



# Harvard Undergraduate Council

*General Meeting: November 5th, 2017*

## Agenda

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- 1. Community Time:**
  - a. HY App (5 mins)
- 2. Prez/VP Updates**
- 3. Treasurer + Secretary Updates**
- 4. Committee Updates**
- 5. Caucus Updates (1 min)**
- 6. Legislation:**
  - a. 36F-27: An Act to Pilot an Undergraduate Council Plan for Inclusive Excellence
  - b. 36F-28: An Act to Help Fund a New Grille App
  - c. 36F-29: Fall Grants Pack #7 ("36F-7")
  - d. 36F-30: An Act to Pilot Gender 101 Trainings in the First-Year Entryways
  - e. 36F-31: Office Hour Fund
  - f. 36F-32: UC 2017 Thanksgiving Airport Shuttle Authorization Act
  - g. 36F-33: New Business: Taylor Swift "Reputation" Album-Listening Party in CQH
- 7. Questions + Comments**

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

1. Survey
2. P. Faust

## **Secretary Updates**

1. Sign up for November Office Hours [here!](#)
2. A reminder on Gen & committee attendance

## **Committee Updates**

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

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

1. Met with Brooks at the APO and discussed student-faculty relationships
2. Met with Sally Donahue at the financial aid office to discuss the cost of course materials; Exploring option of textbook stipend
3. Collaborating with SLC on the College Xchange
4. Pushing for a flyby option in the new Smith Campus Center
5. Working with the APO on a peer-to-peer guide
6. Working with Bok Center on gender/sexuality trainings for TFs
7. Meeting with OUE to discuss restructuring classroom to table
8. Creating a pilot program for an upperclassmen Uncommon Fair

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

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

1. Publishing FiCom grant data from the past few semesters! #opendata
2. Setting up sexual assault prevention trainings
3. Wintersession funding coming up soon

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

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

1. The Freshman Class Committee is doing incredible things. We're working on an initiative with the Women's Center to help get Gender 101 workshops for every freshman entryway. Next Semester, we hope to pilot a program in as many as 15 freshman entryways. We're also working on ways we can better connect with the Class of 2021, and we had a successful Town Hall the Thursday of Parent's weekend.
2. With the FDO, we're helping brainstorm the planned freshman union, as well as pilot programs for iron boards in freshman dorms. Outside of FCC, we're helping to equip our freshmen reps with all they need to tackle big problems around the school through other committees.

**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 event was really wholesome -- thanks all for the preparation, help, and rolling through to the event!
2. REGURGITATOR event in February! -- collab w/ CEB
3. New Business: An Act to Fund Campus-Wide Taylor Swift Album Drop Listening Party in CQH

**SRC - Victor Agbafe, Dunster '19, Chair**

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

1. Dorm Room to table: Date and restaurant selection going out soon
2. Working with HUIT on pulse
3. If you haven't sent Nicholas Whittaker updates on your committee please do so ASAP!!!!

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

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

1. ~Thanksgiving shuttles~!!!
2. DormHop!
3. Task force met with student support and mental health resource groups to discuss questions and phrasing for community climate survey on belonging, mental health and sexual assault/harassment prevention. Meeting with DAPA monday!! Send any questions you want to see on the survey to Kanishk or Rushi!
4. Task force finalized partnership details with College Xchange. Legislation and presentation next week!
5. Met with HUDS to discuss hot breakfast options. Now meeting with OSL to explore further
6. Meeting with HUIT this week for free printing!

## **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 6-0-0.*

### **36F-28: 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.

*Recommended by SRC: 5-0-0*

*Docketed by Exec: 9-0-0*

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

## **36F-29: FiCom Fall Grants Pack #7 ("36F-7")**

*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 **\$8,999.97** 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.

*Docketed by FiCom: 10-0-0*

*Recommended by FiCom: 10-0-0*

*Docketed by Exec: Unanimous*

## **36F-30: An Act to Pilot Gender 101 Trainings in the First-Year Entryways**

*Sponsored by:*

Jackson Walker '21, Elm Yard

Sonya Kalara '21, Crimson Yard

Salma Abdelrahman '20, Leverett House

*Whereas* creating and supporting efforts to promote equity, diversity, and inclusion is in the best interest of the Undergraduate Council,

*Whereas* establishing shared knowledge and language around possibly unfamiliar, but nonetheless important and salient topics is essential to the functioning of a diverse and understanding community,

*Whereas* recent incidents on Harvard's campus have made the need for discussions around gender identity increasingly clear,

*Whereas* the first-year experience and knowledge gained within this important year sets the tone for a student's four years on campus,

*Be it therefore resolved* that \$1,000 from the First-Year Class Committee Budget be allocated to fund up to 15 Gender 101 Trainings carried out by the Harvard College Women's Center in up to 15 first-year entryways.\*

*Be it further resolved* that first-year proctors will receive \$4 per student in the entryway to spend on an enhanced food-option to incentivize students to attend.

*Be it further resolved* that proctors opting into the pilot program will be asked to make the study break mandatory.

*Be it further resolved* that targeted outreach be carried out to entryways of various sizes to determine the ideal size for Gender 101 trainings in entryways in the future.

*Be it further resolved* that feedback will be collected in a survey created in conjunction with the Harvard College Women's Center and the Freshman Dean's Office.



*Be it further resolved* that the Undergraduate Council will work to institutionalize this program for the upcoming academic years in conjunction with the Women's Center and the Freshman Dean's Office after revisiting feedback collected in Spring 2018.

\*The number \$1,000 was calculated by using a rough estimate of 25 first-years per entryway, at a cost of \$4 per student. An average of \$100 per entryway for 10 entryways is assumed, and the cost differences between large and small entryways is expected to cancel out.

*Recommended by FCC: 10-0-0*

*Docketed by Exec: Unanimous*

### **36F-31: Office Hour Fund**

*Sponsor: Victor Agbafe '19 SRC Chair*

Whereas office hours are important for UC representatives to connect with constituents in their dorms and houses.

Whereas it is important for UC constituents to receive direct feedback on projects that have,are, and may take place.

Whereas UC Representatives have shown and spoken of the need for resources to use and identify themselves and their mission.

Whereas UC representatives have spoken of the need for candy or some other treat to attract constituents to come and share feedback

Be it therefore resolved that the SRC allocates \$170 for office hours. The use of the funds will be determined by a short application that UC members who would like to use the fund will detail what they would like to spend the money on. If you use money for office hours you should submit feedback to the SRC chair to be shared with SRC with the number of people spoken to and notes on any recurring topics.

*Recommended by SRC: 6-0*

*Docketed by Exec: 7-0-0*

## **36F-32: UC 2017 Thanksgiving Airport Shuttle Authorization Act**

*Sponsors:*

*Kanishk Mittal '20, Leverett House Representative*

*Cade Palmer '20, Pforzheimer House Representative*

*Rainbow Yeung '19, Pforzheimer House Representative*

*And the Student Life Committee of the UC*

Whereas Harvard College students have expressed interest in a reasonably priced shuttle service to take students from campus to Logan Airport prior to Thanksgiving break, and

Whereas the Undergraduate Council has successfully implemented such services in previous years, and

Whereas students have greatly appreciated the Thanksgiving Airport Shuttle Services that the UC provided in previous years, and

Whereas Local Motion Inc. is a reputable company and the total charter costs for the proposed plan is \$1650,

Be it therefore resolved that the Council authorize the Student Life Committee to charter, manage, and publicize airport shuttles prior to the upcoming Thanksgiving Break;

Be it further resolved that the UC President and Vice President send out a College-wide mail-merge to promote ticket sales,

Be it further resolved that the Council allocate **\$1650** for the shuttle program from the Discretionary Spending Fund, with the following sub-allocation:

- a) \$1600 for the Peter Pan Charter Service, and
- b) \$50 for online ticket sales costs;

Be it further resolved that the Council authorizes the Thanksgiving Break shuttles with a per seat cost of \$10 when purchased online or at door.

Be it further resolved that the Council authorizes the following shuttle departure schedule from in front of Lowell House:

- a) Tuesday, November 21 at 12 PM, 2 PM, and 4 PM,
- b) Wednesday, November 22 at 6 AM and 8 AM.

*Recommended by SLC: 7-0-0*

*Docketed by Exec: 8-0-0*

### **36F-33: New Business: Taylor Swift “Reputation” Album-Listening Party in CQH**

*Sponsored by: Ruiqi He, SIC Vice-Chair, Leverett '19, and Emma Robertson, Elm '21*

*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 Cambridge Queen’s Head Pub is a Harvard-affiliated space,

*Whereas* Taylor Swift’s first new album in three years is dropping at midnight, Friday, November 10 at 12AM,

*Whereas* there are many people at Harvard who enjoy Taylor Swift’s music and are hyped about her new album,

*Whereas* there are people who would be excited to get free CQH food and hang out whether or not they like Taylor Swift,

*Be it therefore resolved* that \$150 is drawn from the SIC budget to fund food for an album-listening party, to be held at the Cambridge Queen’s Head on either Thursday, November 9 at 11:30pm-1am or Friday, November 10 at 8:30pm-10pm.

#### **Food Budget**

<b>Platter Item</b>	<b>Price</b>
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$150</b>