



# HARVARD GRADUATE COUNCIL

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## THE HARVARD GRADUATE COUNCIL

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

Host: HGSE

April 19th, 2021, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

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

### 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 - Absent
  - HMS - Present
  - HSDM - Present
  - SEAS - Present
  - HSPH - Present
- Council Picture!
- Approval of the Agenda
  - **MOTION** to approve agenda by Hugh (HMS), **SECONDED** by Naomi (HES), no dissent, agenda **PASSED**.

### II. Guest Speaker (7:35 - 7:50 PM) TBD

- Virtual “tour” - (HGSE) (15 mins)

### III. Public Comments (7:50 - 8:00 PM)

- COVID Relief Resolutions
  - Said (HGSE):  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xpbxHos9TzIXx0gIp3-bIPvIOsgwhH4mumYRitBHjuU/edit?usp=sharing>

- Rutvij (HSPH):  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/13J\\_fkT16EPv5DFRDo4cuSoe156s7bxXYHreARUTgvV4/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/13J_fkT16EPv5DFRDo4cuSoe156s7bxXYHreARUTgvV4/edit?usp=sharing)

#### IV. Action Items (8:00 PM- 8:30 PM)

- **Bylaw Amendment (Chanthia Ma, HGC)**

- Duties of the President and VP to attend and/or organize the following meetings during their term:
  - Biannual meeting with CODOs
  - Bimonthly meeting with UC President and VP
  - Biannual meeting with the University President
  - Biannual meeting with the University Provost
  - Bimonthly President's Circle
  - The HGC President shall also serve as an *ex-officio* member of the HAA and SHIP committees and should reach out to relevant parties at the start of the term
- **Aye: 11, Nay: 0, Abstain 1, motion PASSES**
- William (SEAS): Feels more like a bylaw change since it refers to the roles and responsibilities of the Pres and VP, not a constitutional change
  - Chanthia: constitution and bylaw is currently combined
  - William (SEAS): if we are changing the bylaws in the document, we should treat this as a vote to change the bylaws (even if it is the same document)
  - Peter: since it is the same document, we will encourage the next VC of Governance to separate the two documents, for now we will make this a bylaw vote

- **COVID Student Relief Resolution (Said)**

- **COVID Student Relief Resolution (Rutvij)**

- **Motion to TABLE both resolutions; Naomi (HES), Seconded by Mark (GSAS), Aye: 9, Nay: 0, Abstain: 3, motion PASSES**

#### V. Updates and Reports (8:30 - 8:45 PM)

##### Executive – Chanthia & Jo Jo

- Thank you to everyone! (:

##### Advocacy & Policy – Abhinaya & Cynthia

- Lifetime email update
  - Email issue was brought up in resolution brought up at previous meetings
  - Have two main asks: 1) extend access for graduates, 2) get lifetime access of emails for all
    - *Seems like they will extend emails for a year, but when it comes to lifetime emails there was more hesitancy (cost*

concern, privacy and security concerns), HGC will have more conversations next week to address the issues the admin are bringing up around this topic

- Virtual Statehouse Visit w/ MIT
  - MIT organizes state house visit for students to meet with legislators, their might be an opportunity for Harvard students to participate

#### **Information & Communication – Heidi & Tara**

- website update - bio & photo
  - All new reps and Exec Board members should email Heidi a brief bio and headshot

#### **Student Life & Community Engagement – Angela & Amreen**

- Games Night and Fitness classes
  - Had games night with MIT and Stanford, 100+ people attended, hoping to do another one in May
  - Fitness class hosted a few weeks ago was successful, will host another one soon
- Mental Health Week
- Democracy Day Letter of Support
  - 1000 affiliates signed the letter!
  - Now we need to encourage student bodies to sign the resolution (reps, please reach out to your student governments and school Deans!)
  - School + university leaders are aware of the proposal, but have not responded yet
- Thank you and End of Semester Report

#### **Finance & Student Groups – Brett & Said**

- Turn in all meal reimbursements by FRIDAY!  
<https://hgc.harvard.edu/reimbursement>
  - For international students, check might be better. For domestic students you can use either Venmo or check
- Balance:
  - Checking: \$39,877.67
  - Reserves: \$7,181.63
- Plaque Order Addresses: <https://forms.gle/WEsFckvTWyWei2tJA>

#### **Operations & Governance – Himaja & Peter**

- Presidents meetings
  - Each school's presidents will be meeting with President Bacow. If there are any questions for him, please tell your school's presidents.

- UC meeting
  - Met with President and VP, wanted to find synergies with the work HGC and UC are doing
    - Ex. UC have been working on advocacy efforts around divestments around fossil fuels
    - Yale is also working on putting together a resolution calling on universities to take action regarding fossil fuel diversity
    - Also had conversations around working on increasing student voting position for different offices in the central admin (ex. UC Pres serves on the Harvard Police Dept and we are trying to see if we can have an HGC rep on as well)
      - Also want to explore working with Office of Gender Equity, DIB office, etc.
      - Library leadership has been very open to having a HGC rep in a voting position on the board

#### **VII. Recap of the Semester: Thoughts (8:45 - 8:55 PM)**

#### **VIII. Announcements (8:55 PM - 9:00 PM)**

#### **IX. Adjournment (9:00 PM)**

- Motion to **ADJOURN** by Nariman (HGSE), **SECONDED** by Rutvij (HSPH), No dissent. **Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM**
- Have a wonderful summer!