

# **Harvard Undergraduate Council**

General Meeting, December 6, 2015

### **Agenda**

- 1. Presidential Updates (5 mins)
- 2. Committee Updates
- 3. Presidential Surprise
- 4. Legislation:
  - a. 34F-29: Grants Pack 10
  - b. 34F-30: Ventfull Continuation Act
  - c. 34F- 31: Operational Spending Act
- 5. Swearing in of Shaiba & Danny
- **6. Secretary & Treasurer Elections**
- 7. Questions + Comments
- 8. UC Superlatives!
- 9. Secret Santa!

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

- 1. Welcome Anahuac University!
- 2. Update on sexual assault 11/18 legislation
- 3. Reflections on a year of parli pro :)

### **Committee Updates**

#### EdCom - Scott Ely, Adams '18, Chair

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

- 1. Teaming up with APO to expand LMD Awards
- 2. Waiting on survey questions from the Undergraduate Teaching Fellows and then hopefully the survey will be sent out before the semester ends!

#### FCC - Eduardo Gonzalez, Mather '18, Chair

**Meeting Time:** *Tuesday at 7:00 pm, Location: Yee Room* 

- 1. Printers coming soon to Pennypacker and Stoughton
- 2. Brain break will be getting hot food twice a week and will now be open until 11pm
- 3. Planning beginning for Freshman Health Week!
- 4. Congratulations to FCC for an incredible semester!! You're all the bomb.

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

- 1. Bylaws amendment about allocating money
- 2. Personal reflections

### SIC - Maddy Stern, Winthrop '18, Chair

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

- 1. Cultural Rhythms Market with Harvard Foundation: Feb 15th
- 2. Winter Carnival with Crimson Key
- 3. Square Partnerships--John Harvard's: talking to Nina Hooper
- 4. Speed Dating

#### SLC - Oliver Kim, Leverett '16, Chair

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

- 1. Congratulations to our new SLC Chair, Berkeley Brown! Thank you to everyone who ran; I have not seen such an impressive slate of candidates since... well, ever.
- 2. This will also be my last opportunity to concisely say "read the agenda" instead of giving a lengthy committee update.
- 3. Mets record this year: 90-72.

#### SRC - Yasmin Sachee, Currier '18, Chair

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

- 1. Meeting with OSAPR + CARE at the beginning of next semester to discuss referenda question
- 2. Midterm elections publicity
- 3. Send Berkeley content for the alumni newsletter
- 4. Congratulations to Yasmin for a hard-fought re-election!! Better luck next time, Victor.

### SFC - Berkeley Brown, Lowell '18, Chair

1. Fill out response forms!

### FiCom - Riya Patel, Kirkland '17, Chair

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

- 1. ALL THE \$\$\$ IS GONE :)
- 2. Congrats to William Greenlaw on FiCom Chair!
- 3. I'm going to miss you all \*tears\* but I'll see you oh so soon.

#### 34F-29 Fall Grants Pack 10

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

34F-9 Fall Grants Pack

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 \$20,146.79 from the Grants Pack be allocated to the following recipient projects and \$230 from the Grants Pack be allocated to the following recipient projects for wintersession,

Be it further resolved that the Treasurer immediately disburse funds to these recipients, 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	Pan-African Dance and Music Ensemble General Meeting	PADAME	80	\$80	food by policy
2	End of Semester Dumpling Study Break	Half Asian People's Association	100	\$100	food by policy
3	VentureWorks Demo Day	Harvard Ventures	300	\$300	food by policy
4	End of Semester Lunch/Info session	Harvard Undergraduate Biotechnology Association	150	\$0	reading period; 150
5	Bridging Research and Entrepreneurship	Harvard Undergraduate Biotech Association	300	\$300	food by policy
6	Study Break	Medical Humanities Forum	100	\$0	reading period: 100
7	Faculty-Student Dinner Discussion with Dr. Doris Sommer	Harvard Forum for International Development	50	\$45	food by policy
8	Dessert Island	Taiwanese Cultural Society	300	\$300	food by policy
9	HOC Ski Gear	Harvard Outing Club	3500	\$3,500	buying skis (10 year investment)
10	Politicizing Beyoncé	Radcliffe Union of Studenta	977	\$494	food, travel, pub by policy
11	2015 Pan-American Intercollegiate Chess Championships	Chess Club	820	\$0	over winter breaktravel outside of country; 100
12	PPP Study Break	Harvard Premedical Society	200	\$150	food by policy
13	Holiday	Health Leads	350	\$350	food, decorations by

	Party/Social				policy
14	Synthesis Journal Publication	Synthesis Journal	600	\$0	not for journal printing. waiting on costs for meetings.
15	Harvard Ballet Company presents "The Giver"	Harvard Ballet Company	1600	\$1,600	Performance play "The Giver"
16	First Day of School	HRDC	1000	\$1,000	play by policy
17	The Flick	HRDC	1000	\$1,000	play by policy
18	Winter CSA Constituency Soiree	Harvard-Radcliffe Chinese Student Association	250	\$0	
19	LIHC Final Reception	The Leadership Institute at Harvard College	280	\$180	food by policy
20	Latinx Holiday Dinner	Concilio Latino	1550	\$0	DURING READING PERIOD. \$850
21	Bhangra Team Fall Retreat	Harvard Bhangra Dance Company	281.52	\$200	200 by policy
22	Thanksgiving Dinner	Harvard-Radcliffe Asian American Christian Fellowship	50	\$50	food by policy
23	AAA Blackout	Harvard Radcliffe Asian American Association	253.27	\$203	food by policy
24	Mental Health Forum	Harvard Radcliffe Asian American Association	68.05	\$60	food by policy
25	Frosh rep study break!	Harvard Radcliffe Asian American Association	44.57	\$55	food by policy, materials by discretion
26	Get Lucky	Harvard Radcliffe Asian American Association	78.44	\$68	food by policy
27	TLA Uniforms 2016	Three Letter Acronym	296.96	\$297	uniforms / costumes

28	End of the semester study break	Harvard College Italian Society	93.96	\$60	food by policy
29	Half Asian Glow	Half Asian People's Association	129.99	\$130	food and decorations by policy
30	Half Asians in the Media Discussion	Half Asian People's Association	25	\$25	food by policy
31	HRCSA Presents: Love Lockdown	Harvard-Radcliffe Chinese Student Association	164.53	\$115	food by policy, materials by discretion
32	Purgatory	Harvard-Radcliffe Chinese Student Association	200	\$200	food by policy, dj
33	Comfort Food Study Break	Harvard-Radcliffe Chinese Student Association	114.95	\$115	food by policy
34	Black Men's Forum and Association of Harvard Black Women Annual Holiday Cocktail	Black Men's Forum	650	\$650	food by policy
35	An Autumn Concert for the Young and the Young at Heart	Bach Society Orchestra	1000	\$1,000	concert by policy
36	AAWA 10th Anniversary Celebration	Asian American Women's Association	150	\$150	snacks and food by policy
37	Philosophy Craft Night	Harvard Review of Philosophy	37.95	\$38	materials by policy
38	THUD / UC Collaboration at Harvard TEDx	The Harvard Undergraduate Drummers (THUD)	470	\$346	bass drum rental, score rights
39	Lan Kwai Fong Mixer	Hong Kong Society	488.61	\$332	event by policy
40	Chili Paneer Study Break	South Asian Association	119.94	\$120	food by policy
41	Master and Margarita	Russian Speakers Association	31.37	\$30	food by policy

	showing				
42	TedX Harvard Performance	Under Construction	310	\$0	
43	Calligraphy Tattoo Study Break	Taiwanese Cultural Society	840	\$0	
44	How Nature Can Save Us	Harvard College Conservation Society	145.34	\$145	website fees
45	Mental Health and Substance Abuse	Harvard Undergraduate Bioethics Society	51.25	\$51	food by policy
46	HCURA Social	Harvard College Undergraduate Research Association	58.32	\$58	food by policy
47	Panel Discussion: Social Inclusion in Singapore at 50	Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia Association	1000	\$135	food by policy
48	Fall Dinner	Harvard Islamic Society	1450	\$1,050	food by policy
49	New Mixer console	WHRB-FM	700	\$700	media by policy
50	Pancakes and Pong	South Asian Association	64.99	\$65	food by policy
51	Community Meeting	South Asian Association	131.97	\$132	food by policy
52	Operating Costs for General Meetings	Harvard College Forum for International Development	100	\$100	food by policy
53	Engineering Fall Social	Harvard College Engineering Society	90.68	\$91	food by policy
54	Sophomore Welcome Lunch	Harvard College Engineering Society	91.99	\$92	food by policy
55	Committee	Harvard College	70	\$70	food by policy

	Welcome Study Break	Engineering Society			
56	HCC First General Meeting	НСС	93	\$75	food by policy
57	Meeting with IOP Fellow Scott Smith	Harvard Republican Club	53.79	53.79	
58	Humanities Concentration Panel	Harvard Undergraduate Humanities Initiative	75	\$55	food and poster by policy
59	Canadian Thanksgiving	Canadian Club	597	\$320	food by policy; for 80 ppl
60	Study Break	Access Health	100	\$57	food by policy, retro
61	Magazine Printing	Tempus: The Harvard College History Review	350	\$350	publication by policy
62	Volunteer Project Sunshine	Project Sunshine	300	\$300	food by policy
63	Cultural foundation performance	Harvard College Korean Adoptee Mentorship Program	120	\$0	during reading period
64	Darkroom refurbishment	Photography Club	2333.73	\$2,334	materials for darkroom photography
65	Tuesday Magazine semesterly printing costs	Tuesday Magazine	500	\$500	publication by policy
66	Camp Cambridge Connect (WINTERSESSION )	Harvard Islamic Society	3154.5	\$230	***\$1488 if possible after OSL approves other programs
			\$20,660.89	20,376. 79	

### 34F-30: Ventfull Continuation Act (2015)

Shaiba Rather, UC President Danny Banks, UC Vice President Ava Nasrollahzadeh, UC President Emeritus Dhruv Goyal, UC Vice President Emeritus

Whereas currently no milestones were set during the original review period of calendar year 2015, and;

Whereas the UC will need financial support from the administration if Ventfull is going to be a sustainable initiative, and;

Whereas the administration has articulated that financial support for full cost is possible, but will only come if clear milestones are set (& achieved) for Spring 2016, and;

Whereas metrics & proposed milestones for Ventfull have been distributed (& attached to this legislation)

Be it therefore resolved the UC adopts these milestones and extends proof of concept period to May 2016, and;

Be it therefore resolved the UC funds \$1,200 from the "Project Continuation Fund" (which currently has \$5,000) for the continuation of Ventfull for another semester, till May, 2016.

Exec Docketed: 12-2-0

## 34F-31: Operational Spending Act

Sponsored by
Daniel Levine '17
Evan Bonsall '19
Olu Oisaghie '19
Samarth Gupta '18
Ziko McLean '18

Recommend by Rules Committee 12/4/15 5 – 1 – 0

Rules Committee Vote by Roll Call: Evan Bonsall '19: y Samarth Gupta '18: y Meghamsh Kanuparthy '16: y Daniel Levine '17: y Ziko McLean '18: y Jacob Steinberg-Otter '16: n

Whereas, Section 66.2 of the Bylaws states, "The Council may not spend money that it has not appropriated through legislative business with the exception of provisions in Section 62.2;" and

Whereas, Section 62.2 of the Bylaws states,

The following schedule shall govern any routine expenditure from the operations fund.

A. Administrative Expenses. The Executive Board may appropriate up to \$200.00 without consulting the Council for normal operational expenses and pestering of public notices.

B. Elections. The Council will fully fund the costs of running its own elections.

C. Overhead. The Operations fund will be used to pay the rent, phone bill, mailing costs, costs of office supplies, hired office managers, and the refund of term bill fees.

and Whereas, Section 3 of Standing Rule 2 states, "In the situation where the Council stands in possession of funds not obtained through the student termbill or through Harvard University sources, let it be noted that spending requires only the simple consent of the Exec Board in order to be appropriated. The Treasurer shall report expenses not exempt under Section 62.2 of the Bylaws of the Undergraduate Council via electronic mail to the members of the Council;" and

Whereas, the Rules Committee has interpreted the above legislation as meaning that:

- 1. Expenditures originating from student term bill money must be approved in advance by a vote of the full Council, in which a simple majority of the voting Council members approve the expense; and
- 2. Expenditures paid from the operations fund may be approved by
  - a. a vote of the full Council, in which a simple majority of the voting Council
  - b. a vote of the full Executive Board, in which a simple majority of the voting members approve the expense or members approve the expense, provided that
    - i. (Standing Rule 2) the full Council is subsequently notified or
    - ii. (Bylaws 62.2) the funds do not exceed \$200 and the funds are used for
      - 1. elections
      - 2. rent
      - 3. phone bill
      - 4. mailing costs
      - 5. costs of office supplies
      - 6. hired office managers

and Whereas, the Rules Committee seeks to clarify existing rules in the Bylaws and in Standing Rule 2, which govern the Council's appropriation of funds; therefore

Be it resolved that Section 62.2 of the Bylaws be amended to state: The following schedule shall govern any expenditure of funds not obtained through the student termbill, provided spending is not in excess of the sum of the amount remaining in the appropriate fund, minus all unpaid authorizations from said funds:

A. Spending by the Full Undergraduate Council. By a simple majority

B. Administrative Expenses. By a simple majority vote, the Executive vote, the full Council may appropriate any amount of funding for any expense. Board may appropriate any amount of funding for any expense provided that the full Council is notified.

and be it further resolved that this amendment to the Bylaws supersedes Standing Rule 2.