

November 1st, 2015
UC Gen Minutes

Presidential Updates

- With President Faust - discussed public service and social spaces on campus
- Appreciation for money given to FDO/OSL
- Sexual assault response - hoping to get something done by the end of Ava/Dhruv term
- Daniel Levine is a CHAMP - new website is up.
- Mail merge problems - going to pay \$70 for a service going because this is an important function of the council
- Read the agenda

Committee Updates

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- FCC: About 150 people showed up to the town hall
- Rules: referendum questions!
 - "Should Harvard undergraduates stop having breakfast meetings?"
 - The question is if there should be something added to the handbook in which you cannot enroll at Harvard College unless you abstain from participating in traditional, all-male final clubs
 - 3rd question about including more student input in sexual policy-making
- SRC: Come tomorrow for the GOTV video- Yazz will send out an email! Also November 12th, 6 o'clock at Grafton Street Pub
- SFC: Berkeley will send out an email - females especially, please pay attention!
- Conversation with Shannon at HUIT so that UC can integrate our mail-merge service into administration service

*Quincy, Lowell, Kirkland, Mather, Dunster, Cabot, Pfoho - coordinate and pick dates for your study breaks!!!

34F-17: Fall Grants Pack 6

- Roughly how much money that had been budgeted for FiCom to give has been spent? We have 28,000 between two more regular meetings.

Passed by unanimous consent.

34F-118: An Act to Bring Ambassador Edward Perkins to Campus

- This is a good opportunity to bring Edward Perkins, the first black ambassador to South Africa. The black caucus is fully in support of this idea. Asking for \$250.
- Q/A:
 - Q: Given that the UC is directed toward projects for undergrad students, how does this relate to undergrads? A: Negotiating change in a world that doesn't want to be change. Very relevant.
 - Q: Why are we funding speakers when we don't normally fund speakers and why the Crazy Ideas Fund? A: Exception because this is being led by the black caucus and this is a good way for us to connect with the black community and we funded speakers for Side by Side last year and this is not something we normally do- could be a crazy idea!
 - Q: Why only \$250? A: We negotiated this price.
- **Amendment**
 - Subbing in "Bridging and Belonging Fund" for "Crazy Ideas Fund"
 - More than 1/3 vote: We are considering.
 - What's the total amount for bridging and belonging? 15k, matched for 15k
 - Total Crazy Ideas Fund: 5k
 - **Adopted by unanimous consent.**

Unanimous Consent: Objection

Passed by hand vote

34F-19: Pusey Library UC Referendum Act

- Spoken with administrators- need space for freshmen - opening up Pusey Library as social space - for students in the Yard and Union Dorms. Current use- not very ideal for location, just storing archives
- Q/A:
 - Purpose? Party or more of a relaxing social space- nap?
 - Want to see a safer social space on the weekends, need somewhere you can go past 7:15 on a Friday
 - Freshmen only? Where are we in terms of administration? Freshman-oriented- events aimed toward freshmen. Spoken with administration- want them to see this referendum so we can show need.
 - Why passing through the UC vs getting votes?
 - Crazy idea- library > social space?

- What is the value of asking a question that no one will say no to? Just want proof of support
- Will this avenue be useful according to administration? Admins came up with idea of Pusey Library
- Pro/Con
 - Pro: Getting a lot of votes from just one class, one body, is hard.
 - Con: Pursuing this afterward- how would we overcome obstacles?
 - Pro: Tom Dingman pushing for this space for a while; they are working in tangent with Dean Dingman
- **Amendment: Strike out “freshmen” and add in “many students” and strike out “as a class” after the word connect.**
 - Being considered
 - A UC referendum should be targeted toward entire body- mostly freshmen will use it anyway, but still important to make this more open
 - Has the administration already designated spaces for upperclassmen? Yes, but mostly house-related. Not for people outside of each other’s houses.
 - How is this different from places in houses that are open like the grilles? In the Yard- can go between classes.
 - Benefiting one portion of student body - still important? Just don’t want it to be restricted so that upperclassmen IDS won’t work?
 - To what extent do the words “freshman-oriented” restrict upperclassmen from going? Striking this would make upperclassmen feel more comfortable
 - Should freshmen feel more comfortable in House events? More similar to entryways.
- Pro/Con:
 - Con: We need to call the issues like they are. No group on campus more shafted than freshmen- we ought to be labeling this as freshman-oriented.
 - Pro: Great amendment in terms of principle and pragmatism. Just specifying this for one class seems against ideas of open campus. Location and space already implies it’s freshman-oriented - so why do you need these words?
 - Con: Phrasing “freshman-oriented” not prohibitive; freshmen have no space. This is just to ask student body if this space should be there. Not necessarily going to be this restrictive when the space is actually created.

- Pro: Slashing this opens this to everyone. Nothing just for the sophomore class, just for the junior class. Labeling this as freshman-oriented will cause upperclassmen to not go.
- More Pro/Con
 - Con: Important to determine if “freshman-oriented” will deter upperclassmen. Look back at freshman year and wish that there were spaces like this. Also, freshman year most important year- in completely new world, need this social space.
- **Roll call: 10-24-8 amendment fails**
- Pro/Con for regular space
 - Con: Daniel uses this space and administrators regard this as a treasured location. Hesitate as referendum - not as great for entire student body to vote for this. Should just have freshman survey
 - Pro: Working with administration - administration asked for this to go to referendum - best way to get this data. So many more people vote on this than on any other survey. Also the principle behind this is because upperclassmen have way more space
 - Con: Not be using Council’s time or the Council as a vehicle of questions- if there is large support, then people should go out and get signatures. There’s a reason that the number is so high.
 - Pro: Also time concern for signatures. Strong support within administration- opportunity before us to make inroads.

➤ **Amendment not considered - adding Pusey’s Library location**

Passed by roll call, 31-11-0

Q/A:

- Yaz really really needs people - meet by Widener steps at 4 pm
- On more contentious things, enforcement to rules tends to drop and those are in the exact circumstances when adherence to rules is most importance. Please be mindful about Q/A period - only questions! Also please do not speak out over other people.
- A lot of rush to “get meeting over with” - shouldn’t be our priority
- When people who haven’t spoken before mess up; can be hinderance and barrier to entry for discussion
- Also at the cost of other people speaking because of confusion
- Meet with Jacob!! Or use parliamentary inquiry
- David is meeting with OSAPR at 2:30 to talk about sexual assault policy and if anyone wants to come, reach out to David!
- Brett needs people to send Pro statement to him and also a Con statement

- Will publicize referenda and con statements