



Harvard Undergraduate Council

General Meeting: October 22nd, 2017

Agenda

1. Community Time: Presidential Task Force on Inclusion and Belonging (30 mins)
2. Prez/VP Updates
3. Treasurer + Secretary Updates
4. Committee Updates
5. Caucus Updates (1 min)
6. Legislation:
 - a. 36F-16: An Act to Amend the UC Referendum Process
 - b. 36F-17: Fall Grants Pack #5 ("36F-5")
 - c. 36F-18: An Act Regarding an Apley Court Ping Pong Table
 - d. 36F-19: An Act Regarding Proactive Accountability and a Freshman Class Town Hall
 - e. New Business, 36F-20: An Act to Fund Halloweekend Programming
7. Questions + Comments

President and Vice-President's Updates

1. USGSO Survey going out tomorrow - Yaz&Cam holding office hours Monday/Tuesday evening

Treasurer Updates

1. Hello from the West Coast! Sorry that I couldn't be there today. If anything pressing comes up, please feel welcome to call me (859.512.9953).
2. UC swag has been ordered -- the quarter zips/ sweatshirts will be ready in ~1 week; I'll keep you posted
3. Some ~exciting~ updates to nova are coming soon - stay tuned!

Secretary Updates

1. Please sign up for OH [here](#) if you haven't yet done so

Committee Updates

EdCom – *Sruthi Palaniappan, Winthrop '20, Chair*

Meeting Time: *Monday, 7:30 pm, Quincy Stone Hall basement*

1. EdCom will be creating a video to promote the Education secondary and create momentum as the faculty votes
2. Meeting with Smith Campus Center this Tuesday to discuss food accessibility
3. Meeting with APO on Wednesday to discuss centralizing resources especially for freshmen
4. Meeting with the Office of Undergraduate Education on Wednesday to analyze the cost of course materials
5. Meeting with Linguistic Dept on 10/30 to discuss making ASL count towards the language requirement
6. Exploring various platforms for an online textbook exchange
7. Contacted Harvard ROTC alumni fund and the Veterans Alumni Org to see how to make ROTC count for credit
8. Reached out to QuOffice and Women's Center regarding the LGBTQ+ training

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

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

1. Having a policy meeting at 6pm on Wednesday before FiCom meeting -- location to be announced
2. Working on making past and present grant data public

3. "Conflict of Interest" policy passed. Ask Henry for details
4. Setting up sexual assault prevention trainings with CARE!

FCC - Adam Harper, Mather '20, Chair

Meeting Time: *Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 pm, Memorial Hall (immediately after FDO meeting)*

1. FCC went well - gaining some momentum on cool projects we want to work on! Check out our two dope pieces of legislation!

Rules - Evan Bonsall, Winthrop '19, Chair

Meeting Time: *Friday, 5-6pm, Winthrop House Private Dining Room (by the D-Hall)*

1. After discovering that we have been doing the referendum process incorrectly for a long time, we have tried to fix it and make our student government more democratic at the same time.
2. 64 student groups have applied for College recognition! WOW!
3. SLAM has approached us with a request for endorsement of their efforts to persuade Harvard to drop their appeal of the NLRB decision re: a re-vote. We'll be bringing that legislation to the Council next week.

SIC - Alex Popovski, Dunster '19, Chair

Meeting Time: *Thursday, 5-6pm, Quincy Stone Hall Basement*

1. Working on Sophomore Concentration Declaration event.
2. Looking Arnold Arboretum Fall Fest event in 2 weeks!
3. Looking into a Club 1636 in two weeks!
4. HY spirit week event ~ideas~

SRC - Victor Agbafe, Dunster '19, Chair

Meeting Time: *Friday, 6:00-7:00 pm, Quincy House Shinagel Room*

1. Sign ups for Dorm room to table will go out this next week
2. Questions for first polling through pulse are being finalized: would love feedback

SLC - Arnav Agrawal, Eliot '20, Chair

Meeting Time: *Thursday, 7-8pm, Quincy Stone Hall Basement*

1. Met with APO to discuss initiatives to make mental health resources more accessible. Got encouraging feedback on my.harvard plan. Now meeting with CAMHS and UHS to discuss next steps. Emma's a rockstar!!!
2. Cade and Taylor have been doing amazing work on the Hot Breakfast initiative. Meeting with HUDS soon and analyzing data from Hot Breakfast

survey with over 1000 responses!!!

3. Meeting HUIT in first week of November to talk about cheaper printing
4. Stay tuned for a Craigslist for Harvard!!! All thanks to Ziko <3
5. Kanishk, Emma and Rushi are creating a structure for a community climate survey on mental health, belonging, sexual harassment and assault.
6. Inviting Harvard hygiene groups to our next SLC meeting to discuss institutionalization of pads and tampons
7. Rainbow is working on legislation related to sexual assault prevention and compilation of resources
8. Swathi's working on a newsletter with a universal calendar of all campus events
9. Feel free to get in touch with any of us to talk more about these projects or get involved!!!

36F-16: An Act to Amend the UC Referendum Process

Sponsored by

Evan Bonsall '19, Rules Committee Chair

Whereas Article IV, Section 5 of the Constitution of the Undergraduate Council currently requires that "a simple majority of the student body," meaning a majority of the entire student body and not only those voting on the referendum, must vote in favor of a proposed referendum in order to make it binding on the Undergraduate Council, and

Whereas this makes it nearly impossible for any proposed referendum to ever become binding because a majority of the student body rarely votes at all in the November election (only 49% in voted 2014, 43% in 2015, and 45% in 2016), much less in favor of any given referendum, effectively rendering the current referendum process useless and depriving the student body of any real direct democratic influence,

Be it therefore resolved that the third sentence of Article IV, Section 5 of the Constitution of the Undergraduate Council be amended to read as follows: "A referendum will be considered binding if a simple majority of students voting on that proposed referendum vote in favor of it."

Be it further resolved that the following language be stricken from Article IV, Section 5 of the Constitution of the Undergraduate Council: "A referendum/proposition passes if a simple majority of students vote in favor. A binding referendum may be overturned by three quarters of the Council except for a referendum on constitutional measures, in which case the Council Constitution and Bylaws are automatically amended to include the proposed change."

Recommended by the Rules Committee on October 20, 2017 by a vote of 7-0-0.

Docketed by the Executive Board on October 22, 2017 by a vote of 5-0-0.

36F-17: FiCom Fall Grants Pack #5 ("36F-5")

Finance Committee Chair Neel Mehta, Pforzheimer '18 and Finance Committee Secretary Gevin Reynolds, Dunster '19 on behalf of the Finance Committee

access [Grants Pack PDF](#) here

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 **\$13,699.87** 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 Fall applications by that recipient, 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.

FiCom Docketed: 9-0-0

FiCom Recommended: 9-0-0

Docketed by Exec: Unanimous

36F-18: An Act Regarding an Apley Court Ping Pong Table

Sponsored by: □ Wilfried Zibell '21, Ivy Yard Seth Billau '21, Ivy Yard

Whereas the ping pong table in Apley Court's common room is broken, and

Whereas the table in question is broken beyond repair, and

Whereas based on the accounts of Apleyan upperclassmen the table has been broken for several years, and

Whereas given the large size of the common room in question it is frequently used by other freshmen

Whereas having a functioning ping pong table would be conducive to dorm bonding

Therefore, be it hereby resolved that \$350 is allocated from the Freshman Class Committee's budget to purchase a new Ping Pong table for the Apley Court common room.

Recommended by FCC: 9-0-0

Docketed by Exec: Unanimous

36F-19: An Act Regarding Proactive Accountability and a Freshman Class Town Hall

Sponsored By: □ Emma Robertson '21, Elm Yard Wilfried Zibell '21, Ivy Yard Swathi Srinivasan '21, Ivy Yard

Whereas it is the duty of the elected Undergraduate Council representatives of the freshman class to be accountable to their constituency, and

Whereas freshmen have been on campus long enough to develop and voice concerns about specific issues on campus, and

Whereas this meeting would also provide an opportunity for freshmen to get to know their representatives, and

Whereas meeting constituents promotes transparency and accountability, and

Whereas sharing their concerns with their representatives would encourage the freshman class to be more invested in the workings of the Undergraduate Council, and

Whereas food would be provided at such an event, incentivizing attendance, and

Whereas expenses for this event will be calculated using the same formula employed by the Finance Committee, so as to ensure that there is no waste of funds,

Therefore, be it resolved by the Freshman Class Committee and the Undergraduate Council that \$250 are allocated from the Freshman Class Committee budget to finance a town hall on Thursday, October 26th, and

Be it further resolved that this town hall will be counted as a special meeting of the Freshman Class Committee, mandating attendance by all members of that committee unless an excusal is granted by the chair or by a majority vote of the committee

TABLE OF EXPENSES

Cookies	142.30
Pizza	86.32
Plates, Incidentals	21.38

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

New Business, 36F-20: An Act to Fund Halloweekend Programming

Sponsored By: □

Alex Popovski '19, Student Initiatives Committee Chair

Wyatt Robertson '18, MVP

Whereas Heaven & Hell, a recurring event planned by the Currier House Committee, is the only night-time event on campus over Halloween weekend open to all Harvard undergraduates,

Whereas this event has been historically successful and filled to capacity, with over 650 attendees in 2016,

Whereas the exclusion of upperclassmen from the Annenberg Halloween party is likely to yield even higher turnout,

Whereas the Currier House Committee has committed to creatively expanding the event's capacity with better utilization of indoor spaces and the inclusion of outdoor activities like donut eating contests and pumpkin bowling,

And whereas social inclusivity is a compelling interest of the Undergraduate Council,

Be it therefore resolved that the UC fund \$700 from the Student Initiative Committee's budget for additional food, decorations, and activities to increase the capacity and quality of the event.