



Harvard Undergraduate Council

General Meeting: October 29th, 2017

Agenda

1. Community Time: Presidential Search Committee & SLAM
2. Prez/VP Updates
3. Treasurer + Secretary Updates
4. Committee Updates
5. Caucus Updates (1 min)
6. Legislation:
 - a. 36F-21: An Act Regarding Endorsement of a Free and Fair Graduate and Undergraduate Student Union Election
 - b. 36F-22: An Act to Help Fund a New Grille App
 - c. 36F-23: Fall Grants Pack #6 ("36F-6")
 - d. 36F-24: GOHC Grants Pack, 10/15/17
 - e. 36F-25: Arboretum Fall Festival
 - f. 36F-26: Authorization to use Pulse Polling
 - g. 36F-27: An Act to Pilot an Undergraduate Council Plan for Inclusive Excellence
7. Questions + Comments

President and Vice-President's Updates

1. Meeting with Selection Committee
2. Survey Sent Out, Fill it out!
3. Office Hours this week
4. Roger Federer

Social Chair Joke of the Week

1. Why did the ghost go to the bar? For the boos.

Treasurer Updates

1. Swag will be in this week! Sweatshirts/Pullovers will be distributed at Gen next week.
2. Financial Update:
 - a. Exec voted to fund a UC Women's Wine & Cheese night for **\$150.00**.
3. What? A giant update to *nova*, the UC grants system, that will affect not just FiCom but the whole council + student body? Stay tuned for a big announcement next week.

Secretary Updates

1. Last three days to hold Office Hours this month!
2. A reminder on Gen & committee attendance
3. If any of you have amendments to submit tonight, please email, FB message, or iMessage me -- (no texting from Androids)

Committee Updates

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

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

1. Meeting with Linguistics department to discuss making ASL count towards the language requirement
2. Meeting with Brooks from APO on restructuring classroom to table
3. Working with SLC on College XChange
4. EdCom is leading the creation of a video on the Education Secondary
5. Met with OUE to discuss course material costs; Will work on an educational resource toolkit
6. Met with Smith Campus Center to discuss food accessibility; Exploring option of putting Flyby in Smith Center
7. Working with APO on a peer-to-peer guide
8. First-gen faculty database is moving forward!

FiCom - Neel Mehta, Pfoho '18, Chair

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

1. FiCom data will be more public! (Seth)
2. Setting up sexual assault prevention trainings
3. Addressed many policy guide issues last week
4. Tell your friends about applying for UC funding!
5. Wintersession grants coming in a few weeks

FCC - Adam Harper, Mather '20, Chair

Meeting Time: *Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 pm, Memorial Hall*

1. Last week's town hall went phenomenally! Frosh can speak more to it, but a fair amount of freshmen showed up in the rain to have insomnia cookies, pizza, and to talk to their reps.
2. Be on the lookout for legislation regarding how we plan to accomplish "inclusive excellence" in the freshmen class. No legislation today.

Rules - Evan Bonsall, Winthrop '19, Chair

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

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SIC - Alex Popovski, Dunster '19, Chair

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

1. Arboretum Fall Festival this Friday, 4-6pm -- @EVERYONE COME :)
2. Planning Sophomore Concentration Declaration event!
3. Met with CEB about future collaborations (i.e. HY spirit week programming)

SRC - Victor Agbaje, Dunster '19, Chair

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

1. If you are on UC PUB be ready to send out sign ups for Dorm Room to Table
2. Harvard Foundation Meeting this Wednesday at 8 am at OCS
3. Working with HUIT to try and make sure we can get pulse as part of semester Check in

SLC - Arnav Agrawal, Eliot '20, Chair

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

1. Meeting heads of CAMHS and UHS week of 11/13
2. Formalized partnership with College XChange
3. Meeting student groups this week to finalize community climate survey

4. Meeting Crista Martin of HUDS on Thursday to talk about Hot Breakfast options
5. Meeting HUIT on 11/6 to talk about free printing quotas
6. Adding a tab for compilation of sexual harassment/assault response resources on my.harvard
7. ~Thanksgiving Shuttles~
8. Meeting admins next semester to create task force for institutionalizing Menstrual Hygiene products

36F-21: An Act Regarding Endorsement of a Free and Fair Graduate and Undergraduate Student Union Election

Sponsored by:

Wilfried Zibell '21, Ivy Yard Representative

Sarah Fellman '19, Quincy House Representative

Evan Bonsall '19, Rules Committee Chair

Sruthi Palaniappan '20, Education Committee Chair

Henry Atkins '20, Winthrop House Representative

Whereas graduate and undergraduate student workers have the right to decide whether to unionize in a free and fair election; and

Whereas employers are required by law to provide complete and accurate lists of eligible voters in such elections; and

Whereas the National Labor Relations Board's Regional Director has ruled that Harvard failed to comply with this requirement by leaving hundreds of voters off of the eligible voter list; and

Whereas the legal reasoning of Harvard's appeal would substantially weaken employers' requirement to provide complete and accurate voter lists in workplaces around the country,

Be it therefore resolved that the Undergraduate Council publicize the attached [petition](#) and endorse the following statement demanding Harvard withdraw its appeal of the Regional Director's decision to the National Labor Relations Board.

Dear President of Harvard University,

We call upon you not to appeal the NLRB Regional Director's July 7th order for a fair election. The Regional Director held that the omission of hundreds of voters from the voter list requires a new election with a complete and accurate list. The decision to appeal this ruling not only undermines the Harvard students' right to a fair union election, but also threatens fair union elections for all US workers and weakens workplace democracy. At a time when so many of the basic protections Americans have taken for granted are in jeopardy, we ask that Harvard not further empower anti-worker and anti-democratic forces.

We, the undersigned members of the Harvard community and the surrounding communities impacted by Harvard's actions, call upon Harvard University to respect the law and set an example in promoting the rights and protections of students, workers, and democracy.

Sincerely,

Recommended by the Rules Committee on October 27, 2017 by a vote of 6-0-0.

Docketed by the Executive Board on October 28, 2017 by a vote of 5-0-0.

36F-22: An Act to Help Fund a New Grille App

Sponsored by: Adam Harper, 20' and Nicholas Boucher, 19'

Whereas grilles are student-run restaurants located within houses that provide food throughout the day for Harvard College Students.

Whereas these student-run organizations employ countless Harvard undergraduates

Whereas Quincy Grille approached Harvard Student Agencies and requested they design an app which supports point-of-sale as well as on-app ordering

Whereas the app would be for use at all Grilles

Whereas HSA Dev has agreed to develop this app at cost (or less), receiving minimal funding from Housing Committees and Grilles

Whereas these student-run organizations employ countless Harvard undergraduates

Be it therefore resolved that the Harvard Undergraduate Council allocate one burst pack (\$3,000) to Harvard Student Agencies to complete this project in association with the Grille.

Docketed by SRC 5/0/0

Docketed by Exec 9/0/0

<https://projects.invisionapp.com/share/6PDYNRZJY#/screens/260362411>

36F-23: FiCom Fall Grants Pack #6 ("36F-6")

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 **\$9,800.19** 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: 10-0-0

FiCom Recommended: 10-0-0

Docketed by Exec: Unanimous

36F-24: GOHC Grants Pack, 10/15/17

Sponsored by Alex Popovski, SIC Chair, Dunster '19

Whereas the Grant for an Open Harvard College is open to any student initiative that addresses one of the UC's 2017 compelling interests,

Whereas these compelling interests were deliberated on and voted upon at the UC General Session on January 29th, 2017, and defined as: mental health; race, culture, and faith relations; sexual assault and harassment prevention; social spaces; and financial accessibility,

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

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

| Project Name | Description | Compelling Interests | Major Costs | Proposed |
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| Roundtable Dinner with Gary, Indiana Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson (A.B. '82, JD '85) | A roundtable discussion in Dunster on November 6th about the Mayor's journey from Harvard to state/local politics as a black woman. Planned by Black Men's Forum in collaboration with ABHW, BPLA. | Race relations | Travel (airfare) - \$350 Food ('Nochs) - \$200 room/food discretionary budget- \$300 TOTAL requested - \$850 | \$850 |

Docketed by SIC, 6-0-0

Docketed by Exec: Unanimous

Amendment: Change 850 to 550

36F-25: Arboretum Fall Festival

Sponsored by: Alex Popovski, SIC Chair '19

Whereas there is an expressed need on campus for inclusive, alternative social programming,

Whereas "social spaces" are one of the UC's compelling interests,

Whereas the Arnold Arboretum is a Harvard-affiliated space and chronically underutilized by undergraduates,

Whereas it is the fall season and thus a time for fall festivals,

Be it therefore resolved that \$1,500 is drawn from the SIC budget to fund activities, food, student bands, and shuttle transportation for a fall festival, to be held at the Arboretum this weekend.

Recommended by SIC: 6-0-0

Docketed by Exec: Unanimous

36F-26: Authorization to use Pulse Polling

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

Whereas as the Undergraduate council needs a mechanism to obtain student feedback and opinion throughout the school year.

Whereas the Undergraduate council needs to solicit feedback with understanding of how this may affect various constituencies and communities.

Whereas the Undergraduate council would benefit from having greater data to use in negotiation with the administration for resources to fund various initiatives and services.

Be it therefore resolved that the Undergraduate Council student Relations committee be authorized to use the Pulse Polling website(<https://harvard.collegepulse.com/>) and IOS/Android app to publish polls on issues related directly to the Harvard Student body. The frequency and questions of the polls with be at the discretion of the committee.

Recommended by SRC: 5-0-0

Docketed by Exec: 4-0-0

36F-27: An Act to Pilot an Undergraduate Council Plan for Inclusive Excellence

Sponsored By:

Salma Abdelrahman '20, Leverett House

Nicholas Whittaker '19, Adams House

Evan Bonsall '19, Rules Committee Chair

Whereas the Presidential Task Force for Inclusion and Belong's Executive Summary Discussion Draft states that "Organizations and personnel devoted to inclusive excellence should act intentionally, in ways that align responsibility with authority, and that coordinate across the three key constituencies of students, staff, and academic personnel."

Whereas the Discussion Draft continues, "Each school or business unit will have a strategic plan for inclusive excellence built by drawing on expertise", and "each school or business unit will organize its structures so that those with the authority to make decisions for a given constituency (i.e., students, staff, or academic personnel) also have responsibility for diversity, inclusion, and belonging work..."

Whereas the Undergraduate Council has a responsibility to promote efforts for diversity, belonging, and inclusion in Undergraduate Life,

Whereas the Council also has a responsibility to ensure that the Council itself is diverse, inclusive, and promotes belonging,

Whereas there is a need for an institutionalized structure to ensure action and accountability around these efforts,

Whereas it is within the purview of the minority caucuses to promote diversity, belonging, and inclusion within the Council,

Whereas institutional memory is vital for the Council to function effectively,

Be it therefore resolved that the Council will work to develop a Plan for Inclusive Excellence that will present actionable steps dedicated to goals of promoting diversity, belonging and inclusion, in the work carried out by the Council and its various committees for respective constituencies, in the ways the Council operates

as a representative body, and in the culture and commitments of the Council both as a governing organization and as a collection of individuals.

Be it further resolved that the Council will establish a Caucus Advisory Board, consisting of one representative from each Caucus, to be selected according to each Caucus' own discretion. The CAB will carry out the initial drafting of a guiding document to be used by committee chairs in order to frame discussions about Inclusive Excellence on a committee-by-committee basis.

Be it further resolved that the CAB will work with various Committee Chairs to develop and consolidate commitments that promote diversity, belonging, and inclusion, within the committee's work, as well as in the culture and representation of diversity in each respective committee.

Be it further resolved that the CAB will also work with the Executive Board and the broader council to address issues of diversity, belonging, and inclusion that are outside the scope of any one committee, but rather, involve the entire Council.

Be it further resolved that the CAB will then consolidate committee commitments and commitments of the general Council into a single document - the Plan for Inclusive Excellence - by the first general meeting of Spring 2018, at which point the entire council will vote to take on this document as the official Undergraduate Council Plan for Inclusive Excellence.

Be it further resolved that upon the voting in of the UCPIE, the Caucus Advisory Board will serve as the accountability mechanism. The CAB will present monthly updates to the general Council on the progress of both committees and the Council at large on their commitments, and propose ways in which further progress will be made.

Be it further resolved before the conclusion of the 36th Undergraduate Council, the Council at large will discuss the successes and failures of the UCPIE process. With feedback from this discussion, the CAB, in conjunction with the Rules Committee will draft a Bylaws Amendment to formally institutionalize the process.

Recommended by the Rules Committee on October 27, 2017 by a vote of 6-0-0.

Docketed by the Executive Board on October 28, 2017 by a vote of .