

### Prez/VP Updates

- Around 350 people showed up to the Kong, around 150 to the Queen's Head
- Members should come to Council events
- Talked to President Faust about the sanctions and how we can align with their mission; talked about projects for alternative planning, new HY programming, HUDS strike, financial accessibility
- Renovating and reimagining Cambridge Queen's Head
- Single Gender Organizations committee membership being finalized. Also -town hall from 3-4:30 Thursday in CGIS South!

### Other Updates

- Cam is wearing a very nice cardigan
- Nicholas Boucher wants to make a summary video
- November 10th tentatively - town hall with faculty discussing things on sexual assault and mental health
- Caucus system! Amendments to the bylaws coming soon

### Indigenous People's Day Endorsement

- Constitutionally an important change - passes the six points.
- Also already being done in a lot of places with higher percentages of Native Americans or perhaps more cognizance
- Trying to garner support from the provost
- What are the reasons the University might be opposed? Boston has had large Italian percentage? But Cambridge has passed Indigenous People's Day. Or "we've done it for so long."
- Other schools have changed their five year calendars to say "Indigenous People's Day" instead of "Columbus Day"
- Rules will draft the letter - anyone who wants to help is definitely encouraged to.
- Concern about asking the university to recognize Indigenous People's Day - they won't make any effort in moving further, trying to get more Native American faculty members, etc.
- Include within the letter something about how this is just a stepping stone.
- Italian Americans who celebrate Italian pride on Columbus day. Some places in Boston that switched the day to Italian Pride Day. What about doing Indigenous People's Day/Italian Pride Day? Seems like this would be just half effort, half celebration of both.
- October - Italian American Heritage Month? Already a chance for Italian Americans to celebrate their culture.
- All about perspective - Christopher Columbus "discovered" America; what about Native Americans "discovering" this lost sailor?

**Passed by hand vote**

### Fall Grants Pack 3

- \$0 - mostly because they didn't show up to the meeting
- Also don't pay for guest speakers
- Introducing "small grants initiative" - any grant under \$200 only for food/small items will be fast tracked
- Issue from last year about people overestimating - mass proliferation of student organizations that are very similar
- Opening up a brand new statistical team to show up to events and count the number of people. Want groups to collaborate.

### **Passed by unanimous consent**

### Thanksgiving Shuttle

- What was the motivation for doing this instead of just using the silver line? Compromise, takes less time and also cheaper than a taxi
- Do we do this other times of the year? Sometimes spring break. Also depends on SLC.
- Very slow last year - because of traffic

### **Passed by unanimous consent**

### Presidential & Vice-Presidential Stipend Program

- Stipend program for the president and vice-president
- Looking at other models
- Offered to those in the presidential and vice-presidential positions who are on financial aid - \$1000 unless you are in the highest bracket, in which the salary is 1500
- The point is not to incentivize. It's to make sure that people from all socioeconomic backgrounds can be in these leadership roles.
- Money coming from rollover funds...what happens when we have no rollover funds? What are these particular numbers? Only earmarking from *our* rollover fund. Not clear whether or not we spend this - then confidentiality will disappear through the budget presentation. This is for a number of years. Looked at other programs like the Crimson and PBHA, also calculated using minimum number of hours x MA minimum wage
- Talk with Financial Aid Office about eliminating term-time work commitment? This is just getting our foot in the door - definitely an immediate concern.
- Con: Justification behind using student term-bill money: this is for promoting student activities and student life. Feel strongly about this because these two positions set the tone and discourse for all student activities

### **Amendment: remove provisions, set it to a universal \$1500**

- Show appreciation for immense amount of work. The rate at which the prez and vp are compensated should be standard. Provided regardless of financial aid status; don't want to single out students because of their financial aid status. Almost like a job. Much more fair to make this universal.

### **Considered by voice vote**

- How does this change the purpose of this agenda - to encourage students to serve as president and vice-president? Make this so that you don't have to work a term-time job. Establish these as the serious jobs that they are.
- \$3000 every year. How can we sustain this? If we didn't spend all of our rollover this year, could last about 16 years. That's if we don't spend the rollover on other things.
- Important to start with financial aid to really incentivize people who aren't already running
- Average amount of rollover? 10k. But that number is going to go down hopefully.
- Con: Similar program that we do with HoCo funds - don't want people knowing the financial aid status of prez & vp. Earmarking it to the OSL. Can we sustain this? This is a pilot program. Short-term solution.
- Pro: Appreciate it more from a personal perspective if the program were universal, so it wouldn't feel like people were being singled out because of their financial aid status. Wouldn't feel like a different class of president. Can amend in the future to draw from different funds.
- Con: This is great because the point is that we're not rewarding the president and vice-president. This is a stipend. These are people who need these funds. Not a question of singling out people. Meant to be an equalizing mechanism - people thinking about running shouldn't have to consider their financial position.
- Pro: End goal is to make sure this piece of legislation passes. Confidentiality issue.
- Con: \$1500 is not very much compared to the amount of hours the president/vp works. Good leveling of playing field. Not responsible with rollover funds.
- Pro: Support subsidizing prez/vp eventually. But the fact that this is rollover funds - may not make sense right now. Short-time solution. The Crimson runs financial aid through alumni board.
- Con: Really important part of student government is volunteering. Office is being made more accessible. Look at it in that sense. Can't look at it as compensation, these are volunteers.
- Pro: Conversations with the College about them contributing to this fund? This should come from student term bill, sometimes oppositional ideas to the administration

### **Amendment fails by voice vote**

#### **Amendment: up for renewal in 2 years, considered by voice vote**

- Won't know whether or not this fund has run out
- Decide whether or not to earmark another \$6000
- Feasibility of getting other people to run this, like Crimson. Right now, the OSL administers this. The treasurer will know.
- Doesn't this defeat the purpose? If the treasurer knows?
- Would the whole Council know? We would then have to pass the budget.
- What if we didn't have \$6000? Wouldn't be able to renew the fund. Hopefully within the 2 years, would find some way to institutionalize this.

- This would be refilling the amount of money - would only know *someone* had used it, not know who
- Con: Chose to prioritize giving people this money over confidentiality when we voted on the last amendment. Need to stand by this decision.
- Pro: Going to have to relook at this again at some point.
- Con: Up for interpretation. Very confusing - are we investigating every two years? Or just reallocating?
- Pro: A little bit of secrecy and revisiting. In two years, can assess if we have institutionalized this. Then up to future Council whether or not to continue the program. If the fund runs out, makes it clear it is the current prez/vp who made the fund run out.
- Forcing future Councils to spend this money and they can't do anything about it?

### **Amendment fails by hand vote**

#### **Amendment: allocate 6000 every year, treasurer takes an oath**

- Right now, banking on the fact that this may become constitutional

### **Motion to table? Fails**

#### **Amendment to suggest future Councils to replenish \$6000 every 2 years**

- Still confidential - don't know which people have used this money
- Never will be more than \$6000 in the budget

### **Amendment passes by voice vote**

#### **Re-submitted: remove provisions, set it to a universal \$1500**

- Need to take some kind of decisive action if we want this to be institutionalized.

### **Fails to be considered**

- Con: This is being funded from student term-bill money; should be allocated to events or things that apply to all events. Last people that should be paid. Think of football captains - they're not paid.
- Pro: Equalize the field. Should move over to the Financial Aid Office eventually.
- Con: Should be wary of new business.
- Pro: Can't say that we can only fund things that go to all students; not possible. All students will be benefited by bringing these unique perspectives to the table.

### **Legislation passes by hand vote**

#### The Budget

- 9500 is rollover, allocated for this year

### **Passed by hand vote**