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THE HARVARD GRADUATE COUNCIL

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

April 11, 2022, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Tour Start Location (6:30 pm):

Entrance of Swartz Hall (Photo of Entrance Below)

45 Francis Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138.



Meeting room location (7:00 pm):

Harvard Divinity School

Room: Braun Room, first floor of Swartz Hall (which is on the old side of the building near ahead of the elevator)

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Cambridge, MA 02138

Those who are remote will have the opportunity to participate via Zoom (starting at 6:55 pm). **Zoom link is below:**

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Meal Reimbursements:

Meals eaten on the evening of Monday, March 7 (either before or after our HGC meeting) will be reimbursed up to \$20.00. If you would like to reimburse your meal, please fill out this form: <https://hgc.harvard.edu/reimbursement>

I. HGSE School Tour (6:30 pm - 6:55 pm) - Mayank Kumar (HDS)

II. Roll Call and Welcome – Peter & Himaja (7:00 pm - 7:05 pm)

Schools	First Name	Last Name	Individual Present?	School Present?
SEAS	Hugh	Zhang	(Mark, proxy)	Yes
GSAS	Anna	Walker		Yes
	Nikita	Kupko		
	Tammy	Lan	Yes	
HLS	Joan	Josiah	Yes	Yes
	Gabrielle (Gabe)	Crofford		
	Ivanka	Canzius		
HBS (HBSSA)	Brian	Ratajczak		Yes
	Kyle	Blank		
	Vivek	Agarwal	Yes	
HSDM	Subin	Jeong	No	Yes
HES (HESA)	Brett	Monson	Yes	Yes
	Jim	Smith		
HKS (KSSG)	Camille	Choe	Yes	Yes
	Jordan	Biggers	Yes	
HSPH (HCSA)	Natasha	Matthews	(Dina, proxy)	Yes
HMS	Marta	Williams	(Diego, proxy)	Yes
	Michael	Liu		
	Divya	Singh		
HGSE	Parisa	Loftis Hamm	Yes	Yes
GSD	Aeshna	Prasad	Yes	Yes
HDS	1.1.	Kumar	Yes	Yes

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Executive Board Members in attendance:



2. Quorum in attendance:
3. Approval of the Agenda
 - 3.1. Approval of the Agenda - **MOVED** by Parisa (HGSE), **SECONDED** by Jordan (HKS), **DISSENT**. Agenda **APPROVED 7:05 PM ET**

III. Public Comments (7:05 pm - 7:10 pm)

1. None

IV. Action Items (7:10 pm - 7:55 pm)

1. [Ukraine Resolution Letter from HGSU \(7:10 pm - 7:15 pm\)](#)
 - a. HGSU: Written by a group of students from Ukraine and the US, put together some recommendations for Harvard to provide meaningful support to students from Ukraine and the Ukraine situation. Asking about several action items including academic accommodations, proactive mental health support, prioritizing the mental health and well being of those affected, financial and housing assistance, etc. The resolution concludes with a public statement on HGSU's position.
 - b. HGSU is requesting the central administration to provide action addressing these concerns.
 - c. Dina (HSPH): How many students are affected across Harvard with regards to the Ukraine situation?
 - d. HGSU: Approximately 1500 students across Harvard. There are also students across the world who are affected by the situation.
 - e. Camille (HKS): Any precedents from other schools on how they're responding to this situation?
 - f. HGSU: MIT has been providing swift action, Harvard has not.
 - g. Vote to sign resolution: **PASSES**
2. [Ordinance for Legal Aide - Brett Monson \(HES\) \(7:15 pm - 7:25 pm\)](#)
 - a. Estefania (HGC): Where did the numbers come from?

- b. Mark (SEAS): We did the calculation based on how frequently the lawyer would come to campus and provide the service.
- c. Joan (HLS): Did we anticipate the pay?
- d. Mark (SEAS): Passing this will allow us to explore funding options
- e. Motion to pass ordinance for legal aid: **PASSES**

Motion to Extend the meeting by 1 hour made by Mark (SEAS), seconded, no dissent.
Motion **PASSES**.

3. [HGC Executive Board & Rep. Responsibilities](#) - *Carlos Gonzalez Sierra (HGC)* (7:25 pm - 7:32 pm)

- a. Parisa (HGSE): Which positions will be elected in the fall semester vs the spring semester?
- b. Peter (HGC): The constitution does not specify positions and only states 6 positions are elected in the fall and spring (with President the VP always being elected in the spring). The Chair of Governance will make the official decision.
- c. Max (HGSE): Question: Should “Advocacy” go in the title of the role? How will student engagement be handled? Seems to be the most work intensive
 - i. Carlos (HLS): Use of “co-chair” roles was discretionary
- d. Jordan (HKS): What is function of “Chair of Student Engagement”?
 - i. Carlos (HGC): Mandate of role is not just advocacy; also engage students through civic engagement and public service
 - ii. Jordan (HKS): Is likelihood of things falling through the cracks increased if the mandate of the role is not specific enough
 - iii. Carlos (HGC): This role was titled as such to be broad enough to encompass various advocacy initiatives.
 - iv. Diego (HMS): Feels less organic when someone’s job description is “engagement”
 - 1. Carlos (HGC): Idea would be about strategic engagement
 - v. Nima (HGC): Applications may be decreased to “Information Technology” role based on its current description
- e. Jordan (HKS): Appreciate input from executive council members
 - i. Xavier (HGC): Students want to be involved in advocacy; want to meet people from other schools; feels that title should better encapsulate the roles
- f. Parisa (HGSE): What is the change in title that you’re looking for?
 - i. Xavier (HGC): Would like “advocacy” somewhere in the student engagement role
- g. Dina (HSPH): Could it be called Student Engagement and Advocacy Officer?

- h. Motion to amend position title to “Chair of Advocacy and Engagement”:
Motion **passes**
 - i. Motion to amend position title to “Chair of Information”: Motion **passes**
 - j. Motion to approve changes to section 4-2 of the HGC Constitutional amendment: Motion **passes**
 - k. Motion to approve HGC Constitutional Bylaw changes (role descriptions):
Motion **passes**
 - l. Motion to approve changes to section IX-5.1 of the HGC Constitutional amendment: Motion **passes**
4. [APIDA Graduation Celebration](#) - *Camille Choe (HKS)* (7:32 pm - 7:40 pm)
- PACE (HGSE): Graduation stoles and university-wide affinity group graduations are provided to many of these affinity groups except APIDA at Harvard. Asking Harvard to provide \$4000 in funding to make APIDA university-wide graduation, asking staff to provide support in the logistics and securing venues for graduation ceremony.
 - Camille (HKS): this is a concern with respect to erasure APIDA in not just Harvard, but the U.S. This resolution bring attention to importance regarding ensuring equity at Harvard.
 - Vivek (HBS): What has the Harvard University offices stated about why they aren't providing support for APIDA graduation ceremony?
 - PACE (HGSE): They spoke with several Harvard offices and have had minimal responses. We wanted to come to HGC first and hope to get support from the Provost's Office through HGC.
 - Max (HGC): Raises bigger issue about how the University supports/doesn't support various groups on campus
 - Motion to vote on resolution by Parisa (HGSE), seconded by Vivek (HBS)
 - Motion **PASSES**
5. [Proposed 2022-2023 HGC Budget](#) - *Kathleen Dillon (HGC)* (7:40 pm - 7:46 pm)
- a. Motion to amend budget - take out winery event, replace with funding for legal aid, and change funding allocation to \$5000
 - i. Motion **passes**
 - b. Brett (HES): should we allocate funds from budget to provide stipends for exec board?
 - c. Peter (HGC): Nope, money will be pulled from other sources
 - d. Kathleen (HGC): Money will be rolled over from this year to next
 - e. Motion to approve proposed budget: Motion **passes**
6. [Catalyst Fund](#) - *Kathleen Dillon (HGC)* (7:46 pm - 7:51 pm)

- a. APIDA Graduation Celebration
 - i. Brett (HES): Is this a retroactive event?
 - ii. Kathleen (HGC): No
 - iii. Parisa (HGSE): Do you have the means within PACE HGSE in order to make this happen if HGC happens to vote in favor of partial funding?
 - iv. PACE (HGSE): Acquiring funding is not just important for making this event happen, but it is also symbolic representation of Harvard's support.
 - v. Motion to vote on Catalyst Fund application (\$2500)
 - 1. Motion **PASSES**
 - b. Motion to approve HCSA I-Night Catalyst Fund Application: Motion **PASSES**
7. [Funding for Harvard Votes Challenge](#) - *Landon Fortenberry (HGC)* (7:51 pm - 7:54 pm)
- a. Motion to approve \$700 funding: Motion **passes**
8. Changing the name of the Catalyst Fund (per Trademark Guidance) - *Nima S Zamanpour (HGC)* (7:54 pm - 7:55 pm)
- a. Motion to vote: Motion **passes**
 - b. "Catalyst Fund"
 - i.
 - c. **"Harvard Graduate Council Catalyst Fund" (HGC Catalyst Fund) – our name for the catalyst fund**
 - i. 5
 - d. "Harvard Graduate Council One Harvard Catalyst Fund"
 - i. 3

V. Discussion (7:55 pm - 7:57 pm)

- 1. Any Rep Discussion Items
 - a.

VI. Updates and Reports (7:57 pm - 8:00 pm)

- 1. **Advocacy & Policy** – *Xavier & Max*
 - a. Advocacy Committee Updates
- 2. **Student Life & Comm. Engagement** – *Estefania & Landon*
 - a. Women's leadership fire chat event - register [here!](#)
 - i. Poster on LinkedIn
 - ii. Better up coaching sessions
 - iii. Target 100 students

3. **Information & Communication** – *Nima & Troy*
 - a. Alumni Email Update
 - b. Logo Approval
4. **Finance & Student Groups** – *Kathleen & Shankar*
 - a. **Currently Open HGC Ex-Officio Seats:**
 - i. Accessibility Advisory Group (non 2022 graduating students preferred)
 - ii. Provost's Office Mental Health Focus Group (non 2022 graduating students preferred; student focus group)
 - iii. FAARM (student focus group) <https://faarmproject.org>
 - b. **Future Potential HGC Ex-Officio Seats:**
 - i. [Committee on Climate Education](#) (Jim Stock - Vice Provost on Climate and Sustainability)
5. **Executive** – *Peter & Himaja*
 - a. HGC graduation stoles (thanks Kathleen!)
 - b. HGC potluck - date and info will be released soon
 - c. Elections on 4/25! Please encourage people to apply

VII. Adjournment

Next Meeting: April 18th, 2022 on Zoom (Unofficial)

- Motion to **adjourn** by Jordan (HKS), **seconded** by Parisa (HGSE), **dissent** by none , General Council meeting **adjourned** at **8:56 PM**