



HARVARD GRADUATE COUNCIL

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THE HARVARD GRADUATE COUNCIL

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

Host: HMS

March 22nd, 2021, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

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

I. Roll Call and Welcome – Peter (7:30 - 7:35 PM)

- Roll Call - Peter
 - HBS - Present
 - HDS - Present
 - HES - Present
 - GSAS - Present
 - GSD - Present
 - HGSE - Present
 - HKS - Present
 - HLS - Present
 - HMS - Present
 - HSDM - Present
 - SEAS - Present
 - HSPH - Present
- Approval of the Agenda
 - **MOTION** to approve agenda by Rachael (GSAS), **SECONDED** by Hugh (HMS), no dissent, motion **PASSED**.

II. Guest Speaker (7:35 - 9:05 PM)

- “An Overview of Harvard University Finances”
 - *Guest Speakers:* Catherine Brennan, David White, Julia Falkoff | Office of Financial Strategy and Planning
 - *Pre-reading Material:*
 - [Harvard University's FY20 Annual Financial Report is](#) the most recent annual report - the first eight pages are a great resource for understanding at a high level how the University stewards resources

- [A primer video on how the endowment works](#) is a ~12 minute video that very clearly explains the ins and outs of Harvard's largest financial asset
 - Virtual “tour” - (HMS) (5 mins)
 - Hugh Shirley and Tarika Srinivasan (HMS HGC Reps)
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DfMv4eVW6qv-IJM4UXwofMZBEPyThMrh/view?usp=sharing>

III. Public Comments (9:05 - 9:07 PM)

- Mena/Heidi: voting on Memorandum on Lifetime Harvard Emails
 - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MByg22drinfsH66oexL7sY9FrEmcjzTgVOBofT6AJQc/edit>

IV. Action Items (9:07 PM- 9:10 PM)

- **MOTION** to approve Memorandum on Lifetime Harvard Emails by Mena (GSD), **SECONDED** by Naomi (HES)
 - Abhinaya (HGC): Last year, Harvard provided an extension for emails for 2020 graduates, but has not mentioned similar extensions for 2021 graduates
 - Abhinaya (HGC): The existing email is an alias email that has limited capabilities (and having a working email is important for connecting with professors, students, etc. and having career support (the two requests = email extension and lifetime emails)
 - Aye: 12, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0, motion **PASSES**.
- **MOTION** to approve **EXTEND** time by min 15 by Naomi (HES), **SECONDED** by William (SEAS), no dissent, motion **PASSES**.

V. Updates and Reports (9:10 - 9:45 PM)

Executive – Chanthia & Jo Jo

- Spring elections next meeting (April 5th)
- Push out elections emails (just sent) + graphics/social media!
- Updates from SHIP (Student Health Insurance Plan) committee meeting
 - Changes in costs
 - Mental health visit cap
 - There was a cap at 40 outpatient visits (in the past it was \$0 co-pay for visits 1-8 and co-pay increased from there, this year they increased this cap to 52 and revenue was not much affected -- there was some discussion about why that might be the case (ex. Services are virtual))
 - Informal vote to keep cap at 52 for next year
 - Notes: 2,000 student drop for those enrolled
- William (SEAS): Are they reinstating to copay?

- Chanthia (HGC): Unsure. Let me get back to you (will send follow-up email)
- Mena (GSD):
- Jojo (HGC): Mental health? \$35 up to 50 and full after that.

Advocacy & Policy – Abhinaya & Cynthia

- Memo on lifetime emails
- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MByg22drinfsH66oexL7sY9FrEmcjzTgVOBofT6AJQc/edit>
- Abhinaya (HGC): Here is a view only link of the Memo! Please share with your respective Dean of Students, alumni liaison, it department <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MByg22drinfsH66oexL7sY9FrEmcjzTgVOBofT6AJQc/edit?usp=sharing>

Information & Communication – Heidi & Tara

- Lifetime emails update
 - Will be meeting with IT, will have more conversations with HAA and the Provost Office

Student Life & Community Engagement – Angela & Amreen

- Game Night w/ MIT + Stanford
 - Will be hosted on second week of April (with two time slots for those in different time zones)

Finance & Student Groups – Brett & Said

- HGC Account Balance:
 - Checking: \$40,318.50
 - Reserves: \$7,181.02

Operations & Governance – Himaja & Peter

- Presidents One-to-One meetings
- 2021-22 HGC Reps - proportional representation
- Taking amendments back to home schools
 - Will send redlined versions of constitution post-amendment voting

VII. Members' Privileges

VIII. Announcements (9:42 PM - 9:45 PM)

- If reps would like to dress up, please feel free to do so!
- Also, share information about the elections with your representative schools
- Sign up by March 31st if you are interested in running!
- Information on logistics (ex. how different time zones will be accommodated) will be sent out this week
- Emily Mello will be the senior outgoing HCG rep who will be helping to tally votes along with Chanthia (they will be handling all logistics)

- Based on recent constitutional amendments, votes will be based on simple majority (with the candidate with the lowest vote dropped at every round)
- With the new amendment, you must have been an active HGC rep for two semesters in order to benefit from the preference clause (this applies to all reps)!
- For reps interested in running for elections, reach out to Chanthia

IX. Adjournment (9:45 PM)

- Motion to **ADJOURN** by Hugh (HMS), **SECONDED** by Tsering (HDS), No dissent. **Meeting adjourned at 9:44 PM**
- Next General Body Meeting: Monday, April 5th, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm ET (HDS/HGSE)