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FCC Bylaws Amendment

34F-09

Sponsored by

Riya Patel, Kirkland '17, Finance Committee Chair
Brett Biebelberg, Quincy '16, Rules Committee Chair

Recommended by

Rules Committee 10/10/15

Yes: 5

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

Vote by Show of Hands

Passed 10/12/15

Yes: 25

No: 3

Abstentions: 1

Amendment History

For details, see the meeting's minutes.

1. At the General Meeting, Eduardo Gonzalez, Mather '18, Freshman Class Committee Chair, proposed an amendment that would have set \$10,000 as a floor for the FCC's funding. The amendment failed by hand vote.

Whereas the Freshman Class Committee has demonstrated its efficacy operating under a revised structure as part of year-long pilot program; therefore

Be it resolved that the Bylaws of the Undergraduate Council be amended as follows to codify the structural changes:

Section 67. Freshmen Class Committee.

The Freshman Class Committee (FCC) shall pursue projects that improve the Harvard experience for members of the freshman class.



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- Section 67.1. Committee Structure.

The FCC shall consist of all the freshman Council representatives and a Chair. The FCC Chair will be appointed by the UC Executive Board. The Chair shall be responsible for coordinating and promoting freshman class projects and representing the FCC agenda on the Executive Board and before the Full Council. The Chair shall only have the ability to vote on matters before FCC in the event of a tie. By its second meeting each academic year, the FCC shall elect one Treasurer and one Secretary. The committee Treasurer will be responsible for maintaining all financial records and coordinating reimbursements and disbursements with the UC Treasurer. The committee Secretary shall be responsible for keeping minutes, attendance and records as directed by the governing documents and the Chair. In the absence of the Chair, the chair shall devolve to the Treasurer, and then the Secretary.

- Section 67.2. Attendance.

All elected freshman Council representatives are required to serve on the FCC in addition to their primary UC committee. Members are required to attend every meeting. Absence from an FCC meeting shall be counted against members' UC attendance records as a 'primary committee' absence. In the event of absences, members shall notify the FCC Chair and Secretary prior to the meeting.

- Section 67.3. Funding

~~The Freshman Class Committee shall hold weekly meetings and make the grant applications available to all students and organizations. In its annual budget, the Undergraduate Council shall appropriate funds for the FCC. The Freshman Class Committee will be funded through the Freshman Life Fund. The fund consisting of no less than \$10,000 with half of that amount earmarked for capital improvements and half of that amount earmarked for intermediate-range programming between freshman entryway programming and FYSC class-wide programming.~~ Funds shall only be allocated towards projects and distributed to events benefitting the freshman class. The grants shall be approved by a majority vote of the voting members of the Freshman Class Committee and distributed by the Treasurer. The Freshman Class Committee may establish its own criteria on which to base grant decisions. All funds to be allocated by the FCC shall be



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approved by a majority of the committee and then passed by the full Council.

• ~~Section 67.2. Transparency~~

~~The Freshman Class Committee shall submit to the Council reports of all grants that have been approved by the FCC on a weekly basis.~~

• ~~Section 67.3. Officers and Timeline~~

~~The Freshman Class Committee will elect from its members a Chairman and a Secretary on the first meeting. The Chairman of the Finance Committee will run the election in the manner prescribed by the bylaws for the election of a committee chair and committee secretary. The timeline on which applications for the FCC are solicited and reviewed should mirror those of the Student Faculty Committees, but are up to the discretion of the FiCom Chair.~~