



Harvard Undergraduate Council

General Meeting: April 9th, 2017

Agenda

- 1. Community Time: Savannah Fritz (10 min)**
- 2. Prez/VP Updates**
- 3. Treasurer + Secretary Updates**
- 4. Committee Updates**
- 5. Legislation:**
 - a. 35S-27: FiCom Spring Grants Pack 8 ("35S-8")**
 - b. 35S-28: A Statement of Support for a Summer Bridge Program**
 - c. 35S-29: An Act to Endorse a Student Initiative for Menstrual Hygiene Products in the Houses**
 - d. 35S-30: House Staff Appreciation Day**
 - e. 35S-31: An Act to Fund the Freshman "We Care Week" - Part 2**
 - f. 35S-32: Levenson, Marquand, Dingman Awards Funding**
- 6. Questions + Comments**

President and Vice-President's Updates

1. Freshmen Week Welcoming Programming
2. Organization Recognition Process
3. Q Guide Comp Questions
4. Timing

Treasurer Updates

1. Allocated \$200 from Ops for party

Secretary Updates

1. Medium -- UC blog
2. Office Hours
3. Drafters' Notes (project on updating legislation, constitution, and bylaws on the website)

Committee Updates

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

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

1. Had a meeting with HSA: will be pursuing an online platform instead of a physical textbook exchange
2. Reached out to Dean Harris about collecting info for the first-gen faculty database
3. Continuing discussion on first-gen/ low income issues
4. Waiting for a response from Professor Merseth about the education secondary
5. Figuring out logistics with the APO for the LMD awards

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

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

1. Meeting with OSAPR/CARE/Title IX on Monday to discuss how to improve sexual assault prevention methods
2. Reforming policy guide

3. Fixing bugs on application form and Nova

FCC - Catherine Zhang, Cabot '19, Chair

1. COFFEE MACHINE INSTALLED IN THAYER WAAAHHHOOOOOOO *cries* *dabs*
2. Tampons/Pads ordered #ournav & posters made fcc lit maureen!
3. We Care Week shaping up! Legislation later this meeting & rad pub photos taken 2day (:
4. HUGE s/o to all of FCC for their amazing work!!

Rules - Evan Bonsall, Winthrop '19, Chair

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

1. Met with Eudora Olsen from the Harvard College Hygiene Campaign to discuss UC endorsement of an initiative to get menstrual hygiene products in all the public women's restrooms and laundry rooms in the Houses by next semester
2. First round of caucus legislation discussions (will share the working draft of the legislation with the whole UC tonight)
 - a. Everyone is invited to an open discussion with the Rules Committee this Thursday at 8:45pm in the Winn
 - b. Please come if you have any suggestions, objections, or concerns!!!

SIC - Alex Popovski, Dunster '19, Chair

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

1. STUDENT ART SHOW! Let's support!
2. 3 EBA grants this week, each at \$100.
3. Events for the end of the semester: Student Art show, spring soiree, donuts & UC reps?
4. Let us know any ideas for the rest of the semester!
5. It's baseball season!!! Go Red Sox!!!!

SLC - Katie Wang, Oak Yard '20, Chair

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

1. Garrett, Arnav and Berkeley: Tutor and junior in house reach out to freshman—meeting set up with Dingman
2. Garrett's working on improving gyms and raising awareness for MAC and Hemenway classes
3. Anna R. and Nadine are working on Humans of Harvard
4. Maureen set up meeting with ID manager—charliecards
5. Ziko working on doggy OH in all neighborhoods, has meeting with CAMS

6. Denise and Anna- **storage meeting TOMORROW University Hall 102 from 2-3 pm**
7. CrimCash will be reaching out to expand into square, tag teams

SRC – Victor Agbaje, Dunster '19, Chair

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

1. House Staff Appreciation: April 17- 20: cake order forms go out this week! Need help and collaboration!
2. What Goes Unseen message for submission: Please send to your houses and any organizations you are involved with people who may benefit!
3. Event with Confi possibly in the works

35S-27: FiCom Spring Grants Pack 8 (“35S-8”)

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 **\$9,865.62** 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: 9-0-0

Recommended by FiCom: 9-0-0

Docketed by Exec: Unanimous

35S-28: A Statement of Support for a Summer Bridge Program

Sponsored by Evan Bonsall, Rules Committee Chair, Winthrop '19; Sruthi Palaniappan, Education Committee Chair, Ivy Yard '20; Salma Abdelrahman, Elm Yard '20; Eduardo Gonzalez, Mather '18; Kenneth Palmer, Eliot '19; Maureen Tang, Crimson '20; Mai-Linh Ton, Kirkland '19; Ben Sorkin, Ivy Yard '20; Neel Mehta, Finance Committee Chair, Pfoho '18; and Victor Agbafe, Student Relations Committee Chair, Dunster '19

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Section 58.2 of the Bylaws of the Undergraduate Council, the Undergraduate Council issue the following official statement of support:

Diversity and inclusion are core values of the Harvard community. An email to the student body from President Faust recently stated that “diversity, inclusion, and belonging are not incidental concerns; they are fundamental to Harvard’s mission and identity.” We, the elected representatives of the Harvard student body, agree with this sentiment and therefore express our disappointment in the rejection of the First Year Institute. We maintain that summer bridge programs for students from under-resourced backgrounds promote our core values and we call on the College to continue to consider any forthcoming proposals to this end, from this body or otherwise.

The continuing existence of summer bridge programs at many of our peer institutions has demonstrated their value and importance. Such early intervention better prepares students to take full advantage of academic and community resources at their universities, and help students feel like they truly belong at otherwise unfamiliar institutions. We are disappointed that Harvard has not taken similar measures to address the needs and concerns of first-generation and low-income students. Following the rejection of the proposal for a First Year Institute, the Undergraduate Council will support the First Generation Student Union and other concerned student organizations in drafting a different bridge program proposal for administrative consideration.

We want to acknowledge that the creation of the First-Gen Low Income Student Advocate position in the Freshman Dean’s Office is a step forward in addressing the needs of Harvard Students from under-resourced backgrounds. In order to ensure that this Advocate is serving the community effectively, we expect them to lead a PAF and proctor training specifically regarding issues first-gen and low-income

students face, reach out to student organizations that deal directly with these issues such as the First-Generation Student Union, and make themselves readily accessible and available to students. We will work with relevant administrators to ensure that these expectations are met to the fullest extent possible.

The Undergraduate Council wholeheartedly stands in solidarity with every Harvard student who is first-generation, low-income, or from an under-resourced background. We are committed to continuing this conversation with our fellow students and relevant administrators. These efforts are central to ensuring that all students, no matter their background, feel comfortable calling Harvard home.

*Recommended by the Student Relations Committee on 4/8/17 by a vote of 7-0-0.
Docketed unanimously by the Executive Board on 4/9/17.*

35S-29: An Act to Endorse a Student Initiative for Menstrual Hygiene Products in the Houses

Sponsored by Evan Bonsall, Rules Committee Chair, Winthrop '19

refer to [UC Proposal document](#) for Harvard College Hygiene Campaign Initiative

Whereas Section 36.4 of the Bylaws of the Undergraduate Council empowers the UC to endorse initiatives of Harvard College students and student organizations pursuant to certain conditions and the Council's subjective determination of merit, and

Whereas the Rules Committee has unanimously found that all of the minimum conditions outlined in the Bylaws have been met, and

Whereas the UC recently voted to directly fund a similar initiative in freshman dorms, and

Whereas the UC has a compelling interest to help the thousands of Harvard students who menstruate to obtain convenient access to free menstrual hygiene products,

Be it therefore resolved that the Harvard Undergraduate Council formally endorses the Harvard College Hygiene Campaign Club's initiative to urge the Harvard administration to provide menstrual hygiene products in all women's and gender neutral restrooms and all laundry rooms in the twelve upperclassman Houses.

Recommended by the Rules Committee on 4/6/17 by a vote of 4-0-0.

Docketed unanimously by the Executive Board on 4/7/17.

35S-30: House Staff Appreciation Day

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

Whereas there is a need to show appreciation for all the work that the House Staff perform for the students on a day to day basis.

Whereas there is a need to collaborate with the HOCOs and Freshman class to show appreciation to the House staff.

Be it therefore resolved that the Student Relations Committee allocate \$350 to order cakes from Costco and buy posters for each house and for the freshman class.

Be it therefore resolved that the cost for the event be split in half between the HOCOs and SRC for the Houses and between the SRC and FCC for the freshman.

Be it therefore resolved that the SRC front the costs and retain 50% reimbursement from the houses and HOCOs.

Recommended by SRC: 5-0-0

Docketed by Exec: Unanimous

35S-31: An Act to Fund the Freshman “We Care Week” - Part 2

Sponsored by Grace Pan, Ivy Yard '20; Katie Wang, Oak Yard '20; Maureen Tang, Crimson Yard '20; Arnav Agrawal, Crimson Yard '20; and the Freshman Class Committee

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 \$3,276 to fund expenses 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 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.

We Care Week: Preliminary Plans

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Other
Annenberg Giveaway	International Film Screening	Bipartisan Brunch	Dinner with Administrators, faculty, proctors	Annenberg Video ("I care about...")
Student-Led Yoga Class	Petting Zoo	Stressbusters	"House Love" Event	Swag
Mugs & Scrubs	Coloring Book/Journals		Write Thank You Notes	
Painted Banner				

Recommended by FCC: 6-0-6

Docketed by Exec: Unanimous

35S-31: Levenson, Marquand, Dingman Awards Funding

Sponsored by Sruthi Palaniappan, Education Committee Chair, Ivy Yard '20

Whereas the Education Committee annually organizes the Levenson, Marquand, Dingman Awards in coordination with the APO STAR Prize Awards.

Whereas the Levenson, Marquand, Dingman Awards acknowledge excellence in advising.

Whereas faculty, advisors, TFs, and PAFs play an integral role in the undergraduate experience.

Whereas recognizing faculty, advisors, TFs, and PAFs for their hard work and contributions to the college is within the interest of the UC and the student body.

Whereas the UC has provided funding in previous years to support this event.

Be it therefore resolved that the UC allocate \$400 from the discretionary spending budget to support the LMD awards and the purchasing of food, certificates, booklets, and other necessary supplies.

Recommended by EdCom: (4/6) 8-0-0

Docketed by Exec: (4/7) Unanimous