



Harvard Undergraduate Council

General Meeting: February 7th, 2016

Agenda

- 1. Presidential Updates (5 mins)**
- 2. Treasurer Updates**
- 3. Committee Updates**
- 4. Legislation:**
 - a. 34S-03: Grants Pack 1**
 - b. 34S-04: Projector**
 - c. 34S-05: Food Market**
 - d. 34S-06: Datamatch**
 - e. 34S-07: SHARC Safe Sex Event**
 - f. 34S-08: Rebranding Bridging and Belonging Act**
 - g. 34S-09: LMD Star Prize Awards Act**
 - h. 34S-10: Operational Spending Act**
- 5. Questions + Comments**

President and Vice-President's Updates

1. Danny finished the LSAT!
2. Dean Khurana Meeting
3. OSAPR Sexual Assault Awareness Month
4. Town Hall with the Harvard Foundation

Treasurer Updates

1. \$143.00 alumni event from Ops
2. If you need a reimbursement let me know and I'll send you the reimbursement form!
3. Celtics are battling for the 3 seed in the East — just beat the Cavs! Catchers and pitchers report for the Red Sox in 11 days. Student tickets are only \$9, so if you want to bond with your treasurer, hit me up!

Committee Updates

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

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

1. Star/LMD Awards - nomination deadline is the 14th!!
2. HBX - Info session on the 16th!
3. Other Projects

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

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

1. Health Week ideas brainstormed, planning now in progress
2. Decided not to pursue freshman diversity series
3. Have game table legislation that will await a less crowded UC gen

Rules Committee - *Daniel Levine, Winthrop '17, Chair*

1. Rules membership will be finalized by the end of the week. If you would like to be on Rules, contact your committee chair, Shaiba, Danny, and me by Thursday.
2. In response to a question brought up at last week's Gen, there is no rule that prohibits committees from voting electronically. Section 54.6 of the Bylaws prohibits full council votes from taking place electronically or by proxy, unless in the case of a constitutional amendment.
3. There is also no rule preventing the full council from changing a piece of legislation's funding source.

SIC – Maddy Stern, Winthrop '18, Chair

Meeting Time: *Thursday, 6 pm, Lev Light Court Room*

1. Food Market--Happening the 20th in partnership with Harvard Foundation, working on logistics now.
2. John Harvard's--proposal is sent and will be waiting for response from Stephanie Khurana early in the week
3. Crimson Key Collaboration--Moved to late March and thinking about a potential dance
4. Contest--working on publicity (shout out to SRC) for a new "the Harvard-project" like contest, details to come

SLC – Berkeley Brown, Lowell '18, Chair

Meeting Time: *Saturday at 3pm in Leverett's Light Court Seminar Room*

1. Moving forward with Accessibility (Diana) and Gender Neutral Bathroom Projects
2. Publicizing for SHARC event (see legislation) - Al
3. Making mental health counselling more accessible - David and Mac
4. Improving house gyms - Taylor and Al
5. LevConnect expansion - Jullian
6. CharlieCard+HUID - Olu and Scott
7. Improving summer housing - Anna

SRC – Yasmin Satche, Currier '18, Chair

Meeting Time: *Friday at 4:30 pm, Quincy House Shinagel Room*

1. Website team: Daniel L and Alex P - pictures next week!
2. Team being created for 'Bridging and Belonging' rebranding
3. Video for Datamatch THIS WEEK
4. Send us things to post on FB - aiming for 3 posts per day

FiCom – William Greenlaw, Pfoho '17, Chair

Meeting Time: TBD

34S-03: Spring Grants Pack 1

Finance Committee Chair William Greenlaw, Pforzheimer '17 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 \$5,021.00 from the Grants Pack be allocated to the following recipient projects,

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	Churros and Chats and Le's and Laughs	Queer Students and Allies'	\$87.50	\$87.50	food by policy
2	Spring Launch Event and Speaker Series	Harvard Health Policy Review	\$900.00	\$776.00	food by policy; materials by discretion
3	Suffolk Eat My Improv show	Three Letter Acronym	\$21.20	\$21.20	transportation by policy
4	The Soul of Anime	Japan Society	\$450.00	\$200.00	Speaker from MIT; 50 people and catered food; food by policy
5	Black Tie Concert	MIHNUET	\$200.00	\$0.00	We do not fund fundraisers.
6	Ghungroo	South Asian Association	\$2,310.80	\$1,000.00	production
7	Startup Fellowship Expose	Harvard College Ventures	\$400.00	\$0.00	
8	HAPIE general meetings	Harvard College Association for the Promotion of Interplanetary Expansion	\$450.00	\$320.00	food by policy; other by discretion
9	JOSHUA BOGER: Startup or S&P 500: Secrets from Biotech Star	Harvard College Healthcare Associates	\$135.00	\$135.00	
10	Best Buddies Group Activity	Best Buddies	\$225.00	\$110.00	food by policy; materials by discretion
11	Board Retreat	Best Buddies	\$225.00	\$60.00	food by policy
12	Board Retreat	Harvard College Pakistan Student Association	\$229.50	\$82.00	food and transportation

13	Annual Black Faculty Dinner	Harvard Black Students' Association	\$1,600.00	\$650.00	food and decorations by policy
14	Venetian Ball	European Society	\$1,090.00	\$1,044.30	food,travel, decorations by policy, HUPD, admissions
15	Roti and Thai Tea Study Break	Harvard Thai Society	\$450.00	\$400.00	
16	Subsidizing Recipe/Review Articles	The Crimson Crave	\$400.00	\$0.00	do not fund websites
17	Website Domain	Data Ventures	\$10.00	\$0.00	do not fund websites
18	Dinner Dialectics	Harvard College Organization for Open Philosophy	\$135.00	\$135.00	food by policy
			Total	\$5,021.00	

34S-04: New Projector

Sponsored by:

Samarth Gupta '18, Treasurer,

Shaiba Rather '17, President,

Danny Banks '17, Vice President

Whereas, the Student Initiatives Committee is dedicated in part to ensuring the ability of students to successfully pursue and execute their functions.

Whereas, the projector often used by student groups for such initiatives no longer works.

Whereas, the UC has provided this service in the past and therefore should continue to do so.

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

Docketed: 6-0-1

34S-05: Food Market

Sponsored by Maddy Stern '18, SIC Chair

Whereas, the Student Initiatives Committee has entered into a partnerships with the Harvard Foundation to support their efforts of creating a successful Diversity Week.

Whereas, they have solicited our help in organizing and funding the previously traditional night market.

Be it therefore resolved that the UC grants \$550 from the SIC budget with \$250 being for the deposit on Northwest Labs which will serve as the venue for the market, and the remaining \$300 to be paid after the event for electrical and custodial services.

Docketed: 7-0-0

34S-06: Datamatch

Sponsored by Maddy Stern '18, SIC Chair

Whereas, the Student Initiatives Committee has established a partnership with the Harvard College Computer Society to help fund the initiative--Datamatch.

Whereas, the Datamatch program serves the purpose of bringing students together in an alternative social setting.

Whereas, the cost of dates and budget of Datamatch would drastically impact the number of students able to participate in the program.

Be it therefore resolved that the UC grants \$500 from the SIC budget to go toward the expansion of number of possible dates and restaurant partnerships within the Datamatch program, with the assurance of publicity on advertising efforts.

Docketed: 7-0-0

34S-07: SHARC Safe Sex Event

Sponsored by Al Corvah '18

Whereas SHARC will organize a safe sex event which will include information on types of contraception, proper use of contraception, and where to find free contraceptives on campus on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 in Ticknor Lounge, and

Whereas the Undergraduate Council has engaged with the issue of free contraception distribution for the past year, and

Whereas the Council has historically striven to establish long-term working relationships with as many student groups as possible, and

Whereas the Council's publicizing of this event would not only ensure its success, but would demonstrate the Council's active role in the affairs of student groups to the entire student body,

Be it therefore resolved that the UC send a campus-wide publicity email via UC Pub for the event by February 14, 2016;

Be it further resolved that the email highlights the purpose of the event, the UC's work with SHARC to provide free contraceptives to the student body, and the presence of delicious food.

34S-08: Rebranding Bridging and Belonging Act

Sponsored by Shaiba Rather '17, President, Daniel Banks '17, Vice President, William Greenlaw '17, Director of Finance, Samarth Gupta '18, Treasurer

Whereas, the Bridging and Belonging Fund has gone woefully underutilized in five consecutive semesters.

Whereas, there exist few robust sources of funding for high-production-value events addressing the issues that captivate this campus the most.

Be it therefore resolved, The UC would like to rebrand and refocus the *Bridging and Belonging* grant in order to revive the fund, remove ambiguities surrounding its nature, as well as empower all students, group affiliated or not, to have opportunities to create tangible change on campus by adopting the attached legislation.

Rebranding Bridging and Belonging:

Background

Historically, the *Bridging and Belonging* Fund has been woefully underutilized. In the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the fund was invoked only twice for an amount of \$3600.00, not even a third of the allocation, including Side by Side, an Undergraduate Council-led gender-based issues initiative, In the 2015-2016 fiscal year to date, students have activated B&B exactly once for the Multiracial Student Gallery, allocating \$1646.45. Bridging and Belonging's three consecutive semesters of underuse reveal a need to redesign marketing tactics and redefine the penumbra of the fund to fully utilize the grant's potential.

While Bridging and Belonging often eludes definition, the three initiatives it has financed can help identify what kind of character qualifying projects should have: *Side by Side* sought to generate awareness of gender-based issues on campus. And the *Multiracial Gallery* bridged together students of numerous ethnic backgrounds to highlight under-discussed feelings of racial exclusion. This grant program so far solely focused on gender equity (and now sexual assault prevention), mental health advocacy, and diversity, equity and inclusion. Indisputably, these same issues have captivated student attention, all pursuing issues affecting the **State of the College**. The UC would like to rebrand and refocus the *Bridging and Belonging* grant in order to revive the fund, remove ambiguities surrounding its nature, as well as empower all students, group affiliated or not, to have opportunities to create tangible change on campus.

- I. Re-branding
 - A. The Bridging and Belonging fund shall be re-branded with the following:
 1. New name,
 2. New mission,
 3. New brand logo,
 4. New marketing campaign
- II. Defining Compelling interests
 - A. Following presidential elections, the President and Vice president shall negotiate agreement on Fund-eligible **compelling interests** with the Dean of the College at their first meeting.
 1. The aforementioned interests shall last the duration of the sitting Executive's term.
 - B. Subsequently, the President and Vice President will present the negotiated compelling interests to the general body of the Undergraduate Council.
 1. Upon ratification, negotiated compelling interests will be the priorities for the Fund.
 2. Should a simple majority not be attained, the Executive Board re-deliberates and the compelling interests may be reduced, but not increased or changed.
- III. Funding Eligibility

- A. Any individual undergraduate, group of individual undergraduates, or College-recognized or ad-hoc student organization can apply to utilize the Fund.
 - B. Eligible events must align with any ratified, aforementioned compelling interest.
 - C. Proposals that are collaborative shall be favored.
 - D. The Executive Board shall determine the application process.
 - E. All publicity material for funded events shall denote it was financed by the Fund.
- IV. Budget and Expenses
- A. The Finance Committee shall maintain from its budget 2014's \$15,000 commitment.
 - B. The OSL shall finance half the allocated expenses.
 - C. For the 2-year program, the fund shall be restored to \$30,000,
 - 1. Unutilized dollars from the Fund shall roll over to the next year.
 - 2. After 2 years, the Fund shall be reevaluated by the UC and the College.

34S-09: Levenson-Marquand-Dingman Star Prize Awards Act

Scott Ely, Education Committee Chair, Adams '18

Anna Wechsler, Education Committee Vice Chair, Adams '18

Evan Bonsall, Education Committee Vice Chair, Elm Yard '19

Diana Im, Kirkland '17

Eduardo Gonzalez, Mather '18

Meriton Ibrahim, Pforzheimer '18

Oluwalani Oisaghie, Oak Yard '19

Whereas the Levenson-Marquand-Dingman Star Prize Award Ceremony is an exciting new event that the UC Education Committee is co-hosting with the Advising Programs Office to honor teaching and advising excellence, combining and expanding the UC Education Committee's Levenson-Marquand-Dingman Awards and the APO's Star Prize Awards; and

Whereas this event is expected to have 100 undergraduates attending, which has been the average over the last few years; and,

Whereas this event is open to all undergraduates contingent upon them nominating someone for one of the many awards; and,

Whereas the APO is also contributing funds to the ceremony and we are organizing a joint award ceremony for the LMD Star Awards,

Be it therefore resolved the UC allocates up to a maximum of \$600 for the logistics of this event from the Continuing Projects Fund.

Be it further resolved that any unspent funds will be put back into the Continuing Projects Fund.

Recommended by the UC Education Committee 7-0-1

34S-10: Operational Spending Act

Sponsored by

Daniel Levine '17

Evan Bonsall '19

Olu Oisaghie '19

Samarth Gupta '18

Ziko McLean '18

Meghamsh Kanuparth '16

Recommend by Rules Committee

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Rules Committee Vote by Roll Call:

Evan Bonsall '19: y

Samarth Gupta '18: y

Meghamsh Kanuparth '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 members approve the expense or
 - b. a vote of the full Executive Board, in which a simple majority of the voting 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 vote, the full Council may appropriate any amount of funding for any expense.
- B. Administrative Expenses. By a simple majority vote, the Executive 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.