one-harvard-catalyst-fund>
- Food reimbursement: during meetings
  - <https://hgc.harvard.edu/reimbursement>
    - Up to \$20 reimbursement (via Venmo) per representative per General Body meeting
- Account balance

#### **IV. Presentations (7:49-8:05)**

- Davy Deng- *International Student Advocate, Harvard Chan Student Association at HSPH* (10 min presentation, 5 min Q&A)
  - Proposed Ruling on DHS (Duration of Status)

- Groups subject to limited 2-year admission instead of 4-year admission
  - Reducing the F-1 “grace period” from 60 days to 30 days
  - OPT/CPT/OPT STEM: students could have the option to extend their stay F-1 post-completion of OPT and STEM OPT.
- Potential Consequences
  - Unclear on what would happen to J-1 physicians
  - OPT/CPT is rendered ineffective
  - Risk of deportation for students in programs longer than 4 years
- Public Comment Process
  - Any member of the public may comment. Window is open for 30 days after the rule is proposed (closes 10/26/2020 for D/S proposed ruling)
- To sign up for the event, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dhs-proposed-duration-of-status-ruling-comment-writing-workshop-tickets-125197327577>
- For additional information, please contact Davy Deng: [davy\\_deng@hsph.harvard.edu](mailto:davy_deng@hsph.harvard.edu)

#### **V. Action Items (8:02-8:10)**

- Meeting Times: <https://www.when2meet.com/?9803047-Ttoqv>
- COVID policies for spring:
  - SEAS: SEAS is likely going to be in lockstep with GSAS, since all SEAS students are affected by GSAS policies
  - GSAS: GSAS only just finished surveying grad students about their need for on-campus resources in the spring semester. So I suspect our response plan for Jan is behind other schools
  - GSD: recent survey and still undecided on virtual/ vs hybrid for Spring
- Vote on [statement](#) in support of Election Day as a University Holiday (Yay/Nay)
  - Motion to white ballot.
    - No dissent. Motion **PASSED**.
- Email Executive Council with any questions for Marshall and the Provost Office

#### **VI. Members Privileges (8:10-8:25)**

- Feedback from reps

#### **VII. Announcements (8:25-8:30)**

- Upcoming DHS workshop

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

Next Meeting: Monday, November 2, 2020 7-8:30pm (HLS)