



THE HARVARD GRADUATE COUNCIL
The Representative Body for All of Harvard's Graduate and Professional Students

November 14, 2022, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Location: Harvard Chan School of Public Health, Kresge Building, Room 200, 677 Huntington Ave,
Boston, MA 02155

For any questions or concerns (e.g., if you are unable to find or access the room, please get in touch with Ulzijjargal Sukhbaatar at **808-304-5588** or if you are a Representative/Board Member, use the #general slack channel!

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Schools are required to have at minimum one Representative present in person to cast votes for your school. If you cannot attend in person, you are encouraged to send a degree-seeking graduate student from your school to serve as a designee. Forward the meeting calendar invite & meeting agenda to your Designee and email operations@hgc.harvard.edu by noon on Sunday. Otherwise, we will expect that you will be in attendance in person. Bring your ID and dress in business casual, if possible!

For those who are in degree programs that are currently **entirely virtual** (only specific programs at HES and HGSE), you will be allowed to attend the HGC meeting virtually. The Zoom information for participating remotely is below:

<https://harvard.zoom.us/j/98220079775?pwd=V214VEZXQ0JJaUJseWxTVUhXTXJEUT09>

Password: 385277

Other Information:

Please arrive/login 15 minutes early prior to the start of the meeting (this applies to everyone -1 Representatives and Executive Board). The meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 pm ET.

Food will NOT be provided. HGC Representatives and current Executive Board members will be reimbursed up to \$20 for a meal eaten on the day of the meeting (either before or after our HGC

meeting). Save your receipts. HGC cannot reimburse you without a receipt. If you would like to reimburse your meal, please fill out this form: [HERE](#)

AGENDA

I. School Tour and Presentation (6:30 pm - 6:55 pm)

II. Roll Call and Welcome – *Carlos and Mayank* (7:00 pm - 7:05 pm)

- Roll Call of School Representatives

Schools	First Name	Last Name	Individual Present?	School Present?
SEAS	Mark	York	No	No
GSAS	Tammy	Lan		No
	Chanthia	Ma		
HLS	Tolu	Alegbeleye	Yes	Yes
	Alice	Hu		
	Dee	Um		
HBS	Maxine	Nesbitt	Yes	Yes
	Daniel	Applewhite		
	Ryan	Rivera		
	Davida	Bynum		
HSDM	Subin	Jeong		Yes
	John	Couri	Yes	
HES	Brett	Monson	Yes	Yes
	Andrew	Blair	Yes	
	Angelica	Remanche	Yes	
	Lillian	Wang	Yes	
HKS	Eliazar	Chacha	Yes	Yes
HSPH	Heather	Olden	Yes	Yes
	Idongesit	Sampson	Yes	
	Kushi	Desai	Yes	
HMS	Kosti	Psimopoulos		Yes

	Sunny	Jeong	Yes	
	Diviya	Rajesh		
	Naira	Ikram		
HGSE	Athena Cole	Tassis Wilson		No
GSD	Aakanksha	Jain	Yes	
	Amna	Pervaiz		Yes
HDS	Nicole	Collins		
	Keisha	Bush	Yes	Yes
	Shariah	Anderson		

- Quorum in attendance (8/12 required): 9
- Approval of the Agenda
 - Approval of the Agenda - **MOVED by Eliazar (HKS), SECONDED Keisha (HDS) , DISSENT none, APPROVED** at 7:42PM ET.

III. Guest Presentation (7:05 pm - 7:25 pm)

- Robb Dehney, Commissioner, Harvard Graduate Intramural Sports League

IV. Public Comments (7:25 pm - 7:40 pm)

- Kody Christiansen, HESA President

V. Open Discussion (7:40 pm - 8:20 pm)

- Harvard Legal Aid Pilot Program Update (Brett Monson, HES)
 - The sign-up form for the committee: [HERE](#)
- University Student Groups Committee Update (Brett Monson, HES)
- Professional headshots for graduate students (Carlos and Tolu, HLS)
 - How many graduate schools offer free headshots to students?
 - HMS, HGSE, GSD, HLS, HDS, HSPH, HBS
 - Goal would be 500 students
- Draft One Harvard Catalyst Fund impact report (M.J. Mehdi, Chair of Finance) [HERE](#)

VI. Action Items (8:20 pm - 8:30 pm)

- Resolution in support of race-conscious admissions (Eliazar Chacha, HKS) [HERE](#)
 - Needs $\frac{2}{3}$ of quorum to pass

VII. Updates and Board Reports (8:30 pm- 8:55 pm)

Executive – Carlos & Mayank

- Meeting with President Bacow - November 15th

- Harvard and the Legacy of Slavery report [HERE](#)
- Multi-year commitment for Grad Fest
- Sponsoring Graduate Gala
- Meeting with HGC and student government presidents
- CODOS Debrief
 - Urged them to identify HGC Reps. in the spring
 - Deans open to partnering with HGC in the future
- Graduate Gala sponsorship
 - HSPH

Finance – M.J. Mehdi

- Budget update
- One Harvard merchandize sale
- University Student Groups approval process
- Harvard v. Yale Tailgate payments

Operations & Governance – Ulzijjargal & Azwa

- Sign-up to host a General Council Meeting [HERE](#)
 - School intro presentation/tour - no longer than 15 minutes
- Join Slack [HERE](#)
 - If you cannot join, let Ulzijjargal know

Programming – Prabhroop & Shreya

- Harvard v. Yale Planning Committee Update - meet after meeting
- HGC Friendsgiving Dinner - Postponed
- Harvard Graduate Gala Planning Committee sign up form [HERE](#)

Advocacy & Engagement

- Academic Affairs - Arya
 - Cross-Graduate School Buddy Program
- Wellbeing - Ambria & Annie
 - Graduate Intramural Sports League update
 - Parent/Caregivers focus group [HERE](#)
- Diversity & Inclusion - Shabeha
 - Postcards for international students initiative with GSAS
 - OEDIB meeting update
- Advocacy & Engagement - Janan
 - External Advocacy Board meeting - MIT
 - If any Harvard HCG attend their meeting - would be great.
 - Harvard Votes Challenge update

Information & Marketing – Gabriel & Cayden

- HGC Newsletter (Gabriel)
- HGC website update (Cayden)
 - Meet the board campaign - started on Instagram

VII. Announcements (8:55 pm - 8:58 pm)

- **Harvard v. Yale Tailgate:** Saturday, November 19th, 9:00 am - noon
- **Next General Council Meeting:** Monday, November 28th, 2022, 6:30-9 pm at Harvard School of Dental Medicine (HSDM)

VIII. Adjournment

- Motion to **ADJOURN** by Keisha HDS, **SECONDED** by Maxine HBS, **DISSENT none**, General Council meeting **ADJOURNED** at EST 9:01 **PM**