



HARVARD GRADUATE COUNCIL

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THE HARVARD GRADUATE COUNCIL

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

Host: Harvard Law School

November 2, 2020, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

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

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

- Roll Call - *Peter*
 - HBS - Chuck (alt)
 - HDS - Tsering
 - HES - Brett (alt)
 - GSAS - Rachael
 - GSD - Laier
 - HGSE - Nariman
 - HKS - Emily
 - HLS - Diego
 - HMS - Hugh
 - HSDM - Franklin
 - SEAS - William
 - HSPH - Rutvij
- HLS virtual "tour" - *Diego* (15 mins)
- Approval of the Agenda

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

- University support for students during elections and post-elections - *Nariman Moustafa (HGSE)*
- I-20 forms for international students - *Nariman Moustafa (HGSE)*

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

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

- Quick update from President
 - Will start having advisory meeting soon (i.e. Harvard Housing, Common Spaces, Jackie Yun from the Ivy+ Summit, Committee of Deans of Students, etc.)

- Please reach out to Chuck Nadd (chuck_nadd@student.hks.harvard.edu) about bringing forward to the administration an idea for socially distanced in person commencement if interested.
- General Remarks from Vice President
 - Will take the findings from the Ivy+ Summit and follow up with the administration

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

- President's Circle - 2 a year, one a semester
- One-to-one meetings
- Constitutional/Bylaw Amendments - taking 2-3 comments
 - On ways to hear thoughts outside council time - a potential policy committee, anonymous google form, etc.
 - Poll (on secret santa)

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

- Public comment writing workshop
- EAC member election
 - via election or nomination from student govt president, student council member (voting reps), or Chair of Advocacy (Abhinaya)
- Please reach out to Abhinaya to discuss election/post-election university support if interested.

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

- Harvard One Podcast
 - Each episode feat. a different graduate school. Encouraging all reps and exec members to act as co-host. Welcoming suggestions - please reach out to Tara!
- Follow us on social media:
 - <https://www.facebook.com/HarvardGraduateCouncil>
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Student Life & Community Engagement – Angela & Amreen (7:42-7:44)

- Thank you from Harvard Votes Challenge
 - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YoEP6TLs-DigCSTO4bXy0QRidN73eQHh8QKYuZs3s4/edit>
- Student Life: A Series of Events and Conversations from HGC 2020-21: The event series promotes the spirit of "One Harvard" by enabling school councils/associations/governments/forums to work with each other to bridge the physical and cultural distances, increasing inter-school dialogue and joint advocacy on issues students care about.
 - Group 1: HKS + HLS + HGSE + HBS + HES (Amreen)

- First meeting updates
- Next Steps
 - Meeting invite on Thursday. If you have any ideas on potential speakers, please share your thoughts on the google doc:
- Group 2 Updates: MiM + HSPH + HMS + HSDM (Angela)
 - Summer Health and Wellness Series - completed
 - New Event: Olympia Game - A competition between 12 schools - a One Harvard Event.
- Group 3: GSAS + SEAS + HDS (collaboration postponed to the Spring Semester)
- Discussion: University-wide Slack Group
 - William suggest check out Slack Enterprise Grid: https://harvard.service-now.com/ithelp?id=kb_article&sys_id=f9d786aedb67409430ed1dca489619f1

Finance & Student Groups – Brett & Said (7:44-7:47)

- HGC Swag ordering procedures - please submit your swag orders by the end of the meeting!
- One Harvard Catalyst Fund
 - Priority deadline: This Friday
 - Rolling deadlines continue afterwards
- Food reimbursement: during meetings + 1-on-1 meetings with exec (Peter, Himaja)
- Finance Committee Meeting: 11/8 2:30 PM EST

IV. Presentations (7:47-8:17)

- Marshall Page - *Associate Director for Student Engagement at the Office of the Provost* (10 min presentation, 5 min Q&A)
 - Chuck (HBS) was wondering about status of in-person commencement and factors that would go into that decision making
 - Marshall: No decision made yet. However, likely to have some sort of decision before the end of the calendar year. Does not seem likely that an in-person commencement will happen given the current national state of COVID-19. Regardless, please voice your opinions!
 - Question about online resources and hardship funds during pandemic
 - Marshall: Would be nice to hear from people who have experience with hardship funds (reach out to respective graduate schools to see if they have anything). The needs of students vary from program to program so no university-wide standards on internet access and such

- Mena & Nima (GSD): School responds appropriately to the statement that women ask less than men for resources and support
 - Marshall: Message is more powerful when you gather input from your aggregate constituency (i.e. a survey). More unified front.
- Emily (HKS): How would you recommend bringing forward a proposal or a unified message forward to the administration?
 - Marshall: Harvard wants decisions to be data driven. HGC could act as a subcommittee and find common standards to say something as a group (could address to deans and/or provost)
- Mena (GSD): GSD's increased tuition by \$2000 this year. Was told this was a university-level decision, not a school decision.
 - Marshall: Unsure about if there was a central conversation surrounding the tuition increase, but would be happy to discuss further offline.
- For further conversation, please reach out: marshall_page@harvard.edu
- Medicine in Motion (Amanda Cao & Logan Briggs)
 - Move Campaign: Want to address racism with HGC. Raised \$14,000 for NAACP, National Bail Out, Innercity Weightlifting, and Inala Wangarra
 - Ran a course in the shape of BLM
 - First Annual Olympiad on 11/21-29th: 3 events, 5k run, 13.1 mile bike, HITT workout. Participants can submit times to a leaderboard. Would like schools to form teams and award points based on leaderboard placement and participation volume. Will be competing amongst age & gender categories. Please help spread the word!

V. Action Items (8:17-8:22)

- Meeting Times: <https://www.when2meet.com/?9803047-Ttoqv>
 - New When2Meet link will be in the HGC Reps WhatsApp. Please fill it out!
 - It is 3:30am for Nariman in Egypt!

VI. Members Privileges (8:22-8:27)

- Feedback from reps

VII. Announcements (8:27-8:30)

- Motion to Adjourn by William (SEAS), Seconded by Hugh (HMS), Meeting Adjourned at 8:34 PM.

VIII. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Monday, November 16, 2020 7-8:30pm (SEAS)