

10/2/16

UC General Meeting

Community Time: Damon Clark

- President of the Native Americans at Harvard College
- Diverse group of Native Americans
- Big Idea: insist for the community to adopt Indigenous People's Day. In the past, there's been more of an anti-Columbus day. But that's negative. Want to celebrate positives of culture and diversity
- Supposed to be no class on the Monday holiday - but there are sections and etc held on that day
- This past June, the city of Cambridge recognized the holiday as Indigenous People's Day, but not the city of Boston
- Other schools such as Brown have recognized the holiday
- Next Monday: student performances in Harvard Yard or Fong with Felipe's and & homemade food. Come out! 3-5 pm and 5-7 pm
- Biggest difficulty talking to administrators - no current full time Native American faculty member.

Q's:

- Aside from the recognition of Indigenous People's Day, what else could the UC do? Low-hanging fruit - it would make such a difference in the Harvard Native American community if Indigenous People's Day was recognized. Would also be seen by other Native American students in many other colleges.
- What would inclusion look like on campus from the perspective of the Native American community? No Native Americans as a part of the UC, etc. Just want to be included in the conversation. Student population numbers, faculty numbers. No Native American Studies. In history classes, the perspective entirely skewed.
- Would you support the UC taking a position to encourage the university to recognize Indigenous People's Day? Yes
- Reach out to the UC Education Committee to move forward? Can also take some concrete action.

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Updates

- Congrats to Ziko, our new parliamentarian!!
- Shaiba & Danny spoke at Faculty Council, about 20 members. Gave a 10-15 min presentation. Confidential meeting, but they are going to issue a statement in the next few days, most likely through the Crimson. This is their view as prez and vp, **not representing the entire Council**
- Meeting with President Faust on Wednesday.

Fall Grants Pack 2

- Club sports week!
- Total amounts requested & allocated would be great.

Amendment: TEDx Audit, considered by voice vote

- Last year, FiCom policy revised so that free/lotteried tickets need not be given out. Instead, all tickets should be SEFable.
- **Con:** They submitted a receipt for T-shirts, which we don't fund...? Receipts do not necessarily represent what we fund them - just their total expenses.
- **Pro:** FiCom has really good internal policy so that all clubs get funded equally. Really important that we respect them on their policy.

Amendment passed by hand vote

Passed by unanimous consent

HUDS Strike Endorsement

- Lower threshold: is this constitutional? Yes.
- Couldn't coordinate schedules with university member so that they could come speak to us tonight
- What does an endorsement by the UC mean? Going to release an open statement - published on social media outlets, website, through UC pub.
- Examples of endorsements? Divestment, Honor Code, things passed by referenda, SLAM's DoubleTree campaign. Things we have not endorsed: some apps, etc.
- For SLAM: what more could the UC do for you? Reflects broad base support, gets more attention and publicity for upcoming events. Want the strike to be over as soon as possible.
- What will happen when the strike is going on? First priority is that all of the students will be fed. Should not be a concern. Dining halls will be open.
- Endorsing HUDS workers in their strike, not really endorsing the strike.
- **Con:** Discussion more of whether or not the UC should be endorsing things like this as a Council. Would get more done if we choose not to endorse as a Council at large, but instead as individual responses.
- **Pro:** Our experience as the UC has shown that we've had a really close working relationship with HUDS - has worked with us on many initiatives. They've had our back. Inadvisable to not be supporting them in their time of need.
- **Con:** As the UC, not sure if endorsing them would be the right step. A few thousand students who did sign the petition, but there are also a few thousand who didn't sign it. Are we in the position to argue for something as contentious as this. Incredibly difficult issue - ultimately, this isn't in the best issue of the students we represent. When it comes down to it, that money that HUDS is asking for is coming from things that could help out students down the road.
- **Pro:** Brought to us- not like we are picking and choosing what to talk about. Represent the entire school? We are a republican system of government, elected to represent our own views. Financial concerns? We don't know which money covers which funds.

- Con: Positive outlook on HUDS fighting for their rights. Main prerogative is to help the students we represent - creating uncertainty.
- Pro: This is directly impacting students - negative externalities on us as students if HUDS workers aren't happy and healthy.
- Con: Just because something is brought to us does not mean that we need to support it. Have only heard one side of the story.
- Pro: Framing the university as the "bad guy" - we should hear from the university.
- Con: Not all of us are completely informed - something to keep in mind.
- Pro: SLAM is trying to help end this strike and actually reduce any inconvenience of students. HUDS workers *are* a part of this community. Our purpose is to improve this community.
- Con: Presented to other side of argument in text form - didn't get a presentation.
- Pro: Administration would have to come here and comment in front of Brian on a confidential matter - probably wouldn't come here anyway.
- Point of information: No one from the administration went to speak before the Cambridge City Council
- Con: Harvard has promised to search for summer jobs? Will we ever see this in writing?
- Pro: 97% of them voted for this strike. People who are feeding the students at this university need to be cared for in order for students to be cared for.
- Con: Given that the endowment just took the hit that it took...what could happen three years down the line? How we can be voting for a greater expenditure that isn't really in the student's interest while neglecting what effect that could have.
- Pro: Feeding these hard-working people for our benefit? Focus on how they deserve it, not how we need it.

Passes by roll call vote 45-3-0

FCC Meet& Greet/Debate Party

- Watch party of the debate - going to be meet&greet just beforehand
- Reached out to FYSC? Talked about this at the Saturday meeting
- One giant meet&greet
- Spoken to IOP? No, just want to facilitate freshmen coming together and meeting their reps. IOP packed last time.
- How will meet&greet work? A bunch of freshmen stationed around the Science Center taking questions as people come up to them.
- How to identify as UC reps? Maybe a nametag? Maybe UC swag?

Con/Question: Science Center has a policy about food in the halls? Use outside area

Passed by unanimous consent

SIC Debate Watch Party

- Really successful Winthrop debate watch party
- Want to expand and invite entire student body. In the Winn.

- Publicity wise: making this an upperclassman debate watch party? Separate from freshman debate watch party
- Road to White House debate watch party - open it up to people. Twice the number of people in class came.
- How do we make sure that this isn't just Winthrop? Very good publicity. Posters. Everyone knows. Facebook events. Also supplying enough food for more than just Winthrop.
- Will Winthrop HoCo be allocating money for food? No, not associated.
- Lots of watch parties - what about the quad? Further investigation. Maybe further debates - move to Quad?
- Why not leave each house to just do their own thing? Very accessible space, located very conveniently.
- Total budget of SIC for year is \$10,000.
- Con: Eliot has their own watch party, as does every other house. All technically open to everyone, just not publicized. Vast majority of students will be from Winthrop. \$500 better spent somewhere down the road.
- Pro: The point is that this *will* be publicized. Winthrop just a vehicle. Doesn't exclude other house watch parties.
- Con: Would rather spend \$500 of SIC on different event, something that hasn't already been done.
- Pro: An hour before debate started, the IOP was full. Also included graduates. We should have one for the undergrads. Other spaces on campus could work.

Passed by voice vote

GOHC Through SIC

- GOHC is essentially student initiatives. Also SIC is experienced with this kind of thing.

Passed by unanimous consent

Social Media Boosting

- Boosting posts gains us significantly more views
- Can also use this for posterings, etc.

Passed by unanimous consent