



# Harvard Undergraduate Council

*General Meeting, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

## Agenda

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### **1. Community Time**

- a. Professor Sean Kelly, on the General Education Program changes (30 min)

### **2. Presidential Updates (5 mins)**

### **3. Committee Updates**

### **4. Docketed Legislation**

- a. 34F-22: Grants Pack 8
- b. 34F-23: Thanksgiving Shuttles
- c. 34F-24: Funding for Freshman Yard Town Hall

### **5. New Business**

- a. 34F-25: Initiatives to Stop Sexual Assaults on Campus Act

### **6. Questions + Comments**

### **7. UC Group Picture!!**

## **President and Vice-Presidents' updates**

### **President Ava Nasrollahzadeh '16 and Vice-President Dhruv Goyal '16**

#### **1. Meeting with Dean Khurana**

- a. Ventfull Review - financial collaboration with the administration; will be discussed with the next leadership
- b. Weekend Brainbreak - HUDS working with OSL & UC to potentially pilot brainbreak in 3 Neighborhood Houses (Mather already has it)
- c. Sexual Assault Response- 3 pronged approach shared as potential council recommendations (see legislation); deadline for task force decision approaching soon

#### **2. Second meeting with Pres Faust!**

- a. Discussion Topic: Race inclusivity on college campus & admin initiatives and response

#### **3. Looking Ahead: HSA proposal to collaborate with UC on new party kit initiative .**

- a. Big Props to Julian for all of his hard work with this
- b. Looking to DAPA as third partner

## **Committee Updates**

### **Education Committee – Scott Ely, Adams '18, Chair**

**Meeting Time:** *Tuesday at 9:00 pm, Stone Hall basement*

1. EdCom survey questions due by Thanksgiving break.
2. Conversations and work happening on HBX, Levenson Marquand Dingman awards, course material costs, and Undergraduate teaching fellows.

### **Freshman Class Committee – Eduardo Gonzalez, Mather '18, Chair**

**Meeting Time:** *Tuesday at 7:00 pm, Location TBD*

1. Freshmen coordinated the writing of a response piece to "Parties in Pusey?". Will hit the Crimson on Monday.
2. Moving forward with plans for individual town halls.
3. Finished pubbing dorm improvements survey. Now working with results.

### **Rules Committee - Brett Biebelberg, Quincy '16, Chair**

1. Met on Friday. Props to Daniel and Olu for leading great discussions on fiscal accountability, attendance review transparency, and caucuses
2. Next meeting: Friday, Dec 4

**Student Initiatives Committee – Daniel Banks, Dunster '17, Chair**

**Meeting Time:** *Tuesday, 6pm, Dunster*

1. Drop It Like It's Harvard

**Student Life Committee – Oliver Kim, Leverett '16, Chair**

**Meeting Time:** *Saturday at 4pm in Leverett's Light Court Seminar Room*

1. Thanksgiving Shuttles!!!! Sign up for shifts, help send out the email
2. SLC had a productive conversation with Chloe Li from SHARC, will coordinate on improving publicity efforts
3. Olu: working on getting numbers on laundry usage from Crimson Cash
4. Jazil: talking to Dean Dingman + Mary Lou Kearns about FIP leaders in Annenberg
5. David, Jullian, Maddie, Oliver: continuing to reach out to resident deans and House Administrators re: affirmative consent trainings

**Student Relations Committee – Yasmin Sachee, Currier '18, Chair**

**Meeting Time:** *Friday at 5pm, Quincy House (TBD!)*

1. Serious congrats to Berkeley for her amazing alumni mixer
2. GOTV video released on Monday
3. Flash mob on Wednesday
4. Progress on website
5. Contacting administrators about town hall centred around recent events in Mizzou/Yale

**Student Faculty Committees – Berkeley Brown, Lowell '18, SFC Director**

1. Continue attending SFC meetings - keep up the good work!

**Finance Committee – Riya Patel, Kirkland '17, Chair**

**Meeting Time:** *Wednesday at 7:00pm, Mem Hall 029*

1. Policy working group on Wednesday for sexual assault policy. Come one, come all!

## **34F-22 Fall Grants Pack 8**

*Finance Committee Chair Riya Patel '17, Kirkland on behalf of the Finance Committee*

**Whereas** Harvard's student groups provide valuable services to the undergraduate community; and

**Whereas** the Finance Committee is committed to allocate grants in support of student groups; and

**Be it therefore resolved** that \$19,080 from the Grants Pack be allocated to the following recipient projects; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Treasurer immediately disburse funds to these recipients upon receipt of all pertinent information; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Finance Committee may adjust allocations appropriately in response to new information provided on a Completed Project Form, but in no case to more than 150% of the allocation amount listed herein; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Finance Committee may impose additional penalties upon any Upfront Funding recipient who fails to file a Completed Project Form and submit all receipts for their event, including the rejection of future Fall applications by that recipient, unless the recipient's failure to file on time is due to an error by a UC member or the Finance Committee approves an extension; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chair of the Finance Committee notify each recipient listed below of the decision of the Undergraduate Council regarding their grant application within 24 hours of this bill's passage, and provide each recipient with all necessary information for obtaining the funds allocated herein.

**FiCom Docketed: Unanimous**  
**FiCom Recommended: Unanimous**

#	Project Name	Organization	Requested	Funded	Notes
1	Make Music! Wintersession Chamber Music Workshop		2050	\$1,500	last year was the first year, 10 day music fest., accomodations in nyc not included in money they asked for, \$1500 minimum
2	Synergy Social Enterprise Incubator		1500	1000	3 meals a day, \$8 a meal; going on for about 4 years, first year with international partner
3	Wintersession at the Harvard Advocate	The Harvard Advocate	400	130	3 meals a day, 20...
4	Biotech Immersion in Swedish Playtime: Boda Borg	Biotechnology Association	900	350	20 undergrads
5	National Collegiate Research Conference	Harvard College Undergraduate Research Association	1280	800	Annual conference gathering undergrad researchers from all over country and few internationals. Provide an environment for discussing research and developing an undergrad research community. Nobel speakers come in, mentors come in for innovation challenge. Students present posters on their research. 70+ Harvard students participate. Funding would go to catering and miscellaneous things for the big dinner and what not. Big dinner at the law school.
6	Ballroom Winersession Classes	Harvard Ballroom Dance Team	380	380	ballroom classes open to anyone in community, last year had 120 undergrads in two levels. Professional dance instructors would receive the \$380, to be supplemented by the Harvard Ballroom team. No snacks, drinks, etc.

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7	Wintersession Trip to Sky Zone	Asian American Women's Association	675	250	Trip to Sky Zone for roughly 25 undergrads. Sky zone tickets are 20 dollars per person, plus T fare and granola bars / water.
8	Wintersession	Harvard Outing Club	2600	2500	food 6 days, rental cars, participation fees at \$50,
9	Adirondacks Ice Climbing Trip	Harvard Mountaineering Club	1600	1500	5+ years, recently doing it in Wintersession. 30 people, rent a cheap cabin, teach people about ice climbing for about a week - 8 days. Ton of outdoor bonding #FOP. Since it's been in Wintersession like 2/3 of people aren't from HMC, random harvard undergrads. \$1,600 would go toward subsidizing for cabin, gear, food, gas. Cost was \$20/night with UC funding, and without \$50+ per person.
10	J-Term NYC Trip	Radcliffe Choral Society	3380	2000	female voice choir, tour to Asia, nyc tour to perform and meet with alumn; no money needed for housing; just for busses and conductor's stipend; says \$2000 is the least they could manage with
11	3rd Annual Wintersession Tour	Kuumba Singers of Harvard College	1,600	1000	WinTour (lol), put together a lot of gigs in the community - schools, churches, etc. 50 singers and then 200 at African Diaspora Dinner (all members of black community and others are welcome). Dinner is free and at a d-hall. Main costs are \$1000for buses, \$600 food/set/up.
12	HCAP Wintersession Conference	Harvard College in Asia Program	4100	2500	90 undergrads, week-long program w/ delegates from Asian countries; bring in speakers

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13	OXFAM Hunger Banquet	Harvard Undergraduate Global Health Forum	520	520	Each person gets a different country and they get different food to demonstrate food conditions in each country.
14	WINTERSESSION: WINTER XCELERATE	Harvard Ventures	1000	900	week long incubator for start-ups; money for food, transportation around boston; 40-50 students
15	WINTERSESSION: Laser Quest	CSA	1,860	750	wintersession trip, last year skyzone this year lazerquest in Roxbury. 50-60 people expected. Money used for travel, food, admission costs. \$1860 - \$120 food, \$240 Transport, \$25 admissions/person for 2 rounds = \$1500. Any Harvard undergrad. January 23rd.
16	WINTERSESSION: iGEM BioDesign Bootcamp	Harvard iGEM	3000	1800	Intensive introduction to synthetic biology and life science research. Foundational lab techniques will be formed. First time for event. Application already out, expect 15 undergrads plus 5 people running program. Will be using NW teaching lab.
17	WINTERSESSION: Women's Leadership Conference	Harvard-Radcliffe Women's Leadership Conference (WLC)	3500	1200	4 day program for 35 undergrads; banquet dinner; special events; publication costs
		<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$30,345</b>	<b>\$19,080</b>	

## **34F-23: UC 2015 Thanksgiving Airport Shuttle Authorization Act**

*Representative Samarth Gupta '18, Lowell House*

*Representative Vimal Konduri '17, Winthrop House*

*Student Life Committee Chair Oliver Kim '16, Leverett House*

**Whereas** Harvard College students have expressed interest in a reasonably priced shuttle service to take students from campus to Logan Airport prior to Thanksgiving break, and

**Whereas** the Undergraduate Council has successfully implemented such services in previous years and students have greatly appreciated the Thanksgiving Airport Shuttle Services that the UC provided in previous years, and

**Whereas** Peter Pan Charter Services is a reputable company that has reliably supplied charter buses for this service in the past and the total charter costs for the proposed plan is \$1435,

**Be it therefore resolved** that the Council authorize the Student Life Committee to charter, manage, and publicize airport shuttles prior to the upcoming Thanksgiving Break;

**Be it further resolved** that the UC President and Vice President send out a College-wide mail-merge to promote ticket sales,

**Be it further resolved** that the Council allocate **\$1464** for the shuttle program, with the following sub-allocation:

- a. \$1435 for the Peter Pan Charter Service, and
- b. \$29 for online ticket sales costs;

**Be it further resolved** that the Council authorizes the Thanksgiving Break shuttles with a per seat cost of \$8 when purchased online and \$10 when purchased at the door; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Student Life Committee will only adjust these prices if necessary to prevent a monetary loss to ensure the Council recoups its investment; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Council authorizes the following shuttle departure schedule from in front of Lowell House:

- a. Tuesday, November 24 at 12 PM, 2 PM, and 4 PM,
- b. Wednesday, November 25 at 4 AM and 6 AM.

**Docketed by SLC 11-0-0 -- 11/14/15**



## **34F-24: An Act to Fund Freshman Yard Town Hall Meetings**

*Representative Evan Bonsall '19, Elm Yard*

*Representative Jack Kelley '19, Crimson Yard*

**Whereas** the Freshman Class Committee Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, October 27 provided useful feedback for freshman UC representatives and provided an opportunity to have productive conversations with constituents; and

**Whereas** the first Freshman Town Hall on October 27 was well-attended, but certain dorms were underrepresented; and

**Whereas** freshman UC representatives and their constituents have expressed an interest in continuing the productive, informal dialogue established at the October 27 town hall meeting; and

**Be it therefore resolved** that the Freshman Class Committee allocates a maximum of \$400 for spending on food and prizes for freshman town hall meeting(s) during the calendar year 2015 which will be open to all students and proctors who would like to attend; and

**Be it further resolved** that any portion of this allocation which the FCC decides not to invest in the freshman yard town hall meeting(s) this year will be automatically reallocated to the general FCC Fund.

**Docketed 11-0-0**

## **34F-25: Initiatives to Stop Sexual Assault on Campus Act**

UC President Ava Nasrollahzadeh '16, Pforzheimer House

UC Vice-President Dhruv Goyal '16, Lowell House

Student Life Committee Chair Oliver Kim '16, Leverett House

Student Initiatives Committee Chair Danny Banks '17, Dunster House

Representative Shaiba Rather '17, Cabot House

Representative William Greenlaw '17

Representative Berkeley Brown '18

Representative David Frankle '18

Representative Samarth Gupta '18

Representative Wyatt Robertson '18

**Whereas** on September 21st 2015, the Association of American Universities and Harvard University released the results of a sexual conduct survey, conducted in Spring 2015; and,

**Whereas** the University Task force on Sexual Assault Prevention and Response meets on November 20th, 2015; and,

**Whereas** the specific mechanisms underlying any recommendation that is presented to the administration will be discussed at a later date,

**Be it therefore resolved** the UC proposes a three-pronged recommendation package toward addressing the issue of sexual assault on campus; and,

**Be it therefore resolved** these recommendations be addressed to the University Task Force On The Prevention Of Sexual Assault; and,

**Be it therefore resolved** the specifics of the programs will be solidified on later dates, depending upon a full understanding of the constraints for the various proposals; and,

**Be it therefore resolved** that the UC propose the following recommendations (details of which can be found below):

1. Increase Capacity For Ethical And Active Bystanders
2. Provide Financial Incentives For Responsible Actions By Student Groups
3. Expand Training and Awareness of Sexual Assault Prevention, Response, Policy, And Resources

### **1. Increase Capacity For Ethical And Ethical Bystanders**

- a. Devote resources to increase capacity for ethical and active bystanders at the college
- b. Build out capabilities at the college to operate peer-to-peer bystander intervention program
- c. Integrate program into existing college resources, and establish strategic partnerships (e.g., OSAPR, AODS) to provide necessary support functions (e.g., training, supervision)
- d. Train students to be ethical and active bystanders and place them in both recognized and unrecognized social spaces
- e. Recruit large student staff from diverse social, cultural, and racial organizations (e.g., athletic teams, single-sex social organizations).
- f. Prioritize considerations of confidentiality for the ethical and active bystanders in the context of keeping party assignments anonymous and reporting or feedback accounts anonymous

### **2. Provide Financial Incentives For Responsible Actions By Student Groups**

- a. Adjust UC finance policies to incentivize events that promote tangible actions that address the issue of sexual assault on campus
- b. Empower the Finance Committee to deliberate on ways in which they can create financial incentives for student groups that show an active effort to address the problem of sexual assault on campus
- c. Examples of tangible actions that could warrant a financial gift may include (but are not limited to)
  - i. Entire board of a student organization has received OSAPR training
  - ii. The student organization has signed up to have capacity for ethical bystanders at their social events
- d. These deliberations will take place on Wednesday, November 18th at 8:30pm and all UC members are invited to attend and vote on the proposals presented in Committee
- e. Precedent: Finance Committee Policy changes have taken place in committee, rather than the entire Council at large.
- f. The Finance Committee Chair will announce these changes at the following UC General Meeting on 22nd November.

### **3. Expand Training and Awareness of Sexual Assault Prevention, Response, Policy, And Resources**

Increased education on current sexual assault and Title IX policies at the college,

- a. Trainings may be facilitated by members of sexual health organizations (e.g., CARE, OSAPR at large) and College offices dedicated to promoting safe and inclusive social spaces and practices.
- b. Trainings will be directed toward upperclassmen and will take place 1-2 times a year with potential for renewal.
- c. Trainings will take place at convenient locations within houses in community-based settings (by entryway, class, etc.)
- d. Reevaluate current freshman year training and programming related to sexual assault prevention and response, as well as programs more broadly addressing sexual health and awareness.

