



Harvard Undergraduate Council

General Meeting: March 26th, 2017

Agenda

- 1. Community Time (10 mins)**
 - a. Dean Alex Miller and Yaz + Cam - New Student Organization Recognition Process**
- 2. Prez/VP Updates**
- 3. Treasurer + Secretary Updates**
- 4. Committee Updates**
- 5. Legislation:**
 - a. 35S-14: Student Group Recognition Constitutional Amendment**
 - b. 35S-15: Student Group Recognition Bylaws Amendment**
 - c. 35S-16: FiCom Spring Grants Pack 5 ("35S-5")**
 - d. 35S-17: FiCom Spring Grants Pack 6 ("35S-6")**
 - e. 35S-18: The Undergraduate Council Sexual Assault Prevention Ordinance of 2017**
 - f. 35S-19: Legislation to Pledge UC Support for Harvard Denim Day**
 - g. 35S-20: Legislation to Publicize Student Initiatives**
 - h. 35S-21: An Act to Fund Coffee Machines in Freshman Common Rooms**
- 6. Questions + Comments**

President and Vice-President's Updates

1. Dean Smith Meeting
2. USGSO Faculty Review Committee
3. Technology Policy
4. IOP PAC

Treasurer Updates

1. Enforcing UC Financial Policies very strictly -- student organizations are starting to refund the UC for excess funding, and we held three "hearings" for student organizations who failed to properly submit receipts for grants
2. Exec voted to allocate another \$150 from the Ops Budget to pay for MailChimp and \$10 for check purchasing costs

Secretary Updates

1. UC Rep Office Hours google doc -- please continue to fill out!
2. Project on updating legislation, constitution, and bylaws on the website
3. Fill out summer plans Google form

Committee Updates

EdCom – *Sruthi Palaniappan, Ivy Yard '20, Chair*

Meeting Time: *Tuesday, 9:15 pm, Quincy Stone Hall basement*

1. Met with the APO for a run through of the LMD award ceremony
2. Continuing the conversation with the Ethnic Studies Coalition; Still discussing Latin X studies as well
3. Reaching out to more grad schools to discuss Wintersession programming
4. Collecting information to include in the "Student to Student guide"
5. HSA is running numbers to identify buying and selling prices of books for the textbook exchange

FiCom - Neel Mehta, Pfoho '18, Chair

Meeting Time: *Wednesday, 7-9pm, Memorial Hall 028 (Basement)*

1. Two grants packs this week! At almost \$58,000, the club sports grant pack is *our largest in history!*
2. Hundreds of students are slated to attend the last few CARE trainings this semester!
3. Revamping transportation, food, A/V, and other funding policies... come to FiCom or talk to Nadine to discuss!
4. Working with OSAPR & Title IX to help CAREs and improve sexual assault prevention training programs.

FCC - Catherine Zhang, Cabot '19, Chair

1. We Care Week scheduled for April 17-20!! We getting things #done
2. Coffee Machines legislation :)
3. Ordering tampons!! YAH!!!

Rules - Evan Bonsall, Winthrop '19, Chair

Meeting Time: *Thursday, 8-9pm, Private Dining Hall at the Winn*

1. Passed legislation to amend the Constitution and Bylaws to empower the UC to recognize student organizations
2. Working on a constitutional or bylaws amendment to make it easier for people to have all their questions answered before voting on controversial legislation; will also likely be bringing revised caucus legislation back before the UC before the end of the semester.
 - a. Please let me know if you have questions about anything, especially caucus legislation!

SIC - Alex Popovski, Dunster '19, Chair

Meeting Time: *Thursday, 6 pm, Lev Light Seminar Room (to be confirmed)*

1. SIC funded the Student Art Show. Help pub it!
2. Planning distress events for end of April
3. Harvard Prom moved to first weekend of October -- MAC rejected our space booking request

SLC - Katie Wang, Oak Yard '20, Chair

Meeting Time: *Monday, 6 pm, Lowell Dining Hall Coolidge Room*

1. Last meeting talked in depth about solving the issue of sedentary students that Jungyeon is spearheading
 - a. Some thoughts:
 - i. Pubbing the MAC and Hemenway classes
 - ii. Adding programming to QRAC
 - iii. Pubbing free things within each house
 - b. Lowell yoga
 - c. Eliot fabs
 - d. Let me know if anyone has any other ideas
2. Not many project updates due to spring break, but everyone's still working
3. This week's meeting will also be a brainstorming session, so come with any ideas you have!

SRC - Victor Agbaje, Dunster '19, Chair

Meeting Time: *Friday, 3 pm, Quincy House Shinagel Room*

1. Listening well event with Room 13 in the works for April 27th
2. HUDS Appreciation Day April 17-20 week
3. Question on Canvas announcements module
4. Get office Hours Done this week

35S-14: Student Group Recognition Constitutional Amendment

Sponsored by Yasmin Satche, President, Leverett '18, Cameron Khansarinia, Vice-President, Dunster '18, and Evan Bonsall, Rules Committee Chair, Winthrop '19

Whereas Article III, Section 1.6 of the UC Constitution states that "The Rules Committee shall review and revise the governing documents of the Undergraduate Council to best meet changing needs, purposes, and missions. The Committee shall also oversee the referendum process," and

Whereas the Office of Student Life has reviewed the student organization recognition process and determined that the Undergraduate Council should be directly involved in the recognition of student organizations, and

Whereas the Rules Committee is already empowered to make similar decisions regarding endorsement of student causes and initiatives, and is representative of the UC as a whole because it draws its membership from each of the standing committees and the UC at large,

Be it therefore resolved that Article III, Section 1.6 of the UC Constitution be amended to state, "The Rules Committee shall review and revise the governing documents of the Undergraduate Council to best meet changing needs, purposes, and missions. **The Committee shall also review and recommend student organizations for provisional and recognized status to the full Council and the Committee on Student Life.** The Committee shall also oversee the referendum process."

Recommended by Rules: 8-0-0 (3/24/17)

Docketed by Exec: Unanimous (3/24/17)

35S-15: Student Group Recognition Bylaws Amendment

Sponsored by Yasmin Satche, President, Leverett '18, Cameron Khansarinia, Vice-President, Dunster '18, and Evan Bonsall, Rules Committee Chair, Winthrop '19

Whereas Section 36 of the Bylaws of the Undergraduate Council governs the structure and powers of the Rules Committee, and

Whereas the Office of Student Life has reviewed the student organization recognition process and determined that the Undergraduate Council should be directly involved in the recognition of student organizations, and

Whereas the Rules Committee is already empowered to make similar decisions regarding endorsement of student causes and initiatives, and is representative of the UC as a whole because it draws its membership from each of the standing committees and the UC at large,

Be it therefore resolved that a sixth subsection be added to Section 36 of the Bylaws, and that this subsection will read as follows:

Section 36.6 Student Organization Recognition Process

The Rules Committee shall convene once a year in a special session to review applications of students to become student organizations. Petitioning groups shall meet all stated requirements of the Office of Student Life for student organizations. Once a complete application has been received by the Committee they will adhere to the following process.

1. Review the application and judge it based on guidelines to be devised jointly by the Rules Committee and the Office of Student Life, subject to majority approval by the full Council.
2. Interview groups whose applications are deemed sufficient and whose purpose is deemed to fulfill a particular need.
3. Vote to approve the group as a one-year provisional organization, reject the application, suggest further work to the students to improve their application, or facilitate discussions between the applicants and current similar groups on possible mergers or collaborations. Votes to approve an organization will require two-thirds majority approval of the Rules Committee.
4. Forward all successful and unsuccessful applications to the full Council for majority approval.

5. Forward all applications to the Committee on Student Life.

Be it further resolved that the title of the fifth subsection of Section 36 of the Bylaws be amended to "Section 36.5 Evaluation Task Force," rather than "Section 36.4 (sic) Evaluation Task Force."

Recommended by Rules: 8-0-0 (3/24/17)

Docketed by Exec: Unanimous (3/24/17)

35S-16: FiCom Spring Grants Pack 5 (“35S-5”)

Sponsored by Neel Mehta, FiCom Chair, Pforzheimer ‘18, and Saim Raza, FiCom Secretary, Cabot ‘18

refer to [Grant Pack](#) grant data PDF

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, *now,*

Be it therefore resolved that **\$57,997.27** 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 applications by that recipient this semester, 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.

Docketed by FiCom: 10-0-0

Recommended by FiCom: 10-0-0

Docketed by Exec: Unanimous

35S-17: FiCom Spring Grants Pack 6 ("35S-6")

Sponsored by Neel Mehta, FiCom Chair, Pforzheimer '18, and Saim Raza, FiCom Secretary, Cabot '18

refer to [Grant Pack](#) grant data PDF

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, *now*,

Be it therefore resolved that **\$12,738.34** 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 applications by that recipient this semester, 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.

Docketed by FiCom: 11-0-0

Recommended by FiCom: 11-0-0

Docketed by Exec: Unanimous

35S-18: The Finance Committee Sexual Assault Prevention Ordinance of 2017

Sponsored by Neel Mehta, FiCom Chair, Pforzheimer '18, and Henry Atkins, Elm '20

Whereas the most recent sexual assault climate survey finds that fully 31% of women at Harvard experience sexual assault during their time at the College, and

Whereas the shameful occurrence of sexual assault on this campus endangers members across our community, of all identities, and

Whereas implementation of sexual assault prevention initiatives [varies](#) widely across the various Houses and other organizations, and

Whereas the Harvard Undergraduate Council Finance Committee's Sexual Assault Prevention Ordinance has resulted in the training in sexual assault prevention of roughly 200 students, and

Whereas the Consent Advocates and Relationship Educators (CAREs) have expressed an openness to expanding programming in order to include more students, and

Whereas the most recent Undergraduate Council budget allocated \$146,000 to the various Housing Committees and \$30,000 to the Phillips Brooks House Association, therefore be it

Resolved that the following ordinance to combat sexual assault is enacted by the Harvard Undergraduate Council.

Eligibility

1. Beginning in Fall 2017, the various House Committees (HOCOs) and the Phillips Brooks House Association (PBHA) must undergo semesterly sexual assault prevention training and meet an attendance threshold in order to receive future grants or loans from the Harvard Undergraduate Council.
 - a. No later than two weeks following the inauguration of the next Undergraduate Council, the Finance Committee shall establish communication with leadership representing the HOCOs and the Phillips Brooks House Association (PBHA). It will be the responsibility of the Finance Committee to ascertain with input from the HOCOs and the PBHA how many active members each HOCO has, as well as how many active members comprise the Officers team of the PBHA.
 - b. The attendance threshold is defined as 50% of the above active members, not exceeding six members.

Strategic Partnerships

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 sexual assault prevention trainings.

Implementation

1. Timing
 - a. Immediately following passage of this legislation, the Undergraduate Council shall inform HOCOs and the PBHA of the change in policy.
 - b. If the HOCOs and/or the PBHA wish to be eligible for continuing Undergraduate Council funding, they must represent their dedication to fulfilling the above sexual assault prevention training requirements by the beginning of the Spring 2017 semester.
 - c. The Finance Committee shall integrate the HOCOs and PBHAs into its existing sexual assault prevention initiative, and will continue to facilitate the scheduling of sexual assault trainings.
2. Documentation Sharing Agreement
 - a. Training leaders will keep attendance of students attending trainings via a shared spreadsheet and form maintained and fully accessible to all participating strategic partners.
3. Compliance
 - a. The Finance Committee shall assess compliance using the [same metrics](#) as existing high value grant receiving organizations are currently subject to.
 - b. If HOCOs and/or the PBHA are found not to be in compliance, they will be ineligible for funding in the Spring 2017 semester.
 - c. Ineligible organizations seeking funding will become eligible upon completing an aforementioned sexual assault prevention training. This provision shall be enforced by the Treasurer of the Undergraduate Council.
 - d. The Sexual Assault Prevention Training Program will continue through the semester until the Finance Committee's strategic partners reach capacity, at which point the training requirement will be waived.
 - e. 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, case-by-case basis.

4. Duplication

- a. If an active member belongs to more than one organization (defined as a high-value grant receiving organization, a HOCO, and/or the PBHA) to which Finance Committee sexual assault prevention initiative guidelines apply, then their fulfilling the training will count for the attendance threshold of all applicable organizations.
- b. Organizations already agreed to a strategic partnership with OSAPR, CARE, or affiliate peer counseling groups are exempt from this policy.
 - i. If a qualifying organization so chooses, they can withdraw from the training requirement and instead commit to electing a member of their organization to the Social Health Ambassadors program.

5. 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.

Docketed by FiCom: 11-0-0

Recommended by FiCom: 11-0-0

Docketed by Exec: Unanimous

35S-19: Legislation to Pledge UC Support for Harvard Denim Day

Sponsored by Victor Agbafé, Student Relations Committee Chair, Dunster '19

Whereas Harvard CARE (Consent Advocate Relationship Educators) puts a denim day event to raise awareness of sexual assault on campus and around the World

Whereas there is a need to support peer counseling and peer education groups on campus that work on aspects of sexual health.

Be it therefore resolved that that the Harvard Undergraduate Council pledge their formal support for the Harvard Denim Day initiatives and the awareness it brings to the issue of sexual assault on campus

Be it further resolved that the Harvard Undergraduate Council be prepared to support this event through publicizing of their initiatives and attendance of their events.

Recommended by SRC: 7-0-0

Docketed by Exec: 10-0-0

35S-20: Legislation to Publicize Student Initiatives

Sponsored by Victor Agbafe, Student Relations Committee Chair, Dunster '19

Whereas various student groups need help publicizing and marketing various campus initiatives.

Whereas the Undergraduate Council needs to support student group events and initiatives that highlight student and student organizations accomplishments and programming.

Whereas the Harvard Student Art show will begin on Saturday, April 1st.

Whereas the Harvard Student Art Show needs help publicizing the event.

Whereas there is a need for the recognition of wonderful student art.

Be it therefore resolved that \$ 50.00 be allocated from the Student Relations Committee remaining funds to publicize various campus events and initiatives for the rest of the 2016-2017 school year. This will start with a facebook picture post for the Harvard Student Art show on Wednesday March 29th at noon.

Be it therefore resolved that members of the Undergraduate Council will publicize the Harvard Student Art show on UC pub between Wednesday March 29th at noon and Friday march 31st at noon.

Recommended by SRC: 8-0-0

Docketed by Exec: 11-0-0

35S-21: An Act to Fund Coffee Machines in Freshman Common Rooms

Sponsored by Nadine Khoury, Freshman Class Council Treasurer, Crimson Yard '20, and the members of the Freshman Class Council

Whereas broad interest among the freshman class has been expressed in support of coffee machines in common rooms,

Whereas many freshman work and study in their dorms in the night,

Whereas there is no nearby source for coffee open in the late evening,

Whereas caffeine is in demand among freshmen, especially in the evening and before exams,

Whereas Lamont Cafe is often closed during final exam periods,

Whereas a coffee machine would bring more freshmen together to use their common rooms, thus increasing social interaction and bettering common rooms as a social space,

Be it therefore resolved that \$2,000.00 be allocated from the Freshman Class Committee budget to fund the pilot installation of a coffee machine in a freshman common room (likely Thayer, though not finalized by Yard operations). This coffee machine would be the same as the one currently in the SOCH. There are no more extra ingredients / condiments needed (creamer, sugar, etc. included). This would be a set-up fee. The revenue of the vending machine would go partially to fund the vendors (as the machine itself is given at no cost - the revenue pays for it), and another portion would go back to the Freshman Dean's Office.

Recommended by FCC: Unanimous
Docketed by Exec: 9-0-0