



2016-2017 Student-Faculty Committees

Descriptions and Meeting Times



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Standing Committee on General Education

This committee was created as a permanent standing committee of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences in the spring term of 2007 to generate and maintain the new General Education curriculum. It has authority over new courses, as well as changes to General Education policy, including petitions, departmental alternates, and other academic credit issues.

Note: The UC will provide the committee with 4 recommendations. The committee will then interview the 4 candidates and select two students to serve.

Meets: 9-10:00am every Thursday morning, beginning immediately.

Standing Committee on the Library

2 positions

The Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences annually appoints seven FAS faculty members to serve on the university-wide Faculty Advisory Council. They include three professors from the humanities, two from the social sciences, and two from the natural sciences and are charged with representing the interests of the FAS in relation to the libraries.

The seven FAS faculty members who sit on the Council, joined by two annually appointed undergraduates and two annually appointed graduate students, also meet regularly as the Standing Committee on the Library to provide advice in overseeing the many libraries that had evolved to become parts of the entity traditionally known as the Harvard College Library. The chair of the committee will be appointed annually by the Dean of the FAS from among the seven faculty members of the committee. The primary duties of the Standing Committee on the Library will be to gather information about the affairs of those libraries, to discuss their problems and possibilities, and to advise the dean as to the most effective policies for their administration.

Meets: 2-4 pm on November 7.

Standing Committee on Athletics

1 position

This committee is composed of the Athletics Director, House Masters, faculty members, and students. The group focuses on enhancing the presence and enjoyment of athletics at the College. The committee plans to discuss topics including club and JV sports, what the academic calendar change will mean for athletics at Harvard, and Allston planning.

Meets: 2:30-4 on November 4.

Education Policy Committee

This committee is composed of faculty members and chaired by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. In addition, the Dean of Harvard College and the Associate Dean of Academic Advising constitute voting members. The Educational Policy Committee (EPC) was originally formed in 1992 in order to provide oversight of all areas of the undergraduate curriculum outside the Core Curriculum. Typically, that has meant working closely with departmental programs. During the Harvard College Curricular Review (HCCR), the EPC analyzed and successfully advocated for two resolutions: the delay of concentration choice until sophomore year and the creation of Secondary Fields. In this vein, the EPC holds ultimate approval of all secondary fields proposed by departments.

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Meets: 8:30 to 10 on Tuesday mornings.

Student Advisory Board for Arts and Humanities

Number of positions (for students in the Arts and Humanities): TBD

The Student Advisory Board for Humanities (SABAH) is a major way in which the Dean of Arts and Humanities keeps in touch with the concerns of students in the relevant concentrations. The SABAH not only reports on the state of the student experience in the concentrations, but also provides a sounding board for the Dean, who seeks the advice of students on curricular issues in the Division. The SABAH consists of the President and Vice-President of the Harvard Undergraduate Council, plus 6-8 representatives from other departments (Celtic, Classics, Drama, East Asian Languages and Civilizations, English, Folklore & Mythology, German, History of American Civilization, History & Literature, History of Art & Architecture, Linguistics, Literature and Comparative Literature, Music, Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations, Philosophy, The Study of Religion, Romance Languages and Literature, Sanskrit and Indian Studies, Slavic Studies, Visual and Environmental Studies). The group meets with the Dean of Arts and Humanities three times per semester over lunch.

Meets: TBD

Student Advisory Board for the Social Sciences

5 positions

The Student Advisory Board for Social Science (SABSS) is a major way in which the Dean of Social Science keeps in touch with the concerns of students in the relevant concentrations. The SABSS not only reports on the state of the student experience in the concentrations, but also provides a sounding board for the Dean, who seeks the advice of students on curricular issues in the Division. The SABSS consists of the President and Vice President of the Harvard Undergraduate Council, plus one representative from each of the eight departments (AAAS, Anthropology, Economics, Government, History, History of Science, Psychology, Sociology) and two programs (Social Studies and Women, Gender, and Sexuality). The group meets with the Dean of Social Science three times per semester, over lunch.

Meets: Once a year, in February. Date and time TBD.

Student Advisory Board for Science

15-25 positions (one student from each math and science concentration)

The Student Advisory Board for Science (SABS) is a significant way in which the Dean of Science keeps in touch with the concerns of students in the relevant concentrations. The SABS not only reports on the state of the student experience in the concentrations, but also provides a sounding board for the Dean, who seeks the advice of students on curricular issues in the Division. The SABS consists of the President and Vice President of the Harvard Undergraduate Council, plus 6-8 representatives from other departments (Astronomy, CCB, EPS, Math, MCB, OEB, Physics, SCRB, Statistics).

The SABS, with help from the Office of the Dean of Science, is also responsible for coordinating the annual Neekeyfar Lecture Series for Undergraduates on Science and Math. This series exposes undergraduate students to cutting-edge research by bringing renowned scientists to campus for a day of informal interactions and culminating in a lecture aimed at an undergraduate audience. Board members will help plan and facilitate the event, including menu selection; designing and staffing informal discussion sessions the day of the event; designing and executing a publicity plan aimed at undergraduates; and introducing the speaker at the lecture. SABS members will be required to attend regular planning meetings, both planned with the Dean and/or his representative, and ad hoc with the SABS group.

Meets: Exact dates TBD, but the meetings will be at 8 am over breakfast roughly once a month.

Campus Safety Committee

2 Positions

The Harvard College Safety Committee was formed in response to a need for a venue in which students and staff could discuss issues related to safety at Harvard. The Committee includes undergraduate students, residential life staff, deans and administrators, as well as Harvard community representatives, including among others, University Police, the Office of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, Women's Center, Residential and Building Operations, Transportation Services, Community and Public Affairs, and representatives from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the Graduate Student Council.

The Committee works to identify ways to improve safety on the Cambridge and Allston campuses. By identifying current student practices and responding to students' requests, the Committee makes recommendations for policy changes and infrastructure modifications, including pathways, lighting, transportation, and communication devices. The Committee conducts safety campaigns throughout the year to educate students on steps they can take to ensure their personal safety as well as the communities in which they live. Working with the City of Cambridge and Harvard's physical resources departments, the Committee identifies areas on campus and within the City that could be improved.

The Committee meets regularly during the academic year. Students or other Harvard community members with concerns related to safety can contact their student representatives, residential staff, or the Committee directly at hcsafety@fas.harvard.edu.

Meets: TBD

HUDS Student Advisory Committee

1 student from each House, 5-6 freshmen

The Student Advisory Committee to Harvard University Dining Services meets once each month to advise the HUDS administration on the state of residential dining services, suggest improvements, evaluate student satisfaction, and serve as liaisons between HUDS and the student body. The advisory committee will be asked to advise on everything ranging from what changes to make in response to student surveys to how to select themes for festive dinners. It is also a forum for creative suggestions on how to improve the residential dining experience. The ideal composition of the committee will contain at least one representative from each house and two from Annenberg.

Meets: Exact dates TBD, but the meetings will occur roughly once a month, over breakfast or lunch

HUHS Advisory Committee

2 positions

The UHS-College Committee was formed in the fall of 2006 among college administrators and UHS to coordinate and improve the activities of the many departments of Harvard University focused on student well-being. To effectively coordinate the various departments, the committee includes the following members: Director of the Center for Wellness & Health Communication, Director of Behavioral Health and Academic Counseling, Eliot House Allston Burr Resident Dean, Patient Advocate and Manager of Patient Relations, Secretary of the Administrative Board, Chief of Nursing for Health Services, Chief of Medicine at UHS, Chief of Mental Health in the University Health Services, Practice Manager for Stillman Infirmary/ After Hours Urgent Care Clinic, Director of the Bureau of Study Counsel, Director of the Harvard College Women's Center, Associate Dean of Harvard College for Residential Life, Director of the Office of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, Associate Director the Bureau of Study Counsel, Director of Police and Security and Chief of Police, Director of the Office of Accessible Education, Leverett House Allston Burr Resident Dean, and the Director of Alcohol & Other Drug Services. In Spring 2007, the administration agreed to the appointment of three students to the committee by the Undergraduate Council.

Meets: 8:30 -10:30 am, exact dates TBD.

HUIT Student Advisory Board

3-4 positions

Student representatives will learn more about how Harvard's IT department works and get involved with the IT decision-making process

Meets: 12 -1 pm on Fridays, twice per semester

Wintersession Committee

2-4 positions

The Wintersession Committee focuses on coordinating Winter Break programming between the College, departments, and students. The committee includes representation from the Office of Student Life, Office for the Arts, General Education, Office of Career Services, Harvard Alumni Association, Harvard Recreation & Athletics, the Freshman Dean's Office, and the Undergraduate Council.

Meets: TBD