

October 25th, 2015  
UC Gen Minutes

### **Community Time: Dean Lassonde**

- Schedule coffee with the dean
- Wants to meet with all the committees again!!
- Words of wisdom: Remember change takes a while to happen, but you must work on something semester after semester. The change Harvard students benefit from might happen a couple of years after you graduate. That's the way institutions work.
- OH: Mondays, from 1-3 in Lam Caf
- Responsible for College's response to Sexual Assault Survey
- Q: What can the UC do in response to the issue of sexual assault?
  - Keep it alive
- Q: What's your favorite achievement?
  - "I'm still in office".

### **Prez Updates:**

- For Omni for Androids, sign up on website
- Read the agenda

### **Committee Updates:**

- **Read**
- Scott met with D. Harris (**Ed Com**)
- UC Community Dinners!! Sign up (**FiCom**)
- William Greenlaw made a really cool precedent doc (**FiCom**)
- Poppin freshman town hall happening on Tuesday from 8-10 (**FCC**)
- Delivering invitations by hand (**SIC**)
- BGLTQ caucus! Talk to Danny
- Yazza will send out Excel sheet for House study breaks

### **34F-14: Fall Grants Pack 5**

- **Passes by unanimous consent**

### **34F-15: Publicity for Harvard-Yale Shuttles**

- Primary means of transportation at game - 2000 students take these buses, cost \$40-50
- Accessible!
- Just going to pub
- Q: Why are we drafting legislation for a mail-merge?
  - Want to be as transparent as possible
  - Best way to legitimize this process and make the council aware
- Q: Some way of sponsorship/endorsement. To what extent can this go through UC Gen?
  - (Brett): Doesn't specifically suggest an endorsement- doesn't need to go through Rules
  - Not going to say this is UC-sponsored or endorsed
- Q: 2 emails. Just marketing strategy
- Long-established, public service
- Con: Going back and forth with reasoning about the fine line between publicizing and endorsing
- Pro: This is not inherently political or controversial; this is doing people a favor by getting the word out
- Con: Please include your votes along with docketed statement (7-0-0)
- Pro: Not the publicity arm of UC; it's the mail-merging account of prez/vp
- Con: Prez/Vp's mail-merge representative of the UC as a whole
- **Passed by voice vote**

### **34F-16: New Business: Earmarked Funds for Freshman Class Town Hall Meeting**

- Opportunity to increase efficacy of UC to student body
- No better time to start this than right now, the beginning of freshman year
- Consider this legislation? Motion to hand-vote: **Passed. Considering legislation.**
- Have added certain incentives for people to come to this meeting. Upper limit of \$325- food. Flexible time, 8-10 pm
- Q: Is this annually or semesterly? Is this the first year we're doing this?
  - First time - not sure what's going to happen in the future
- Q: Targeted per yard?
  - No, for the whole class
- In the process of publicizing - Dhruv can mail-merge the freshman class
- Q: Is \$350 too small? Last year it was more
  - It's enough, according to the cookie store
- Q: Why was this not docketed?

- Ran out of time
- Q: What is the prize?
  - It will be a sur-prize.
- Con: JSO is very strongly against new business because we try to make sure that things are hashed out beforehand.
- Vote to vote: Passed
- **Passed by hand vote 45-1-0**

### Question/Comment Time

- Why is President Faust only meeting with us for half an hour once a semester? We should take this in consideration.
- Dean Smith/Khurana meeting - for Exec only
- Let Yazza know about publicity efforts
- What will Ava/Dhruv bring up to President Faust?
  - Implement Cayuga watch
  - Send list of updates/agenda
  - Final clubs? Don't have an official stance. They are 20% of our community and we do represent 100% of our community.
- Brett serves on House Renewal committee - let him know if you want to chat.
- For Prez Faust- bigger asks? We don't have a lot of time.
  - Great relationship with administration. The approach that Ava/Dhruv have developed: let's build a strong relationship. Ask for things when required but at the same time ensure that we keep a solid relationship to make sure we can keep pushing for things that are feasible.
  - **Suggestion from Dean Lassonde: This is the way to make progress. You can make a splash in the headlines by being confrontational but you want to find things that are possible.**
- Kevin: Fanny packs or sweaters? SWEATERS SWEATERS SWEATERS