



# Harvard Undergraduate Council

*General Meeting: January 31, 2016*

## Agenda

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- 1. Introducing: Dean Dingman!**
- 2. Presidential Updates (5 mins)**
- 3. Treasurer Updates**
- 4. Committee Updates**
- 5. Legislation:**
  - a. 34S-01: Operational Spending Act**
  - b. 34S-02: New Projector and Case**
- 6. Questions + Comments**

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

1. Ventfull Status
2. Board of Overseers
3. Dean Khurana Meeting
4. Rotating UC Gens
5. Spring Elections

## **Treasurer Updates**

1. Office Hours will be on Mondays from 8:00-10:00 PM in Lowell Dining Hall
2. \$11 from Ops for Fi-Com mail merge (9-0-0)
3. \$157.92 from Ops for guacamole social (10-0-0)
4. The Celtics are on a 5 game winning streak and Spring Training begins in 18 days

## **Committee Updates**

### **EdCom – *Scott Ely, Adams '18, Chair***

**Meeting Time:** *TBD*

1. Star/LMD Awards
2. HBX
3. Other Projects

### **FiCom – *William Greenlaw, Pfoho '17, Chair***

**Meeting Time:** *TBD*

1. New system, including automatic mailmerge

### **FCC – *Eduardo Gonzalez, Mather '18, Chair***

**Meeting Time:** *TBD*

1. Amazing frosh accomplishments
2. Ongoing projects
3. Potential week-long events

**SIC – Maddy Stern, Winthrop '18, Chair**

**Meeting Time:** *TBD*

1. Food Market: February 20th at end of Diversity week put forward by Harvard Foundation, looking at potential venues
2. John Harvard's—have met with Nina and Stephanie Khurana and will be moving forward/submitting a draft proposal by the beginning of this week
3. Datamatch--establishing a partnership with them, details to be decided.

**SLC – Berkeley Brown, Lowell '18, Chair**

**Meeting Time:** *TBD*

1. Accessibility, gender-neutral bathrooms, and other projects

**SRC – Yasmin Sachee, Currier '18, Chair**

**Meeting Time:** *TBD*

No meeting this week

### **34S-01: 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 Kanuparthi '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 term bill 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 term bill, 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.

## **34S-02: New Projector and Case**

*Sponsored by:*

*Samarth Gupta '18, Treasurer,*

*Shaiba Rather '17, President,*

*Danny Banks '17, Vice President*

Whereas, the UC provides amenities for student groups to borrow,

Whereas, the UC has been lending out a projector to student groups and student groups use it,

Whereas, aforementioned projector no longer works,

Be it therefore resolved that the UC purchase a new projector and case for \$340 from the Operations Fund.

Docketed by SRC 13-0-0