

# ***UC General Meeting Minutes***

October 9, 2017

- **Pres/VP Updates**
  - Dean of Diversity and Inclusion postponed
  - Next week we will have a Women & Gender training session
    - Dinner will be provided
  - Note on docketing legislation -- docketing is for the purpose of deciding whether something is ready to be brought before Gen, not what you think about it
- **Treasurer Updates**
  - Does anyone know how to get in touch with Dudley HoCo?
    - Cat does
  - Exec allocated some money for next week's party, pizza, and swag subsidies
  - Swag is being ordered this week
- **Social Updates from Wyatt**
  - Party next weekend -- the theme is black & white
- **Committee updates** -- everything read directly off agenda
  - *EdCom*
    - Successful dream session last week!!
    - Creating working groups for the semester
    - Vice Chair election
  - *FiCom*
    - Club sports this Wednesday! Over 40 interviews scheduled... we need your help!
    - Setting up sexual assault prevention trainings
  - *FCC*
    - Had a great dream session! Will start working on projects soon.
  - *Rules*
    - CONGRATS to Salma, our new, unanimously elected Secretary/Vice Chair!!!
    - 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*
    - 'Gratz Vice Chair Ruiqi
    - Great projects and ideas going down, but always up to

- suggestions!
    - Mai-Linh's Alternative Freshman Parents' Weekend Legislation!
  - SRC
    - Vice Chair: Congratulations Nicholas Whittaker!
    - Great Meeting with the Harvard Foundation
    - Brainstorming Important Question for Pulse
  - SLC (No one was here to present this)
    - Amazing Brainstorming session!
    - Climate Survey, Community Conversations, Printing, Concentration Q guide and more!
    - Sending good vibes for all those with midterms :) Y'all got this
- **FiCom Grants Pack**
  - Allocating \$7,462.81
  - No Questions, no speeches
  - **Passed by Unanimous Consent**
- **Alternative Parents' Weekend** – Freshman Faculty Dinner
  - Introductory statement given by Mai-Linh
  - Pubbing this event through the proctors and FDO and emails and maybe door drops
  - Cam's Questions: Should this just be Horderves so that more people can attend?
    - Mai-Linh -- This format is better because it allows a deeper relationship to be formed with the faculty
  - **Passed via Roll Call Vote 34-4-0**
- **An Act Regarding Special Presidential Communications**
  - Evan gave the introductory speech -- special emphasis on this only applying to action-taking requests coming from the Presidential Email Request
  - Rules Committee has the authority on adjudicating this
  - Voting on emails would give added weight to the email; it might even make the Crimson
  - Wyatt: How is this more meaningful than "Yaz and Cam saying 'Fuck the Quad?'" -- Prez and VP were elected by the Student Body
  - Victor -- passing this legislation would just add bureaucracy
  - Wyatt motioned for a 2-minute structured recess
    - Q/A was continued in this recess
  - Pro/Con was extended by 2 cycles
  - Pro/Con was extended by 1 cycle
  - A roll call vote was requested

- **Failed via a Roll Call Vote 19-18-1** (*2/3 majority was required*)
    - Voting members have 24 hours to change their vote
- **Olu Oisaghie has resigned from the UC**
- **Cam announced two positions open for members of the council**
  - College Health Committee
  - Search Committee for Dean Freidrich replacement
- **Questions Period**
  - *Wyatt Robinson* -- it is important to encourage your friends to vote for Pres/VP
  - *Nick Whittaker* -- this debate was not about Yaz/Cam, it was about future UC Executives
  - *Salma* -- there are many more important things to talk about than USGSOs
  - Evan -- echo Nick's sentiments, this was about the process, not the people
  - *Cam* -- the UC is building up power and esteem in the eyes of the student body, so this is a relevant debate. Please bring any new ideas that you have to the attention of Exec!
  - *Mai-Linh* -- Freshman Parents weekend is extremely traumatic for low income, first gen students, which is why her legislation was particularly important (speaking from personal experience). The administration should work to provide more inclusive social spaces (not that they have bad intentions, but because they don't know what it's like). This is just the start. This is not just about low income, first gen students, it's about all marginalized communities, such as the Black community at Harvard.
    - POWER speech -- go Mai-Linh (standing ovation from council)