



## **Harvard Undergraduate Council**

*General Meeting: October 9th, 2017*

### **Agenda**

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- 1. Community Time: Dean Davis, Associate Dean for Diversity & Inclusion (POSTPONED)**
- 2. Prez/VP Updates**
- 3. Treasurer + Secretary Updates**
- 4. Committee Updates**
- 5. Caucus Updates (1 min)**
- 6. Legislation:**
  - a. 36F-08: FiCom Fall Grants Pack #3 ("36F-3")**
  - b. 36F-09: Alternative Parents' Weekend – Freshman Faculty Dinner**
  - c. 36F-10: An Act Regarding Special Presidential Communications**
- 7. Questions + Comments**

## **President and Vice-President's Updates**

1. A note on Docketing
2. Gender 101 - Next Sunday at 6pm with Oggis

## **Treasurer Updates**

1. If anyone has a way to get in contact with Dudley HoCo, please let me know
2. Weekly Financial Update:
  - a. Exec voted to allocate **\$200.00** from the non-student term bill Social Budget for next weekend's UC Social
  - b. Exec voted to allocate **\$200.00** from the non-student term bill Social Budget for pizza during next week's meeting
  - c. Exec voted to allocate up to **\$1,700.00** from the non-student term bill Social Budget for subsidizing swag purchases for UC members
3. Swag Updates
  - a. We will be ordering matching UC-branded quarter-zips for all UC representatives.
  - b. The cost, post-subsidization, is **\$15/person**.
    - i. Financial Aid is available if this causes financial hardship for any representative
  - c. The quarter-zips come in two different cuts and will look like the following proofs:



## **Committee Updates**

### **EdCom - *Sruthi Palaniappan, Winthrop '20, Chair***

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

1. Successful dream session last week!!
2. Creating working groups for the semester
3. Vice Chair election

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

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

1. Club sports this Wednesday! Over 40 interviews scheduled... we need your help!
2. Setting up sexual assault prevention trainings

### **FCC - *Adam Harper, Mather '20, Chair***

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

1. Had a great dream session! Will start working on projects soon.

### **Rules - *Evan Bonsall, Winthrop '19, Chair***

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

1. CONGRATS to Salma, our new, unanimously elected Secretary/Vice Chair!!!

2. After vigorous debate and discussion this weekend we're introducing our first legislation of the 36th Council. We also had a great "dream session" - lots of good ideas coming your way this semester!

**SIC – Alex Popovski, Dunster '19, Chair**

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

1. 'Gratz Vice Chair Ruiqi
2. Great projects and ideas goin down, but always up to suggestions!
3. Mai-Linh's Alternative Freshman Parents' Weekend Legislation!

**SRC – Victor Agbafé, Dunster '19, Chair**

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

1. Vice Chair: Congratulations Nicholas Whittaker!
2. Great Meeting with the Harvard Foundation
3. Brainstorming Important Question for Pulse

**SLC - Arnav Agrawal, Eliot '20, Chair**

**Meeting Time:** *Time TBD, Quincy Stone Hall Basement*

1. Amazing Brainstorming session!
2. Climate Survey, Community Conversations, Printing, Concentration Q guide and more!
3. Sending good vibes for all those with midterms :) Y'all got this

### **36F-08: FiCom Fall Grants Pack #3 ("36F-3")**

*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 **\$7,462.81** 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-09: Alternative Parents' Weekend – Freshman Faculty Dinner**

*Sponsored by Mai-Linh Ton '19, Kirkland House*

*Whereas* the Alternative Parent's Weekend Freshman Faculty Dinner is an event to be held in the Kirkland House Junior Common Room on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> that connects faculty and first-year students and is sought to address the lack of programming for students whose parents could not attend Freshman Family Weekend; and,

*Whereas* the sponsor of this legislation has been working closely with the Faculty Deans of Kirkland House to arrange this event; and,

*Whereas* the Student Initiatives Committee is dedicated to inclusive events on campus; and,

*Whereas* the UC First Generation & Low-Income Caucus is concerned with equity of access for all harvard students; and,

*Whereas* the UC First Generation & Low-Income Caucus has worked with the First-Generation Student Union to compile a list of 150+ faculty interested in supporting students who may or may not fall under the first-generation/low-income umbrella; and,

*Whereas* hundreds of the freshman student body do not have parents who attend Freshman Family Weekend; and,

*Whereas* this dinner is modeled off of the Office of BGLTQ Student Life's Lavender Graduation Dinner which has been held annually in the Kirkland Junior Common Room for 60-75 attendees and costs around \$3500; and,

*Whereas* the event is focused on providing students with an intimate setting where they can interact with faculty in relevant fields of interest and developing meaningful relationships; and,

*Whereas* the Undergraduate Council alone does not have the capacity to provide this opportunity to all students who could benefit from this, we hope this event will demonstrate the need for and interest in further alternative programming during Freshman Family Weekend,

*Be it resolved* the UC allocates up to \$3500 for the logistics of this event from the GOHC fund,

*Be it further resolved* that any unspent funds will be put back into the GOHC fund.

*Be it further resolved* that this would be pubbed to the entire student body through UC pub.

*Be it further resolved* that all attendees will be sent a feedback survey.

Item	Quantity	Cost
China and Linen	75	\$225.00
Chairs (and 8 Tables)	75	\$350.00
Waitstaff	3	\$384.00
Food	\$31 x 75	\$2,325.00
Management Fee	5%	\$160.00
Printed Materials/Pubbing	variable	\$56.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3500.00</b>

*Recommended by the Student Initiatives Committee on October 8, 2017 by a vote of 5-0-0.*

*Docketed by the Executive Board on October 9, 2017 by a vote of 5-0-0.*

## **36F-10: An Act Regarding Special Presidential Communications**

*Sponsored by*

*Evan Bonsall '19, Rules Committee Chair*

*Salma Abdelrahman '20, Rules Committee Secretary*

*Wilfried Zibell '21, Ivy Yard*

*Jackson Walker '21, Elm Yard*

*Nick Wyville '20, Eliot House*

*Cade Palmer '20 Pforzheimer House*

*Kanishk Mittal '20 Leverett House*

*Whereas* the President of the Undergraduate Council reserves the right, as the elected representative of the entire student body, to use the UC-President email account (ucpres@fas.harvard.edu) to send communications to the entire student body, and

*Whereas* most of these communications provide periodic updates of UC activities or share the personal sentiments and beliefs of the UC President, and

*Whereas* some of these communications request that a specific action be taken by the student body (for example, fill out the Q Guide for Comps or respond to a survey on proposed policies regulating unrecognized single-gender social organizations), and

*Whereas* these special communications requesting action from the student body generally have a much more direct impact on student life than other communications sent by the President, and

*Whereas* the general membership of the Undergraduate Council was collectively elected by the entire student body and thus acts collectively as the representative of both the entire student body and their individual districts, and

*Whereas* the entire Undergraduate Council should have the right to publicly discuss and formally approve important presidential communications that may have a particularly significant impact on student life,

*Be it therefore resolved* that the fourth sentence of Section 35.2 of the Bylaws of the Undergraduate Council be amended to read as follows: "All messages sent from the UC-President email account must be approved by the President, and all messages sent from that account which request that a specific action be taken by the student body must be approved by a simple majority of the entire Undergraduate Council, either through stand-alone legislation or a provision in separate legislation."

*Recommended by the Rules Committee on October 9, 2017 by a vote of 8-0-0.*

*Docketed by the Executive Board on October 9, 2017 by a vote of 7-2-1.*



## **New Business: An Act to Approve Presidential Solicitation of Student Opinions on USGSO Policies**

*Sponsored by*

*Evan Bonsall '19, Rules Committee Chair*

*Cade Palmer '20 Pforzheimer House*

Whereas the President and Vice President of the Undergraduate Council have publicly expressed a desire to publicize a campus-wide opinion survey via the UC-President email account in order to collect data on student opinion regarding the four proposed policies currently being considered by the Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS) to regulate unrecognized single-gender organizations, and

Whereas past surveys and referenda regarding USGSO policy have been unreliable or have not included all four policy options currently being considered by the FAS, and

Whereas this survey data must be collected as soon as possible to allow it to be shared at the next FAS meeting,

Be it therefore resolved that the Undergraduate Council approve the President's request to send an email via the UC-President email address soliciting student participation in an opinion survey, and approve in advance any subsequent follow-up emails, pursuant to Section 35.2 of the Bylaws of the Undergraduate Council.