



Harvard Undergraduate Council

General Meeting: February 15th, 2016

Agenda

- 1. Presidential Updates (5 mins)**
- 2. Treasurer Updates**
- 3. Committee Updates**
- 4. Legislation:**
 - a. 34S-11: Grants Pack 2**
 - b. 34S-12: Freshman Game Tables**
 - c. 34S-13: HBX**
 - d. 34S-14: Compelling Interests**
- 5. Questions + Comments**
- 6. Pictures!**

President and Vice-President's Updates

1. Omni Competition
2. SMHL meeting
3. Upcoming President Faust meeting

Treasurer Updates

1. Exec voted to fund snacks for UC Gen meetings @Isaac
2. In the process of getting semester budgets from HoCos and giving them their semesterly \$6,000
3. Office Hours this week will be tomorrow, Tuesday, from 8-10 PM in Lowell Dhall
4. Red Sox season starts in 3 days!!!!

Committee Updates

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

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

1. HBX Info Session on the 16th at 7pm in the Lamont Forum Room!
2. Forming connections to further open education resources and opportunities on campus.
3. Conversations happening with administration about potential trial for a Freshman Enrichment Program next summer.

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

Meeting Time: *Tuesday at 6:00 pm, Location: Read Below*

1. Concrete plan established for freshman health week.
2. Welcome to FCC, Nicholas Boucher of Oak Yard! Woووو!
3. New meeting time, 6pm Tuesdays.
4. Alternate location tomorrow: Mem Hall 029, Fisher Room

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

1. Congratulations to our new Rules members: Victor Agbafe (SRC), Evan Bonsall (EdCom), David Frankle (FiCom), Cameron Khansarinia (Parliamentarian), Daniel Levine (Chair), Ziko McLean (SLC), Oluwalani Oisaghie, Diana Im, Jacob Steinberg-Otter, and Maddy Stern (SIC)
2. Our first meeting will be Saturday at 4 p.m. (location TBA)

SIC – Maddy Stern, Winthrop '18, Chair

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

1. Shout out to new vice chairs (Alex and Vimal) and Secretary Nick
2. Thanks for awesome datamatch pub
3. Food market pub and sign up sheet coming up
4. More potential partners--club passim, tasty burger, filipes, kong
5. Vimal's coffeehouse

SLC – Berkeley Brown, Lowell '18, Chair

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

1. Updating online resources on accessibility and gender neutral bathrooms
2. Accessibility awareness campaign
3. House gym improvement project moving forward
4. HUID+CharlieCard project
5. Increasing access to mental health
6. Athletics project - dining hall restrictions

SRC – Yasmin Satche, Currier '18, Chair

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

FiCom – William Greenlaw, Pfoho '17, Chair

Meeting Time: *Wednesday, 7-9 pm, Memorial Hall*

Finance Committee Update

The Finance Committee Sexual Assault Prevention Ordinance of 2016

Background

Statistic

I. Eligibility

A. Beginning in Spring 2016, only Office of Student Life-recognized student organizations whose executive board undergoes semesterly sexual assault prevention training and meet the attendance threshold will be eligible for high-value grants or loans from the Harvard Undergraduate Council Finance Committee.

1. The Finance Committee will vote to determine what dollar amount of grant expenditure qualifies as *high-value*.
2. The Finance Committee will vote to determine what proportion of executive board members attending training will meet the *attendance threshold*.
3. The Finance Committee will determine what comprises a student organization's "executive board."

II. Strategic Partnerships

A. Sexual Health Organizations

1. The Finance Committee will enlist the expertise of Harvard's Office for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (OSAPR) and the Consent Advocates and Relationship Educators (CARE) peer education organization to conduct bystander intervention trainings.

B. Office of Student Life

1. The Finance Committee will enlist the aid of Harvard's Office of Student Life to retrieve records of which students are executive board members.

II. Implementation

A. Activating High-value Status

1. High-value status will be calculated cumulatively
2. Once an organization receives an cumulative grant amount greater than or equal to the high-value amount, they will be required to attend sexual assault prevention training in order to receive the grant that qualified them as high value and all grants beyond that amount.

B. Timing

1. The date and time after the semester's shopping period for each qualifying group's training will be set and agreed upon by all strategic partners and the high-value grant recipient.

C. Documentation Sharing Agreement

1. Training-leaders will keep attendance of students attending trainings via a shared spreadsheet and form maintained and fully accessible to all participating strategic partners.

D. Duplication

1. If an officer belongs to more than one high value grant receiving organization, then their fulfilling the training will only count for the attendance threshold of one organization; for the non-applicable organization, other officers or club members will be required to attend training.

2. Sexual assault prevention training must be completed once a semester to continue to receive grants beyond attaining high-value-grant recipient status.

II. Checks and Balances

- A. Student organizations will be ineligible to receive high-value-status-activating grants, loans, or otherwise from the Finance Committee without completing training.
- B. Ineligible student organizations seeking funding will become eligible once completing an aforementioned sexual assault prevention training.
- C. If training cannot be conducted in a logistically feasible manner that does not prevent the execution of an event, the Finance Committee reserves the right to waive the training on a limited basis.

II. Progress Report

- A. The Finance Committee will submit a semesterly progress report to the Harvard Undergraduate Council at large made publicly available to the student body.

34S-11: Spring Grants Pack 2

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 \$5,281.07 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, 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

#	Organization	Project Name	Requested	Funded	Notes
1	The Crimson Crave	Subsidizing Recipe/Review Articles	\$400.00	\$200.00	do not fund websites
2	Harvard Undergraduate Robotics Club	Hardware Hackathon	\$276.29	\$275.00	
3	Harvard Undergraduate Robotics Club	3 general meetings for the semester: 2/27/16, 3/6/16, 4/30/16	\$360.00	\$360.00	
4	Harvard College Ventures	Startup Fellowship Expose	\$400.00	\$400.00	
5	Harvard-Radcliffe Chinese Students Association	Speaker Series with Joyce Chang	\$80.81	\$80.81	
6	Harvard Undergraduate BLGTQ Business Society	Spring LGBTQ Welcome Mixer	\$52.00	\$52.00	
7	Harvard-Radcliffe Chinese Student Association	CSA Spring Semester Retreat	\$1,101.08	\$200.00	
8	Harvard-Radcliffe Chinese Student Association	Valentine's Soiree	\$80.28	\$80.28	
9	South Asian Association	Spring General Meeting 1	\$235.00	\$235.00	indian food for 90 undergraduates
10	Concilio Latino	Latinx Town Hall	\$865.00	\$200.00	
11	Harvard Republican Club	Discussion with Harvey Mansfield	\$57.98	\$57.98	40
12	Harvard Premedical Society	PPP Study Break	\$300.00	\$250.00	150
13	Your Organization	My Harvard Experience With Chastity	\$200.00	\$0.00	
14	The Harvard Callbacks	Diamond: 30th Anniversary Jam	\$1,470.47	\$0.00	
15	Black Men's Forum	SuperBowl Mixer	\$200.00	\$200.00	50-60 undergraduates; served pizza and wings
16	Harvard College Health Advocacy Program	Life is Good Party	\$300.00	\$300.00	They will provide Trader Joes and other snacks throughout the night

17	Applied Math Society	Project Welcome Bag	\$100.00	\$100.00	
18	Queer Students and Allies	QSA Spring 2016 Board Retreat	\$20.94	\$0.00	
19	Harvard African Students' Association	Africa Week	\$1,366.20	\$0.00	
20	Harvard Thai Society	A Crazy Little Thing Called Love: Screening	\$300.00	\$190.00	Movie screening, fed buffet-style food
21	Your Organization	My Harvard Experience With Chastity	\$200.00	\$0.00	
22	Radcliffe Pitches	Radcliffe Pitches Spring A Cappella Jam	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
23	ABHW	Tribute to Black Men	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	

34S-12: An Act to Fund New Game Tables in Freshman Dorms

Sponsored by:

Evan Bonsall, Elm Yard '19

Scott Xiao, Ivy Yard '19

Oluwalani Oisaghie, Oak Yard '19

Whereas the UC Freshman Class Committee has partnered with the Freshman Dean's Office to purchase an air hockey table for the Wigglesworth K Common Room and a ping pong table for the Grays Common Room, and to relocate a foosball table to Matthews Common Room, and,

Whereas the ping pong table in the Canaday Common Room has been broken and removed, and should be replaced with a new, less fragile game table, and,

Whereas the Freshman Class Committee already recommended and the Undergraduate Council already approved \$1,200 from the FCC general fund for the purchase of game tables in September 2015, and,

Whereas the total cost to the FDO of purchasing and installing the game tables was \$1,895.39, for which the FCC has promised to reimburse the FDO in full, and,

Whereas the cost of purchasing and installing a new small-to-medium-sized game table for the Canaday Common Room is estimated to be approximately \$600, and a decision about what type of game table to purchase will be made at the next meeting of the FCC and the FDO on Monday, February 22, 2016,

Be it therefore resolved that the Freshman Class Committee appropriates \$1,300 from the FCC general fund, \$695.39 of which will be used to repay the FDO for their services in procuring game tables for Wigglesworth K, Grays, and Matthews, and \$604.61 of which will be used to reimburse the FDO for the procurement of a new game table for Canaday, and,

Be it further resolved that any unspent funds will be returned to the FCC general fund.

Recommended by FCC 12-0-0; 2/5/16

Docketed by Exec 10-0-0; 2/13/16

34S-13: UC-HBX Partnership Act

Sponsored by

Scott Ely, Education Committee Chair, Adams House '18

Dhruv Goyal, Vice-President Emeritus

Anna Wechsler, Ed Com Vice-Chair, Adams House '18

Evan Bonsall, Ed Com Vice-Chair, Elm Yard '19

Eduardo Gonzalez, FCC Chair, Mather House '18

Jacob Steinberg-Otter, Cabot House '16

Dennis Kim, Ivy Yard '19

Diana Im, Kirkland House '17

Meriton Ibrahimi, Pfoho House '18

Whereas HBX CORE is a proven innovative program that is designed to give students a basic general management toolkit and a solid understanding of the fundamentals of business, making it universally applicable to all students irrespective of their concentration or prospective field of work; and,

Whereas HBX is different from the general EdX program as it features state-of-the-art multi-media and interactive teaching elements that are highly engaging and maximize your learning through collaboration with a cohort of peers; and,

Whereas HBX is accessible to all students as it offers a comprehensive need based financial aid program; and,

Whereas HBX's online courses can be taken along with summer internships, as it requires an average of around two hours a day of work; and

Whereas HBX encourages undergraduates to be an active part of this program and is very much in tune with President Faust's 'One Harvard' mission.

Be it therefore resolved that the Undergraduate Council continues to officially partner with HBX for mutual benefit; and,

Be it therefore resolved that EdCom helps expand HBX presence on campus by using its multiple channels of communication (House lists, etc.); and,

Be it therefore resolved that EdCom once again organizes an information session to connect HBX employees and alum with current students; and

Be it therefore resolved that EdCom potentially sets up tabling for HBX employees in Annenberg during dining hours; and

Be it further resolved that the HBX-UC partnership for mutual benefit be valid for a period of 1 year, after which it is renewable based on the approval of both parties concerned.

Be it therefore resolved that HBX continues to compensate the UC with \$3000 (Year 3) for their continued help with publicity and expansion of the program at Harvard College.

Recommended by the Education Committee 7-0-1; 2/2/16

34S-14: The Compelling Interests of 2016 for the Open Harvard College Grant

Shaiba Rather, President

Danny Banks, Vice President

The President and Vice President of the Undergraduate Council and its Representatives General find it a compelling interest of the year 2016 to address *mental health* at Harvard College. Recent demand for peer counseling spaces in the Quad¹, calls for a more racially diverse set of professional as well as non-professional resources², and efforts to destigmatize the act of seeking help³ have elevated mental health to the forefront of campus discourse. The Undergraduate Council will partially devote its *Open Harvard College Grant* to the mental health initiatives of Harvard College students in an effort to improve existing resources and reprioritize mental health at Harvard College.

The President and Vice President of the Undergraduate Council and its Representatives General find it a compelling interest of the year 2016 to address *race relations* at Harvard College. The recent Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Report⁴, student rallies in response to heightened racial tensions across America⁵, and concerns over funding inequities along racial lines amongst student organizations⁶ have recentered discourse around race relations at Harvard. The undergraduate community ought to foster open dialogue and build community celebrating racial diversity at Harvard College. The Undergraduate Council, in an effort to empower both student organizations and individuals, will partially devote its *Open Harvard College Grant* to the initiatives of the undergraduate students that address race relations and racial tensions at Harvard College.

The President and Vice President of the Undergraduate Council and its Representatives General find it a compelling interest of the year 2016 to address *sexual assault and harassment* at Harvard College. Over the past year, the undergraduate student body has called through protest and petition for stronger preventative measures,⁷ a bystander intervention program,⁸ the adoption of an affirmative consent policy,⁹ and the inclusion of students in decision-making.¹⁰ The

¹ Narayanan, Menaka. "New Initiative Brings Mental Health Resources to the Quad." *The Harvard Crimson* 02 Feb. 2016. Print.

² Lessin, Kara. "Support Minority Students: Diversify Counseling and Mental Health Services." *The Harvard Crimson* 11 Dec. 2015. Print.

³ Hiatt, Nathaniel. "Students Talk Campus Mental Health Stigma With Coakley." *The Harvard Crimson* 29 Oct. 2015. Print.

⁴ Harvard College Working Group on Diversity and Inclusion. *Report of the College Working Group on Diversity and Inclusion*. Rep. Harvard University, Nov. 2015. Web.

⁵ Bernhard, Meg. "Students Rally in Support of Black Activists at Peer Schools." *The Harvard Crimson* 19 Nov. 2015. Print.

⁶ Cunningham, Jalin. "Khurana Fields Criticisms on College Diversity." *The Harvard Crimson* 11 Dec. 2015. Print.

⁷ Frederick, Sidni M. "Petition Signing." *The Harvard Crimson*. 20 Nov. 2015. Print.

⁸ Ortiz, Andrea. "This Is Not About Final Clubs." *The Harvard Crimson*. 5 Nov. 2015. Print.

⁹ The Crimson Editorial Board. "A Step Forward Against Sexual Assault." *The Harvard Crimson*. 8 Feb. 2016. Print.

¹⁰ Cunningham, Jalin. "The Back of the UC Ballot." *The Harvard Crimson*. 19 Nov. 2015. Print.

students of Harvard College are exposed to a tragic level of sexual assault and harassment endangering their welfare and the safety of our community. Thus, the Undergraduate Council will partially devote its *Open Harvard College Grant* to enhance preventative measures to reduce sexual assault and harassment of Harvard College students.

The President and Vice President of the Undergraduate Council and its Representatives General find it a compelling interest of the year 2016 to address *social spaces* at Harvard College. Undergraduates have continuously expressed concern over a lack of inclusive and accessible spaces for social life.¹¹ In the past year, the College and its students have dedicated time and resources to creatively enhancing social life.¹² The imbalance of resources on campus makes it particularly difficult for students to access their own social spaces. The Undergraduate Council will partially devote its *Open Harvard College Grant* to empower the student body to host inclusive social events.

¹¹ Delwiche, Noah. "Students Host Closed Forum on 'Changing Social Scene'". *The Harvard Crimson*, 3 Nov. 2015. Print.

¹² Lorch, Kristina. "Women's Groups Host Party To Promote Inclusive Social Space." *The Harvard Crimson*. 13 Oct. 2015. Print