



Harvard Undergraduate Council

General Meeting: April 2nd, 2017

Agenda

- 1. Prez/VP Updates**
- 2. Treasurer + Secretary Updates**
- 3. Committee Updates (1 min each, 2 min for Rules Updates)**
- 4. Legislation:**
 - a. 35S-22: A Bylaws Amendment Requiring Automatic Recesses Before Roll Call Votes**
 - b. 35S-23: An Amendment to Require Sexual Assault Prevention Training**
 - c. 35S-24: FiCom Spring Grants Pack 7 ("35S-7")**
 - d. 35S-25: GOHC Grants Pack - 3/30/17**
 - e. New Business (35S-26): An Act to Fund the Freshman "We Care Week"**
- 5. Extended Community Time (8:15pm): Dean Khurana and Dean Dingman - First-Year Bridge Programs**
- 6. Questions + Comments**

President and Vice-President's Updates

1. Community Time!

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. Meeting with HSA to continue planning textbook exchange; Setting up an online shopify site over the summer once books are collected
2. Great progress on Education Secondary! Meeting on 4/5 between Dean Harris and Associate Dean at Ed School
3. Looking into ways to tackle first gen and low income issues
4. Creating an online database with first gen faculty members
5. Working on Student to Student guide with APO

FiCom - *Neel Mehta, Pfoho '18, Chair*

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

1. We're modernizing our policy guide! Come to FiCom to help revolutionize \$300,000 per year of funding to student groups.
2. Henry's working with Rules to fix up the sexual assault prevention training expansion act from last week. Legislation tonight!
3. Last sexual assault prevention training for the semester was Friday! New record high for students trained per semester.

FCC - *Catherine Zhang, Cabot '19, Chair*

1. Coffee machine installation!
2. Tampons/pads being ordered through Aunt Flow
3. We Care Week! Legislation for swag being brought as new business (many apologies) because tight turnaround time!

4. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MICHAEL SCHERR WHOOP WHOOP *dabs*

Rules - Evan Bonsall, Winthrop '19, Chair (2 min)

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

1. This week we corrected the constitutional snafu we had last week and also attempted to reform the way we do roll call votes with a pair of UC Bylaws amendments that we'll vote on today.
2. Will introduce caucus legislation before the end of the semester, if at all possible.
 - a. Please contact Evan if you have any questions or concerns - we particularly need to hear the perspectives and concerns of people who voted Nay or abstained from voting on last semester's caucus legislation, because we want Caucus Legislation 2.0 to be as successful, effective, and uncontroversial as possible. If you had issues with last semester's caucus recognition legislation or are just skeptical of the whole idea of recognizing caucuses, we want to engage with you beforehand - we really do NOT want to hear your concerns for the first time during Pro-Con debate in Gen a few weeks from now.
3. Harper v. Undergraduate Council
 - a. Determined that friendly amendments shall now only be allowed if there are no objections from any Council member present (i.e., the consent of the sponsor(s) alone shall no longer be sufficient), pursuant to Section 54.2.H of the UC Bylaws.

SIC – Alex Popovski, Dunster '19, Chair

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

1. STUDENT ART SHOW! Come after this meeting! Let's support!
2. Planning some ~sweet~ events for the end of April! Stay tuned!
3. 2 GOHC proposals this week. Don't bop, vote.
4. Let me know any event ideas for the rest of the semester!
5. Red Sox opening day tomorrow! Sweet Caroline *BAH BAH BAH*

SLC – Katie Wang, Oak Yard '20, Chair

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

1. Ziko and I met with CrimCash admin on Friday, so some updates:
 - a. some food trucks will accept within
 - b. spring (Zinnebens, Ben and Jerry's, stoked)
 - c. they want help on list of top 10 square food places students would like to have crimson cash, so SLC will be brainstorming Monday. Any pressing places? Lmk
 - d. poll will be sent out to student body to see what they want too after we give admin an initial list
 - e. after we establish a list of places, Tag teams of students and admins will approach each business

2. Meeting with dean friedrich on April 10 9-10 that Denise and Anna set up, I'll send out an email, to discuss storage options
3. Tutor outreach with juniors to freshman blocking groups is a potential

SRC – Victor Agbaje, Dunster '19, Chair

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

1. House Staff appreciation day preparation ongoing
2. What Goes Unseen submission requests will be sent out this week
3. Meeting Friday 3 pm in Quincy Shinagel room

35S-22: A Bylaws Amendment Requiring Automatic Recesses Before Roll Call Votes

Sponsored by Adam Harper, Elm Yard '20, and Evan Bonsall, Rules Committee Chair, Winthrop '19

[*Click here for one-min presentation](#) by Adam Harper, Elm Yard '20*

Whereas Article V, Section 54.1 of the Bylaws of the Undergraduate Council states that, "the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the procedures of each meeting," and

Whereas Article V, Section 54.2 of the Bylaws of the Undergraduate Council lists "special rules of order shall supersede any other rules of order in governing the proceedings in Council," and

Whereas Article III, Section 18 of Robert's Rules of Order (Revised) defines a recess as "an intermission in the day's proceedings," and

Whereas the Undergraduate Council seeks to make the most informed decisions possible, despite occasional time pressure, and

Whereas members of the Undergraduate Council have often motioned for a recess for the purpose of further clarification and informal discussion before roll call votes on extremely important legislation, and

Whereas the Council reserves roll call votes for matters of unequivocal importance,

Be it therefore resolved that Article V, Section 54.2 of the Bylaws of the Undergraduate Council be amended to include the following sections:

Section L. Recesses. At any other time, a Council member may motion for a recess, and this motion will require the approval of one-third of Council members present.

Section M. Automatic Roll Call Recesses. Following the passage of the motion to move the previous question by *roll call vote*, the council shall observe a three-minute recess between the passage of the motion for the roll call vote and the commencement of the roll call vote. A two-thirds majority of Council

members present may vote to dispose with this automatic recess. Upon the completion of the automatic recess or the disposal of the recess, the chair will call the meeting to order and the secretary will commence the roll call vote.

Recommended by Rules: 4-0-1 (3/30/17)

Docketed by Exec: Unanimous (3/31/17)

35S-23: An Amendment to Require Sexual Assault Prevention Training

Sponsored by Henry Atkins, Elm Yard '20, and Evan Bonsall, Rules Committee Chair, Winthrop '19

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 sexual assault prevention training for roughly 200 students, and

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

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

Whereas Section 63.2 of the Undergraduate Council Bylaws regulates Undergraduate Council financial support of the Phillips Brooks House Association, and Section 64.5 of the Undergraduate Council Bylaws regulates Undergraduate Council financial support of the House Committees.

Be it therefore resolved that the following sentence be appended to Section 63.2 of the Bylaws, and that this sentence shall read as follows: "Funding from the Undergraduate Council shall be dependent upon the completion of sexual assault prevention training by a majority of active Phillips Brooks House Association Student Officers."

Be it further resolved that the following sentence be appended to Section 64.5 of the Bylaws, and that this sentence shall read as follows: "Funding from the

Undergraduate Council shall be dependent upon the completion of sexual assault prevention training by a majority of active House Committee members, or a maximum of six active House Committee members (whichever constitutes the smallest number of active members), within each House Committee."

Recommended by Rules: 5-0-0 (3/30/17)

Docketed by Exec: Unanimous (3/31/17)

35S-24: FiCom Spring Grants Pack 7 ("35S-7")

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 **\$13,997.67** 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: 7-0-0

35S-25: GOHC Grants Pack – 3/30/17

Sponsored by Alex Popovski '19, Student Initiatives Committee Chair, Dunster '19

refer to [GoHC Grants Pack](#) grant data

Whereas the Grant for an Open Harvard College is open to any student initiative that addresses one of the UC's compelling interests,

Whereas the Student Initiatives Committee, after due deliberation for the following applications, has determined that they substantially address the compelling interests,

Be it therefore resolved that the UC funds the following projects the "Proposed" sums listed.

Recommended by SIC: 6-0-0

Docketed by Exec: 7-0-0

New Business: An Act to Fund the Freshman “We Care Week”

Sponsored by Nadine Khoury, Crimson Yard '20, and Grace Pan, Ivy Yard '20

Whereas the end of the term marks the end of many students' first year at Harvard,

Whereas health (mental, physical) is a salient issue on campus, especially at the end of the term,

Whereas the freshman community will diverge into different houses next year,

Whereas time of reflection, thanks, and bonding, would greatly serve members of the freshman class and help foster a sense of community and belonging before the end of the year,

Whereas events that include “swag” generate a wider audience and incentivize students to attend,

Be it therefore resolved that the Freshman Class Committee allocate \$1751 to fund swag for freshman “We Care Week,” four days of reflection, self-care, and gratitude, consisting of of four days of themed events and activities (see below). A *preliminary* cost breakdown is shown below, along with our spending and balance thus far. Please note we are allocating more than is shown below because we anticipate more spending as plans are finalized. Extra funds will be returned to the budget.

Preliminary “We Care Week” Anticipated Spending:		35th FCC Spending Records		
		Legislation Code	Event Title	Amount Allocated
T shirts ~8.63/each	\$863	35F3	Debate Watch Party	250
Water bottles	~\$700	35F35	Common Room Improvements	250
Hats (5 for raffle, 18.35 each)	\$92	35S7	Tampons in Freshman Dorms	1000
White mugs \$32 for 12	\$96	35S21	Coffee Machines, Freshman dorms	2000
		Total Spending		4530
Total:	\$1751	Balance		5470

We Care Week: Preliminary Plans

Monday: Well-Being	Tuesday: Diversity	Wednesday: Civic Engagement	Thursday: Harvard	Other
Pub Mental Health Resources and Entertainment Groups	"International Dinner"	Donation Matching	Dinner with Administrators, faculty, proctors	Annenberg Video ("I care about...")
Student-Led Yoga Class		"Bipartisan Brunch"	"House Love" Event	Swag
Petting Zoo		Voter Registration	Write Thank You Notes	
Annenberg Giveaway		Phone your Congressman		

Painted Banner of What Well-Being and Care Means

Recommended by FCC: Unanimous