

- **President and Vice-President Updates**
  - Congrats to Adam (FCC chair), Jungyeon (SFC chair), and Wyatt (social chair)!!!
  - Will appoint SLC chair this week
  - Still seeking Historian apps
  - Caucuses: First-Gen & Low Income, Women's Caucuses approved by Exec
  - Summer Work
    - Evan and Salma updated the UC Constitution after going through years' worth of legislation
    - An amazing 2017-18 UC Budget Proposal created by Nick Boucher
- **2017-18 UC Budget Proposal**
  - Intro
  - Q&A
    - Have more money this year than previous years
  - **Amendment by Cam:** *"The allocation of "burst funds" shall be approved by 2/3 of the Council."*
    - Should have a higher threshold so we are sure we want to be spending money on those things, since there is a lot of money concentrated on one event
    - Pro-Con Debate
      - Con
        - \$6k should be feasible
        - How do you make sure this doesn't gum up great idea a student has?
- *Reminder: Equilibrium amendments to legislation needs 50% + 1 votes to pass.*
  - Pro
    - We give out large sums of GoHC money
    - Clubs can already get significant amounts of money from FiCom
      - This higher threshold for burst funds is good because clubs already get money from FiCom
  - **Amendment passes by hand vote.**
- **Amendment by Evan:** *"Amend the Burst Fund to read "Burst Fund: \$60,000"" (i.e. eliminate the Burst Pack language)*
  - Q&A
    - How are Burst Packs different from a GoHC grant?

- GoHC grants only go under 4 specific categories; GoHC grants don't necessarily cover EVERYTHING
    - No application for the burst fund
  - Pro-Con debate
    - Con
      - Nick firmly disagrees
        - Spent almost none of the extra discretionary funds last year -- trying to get rid of the inefficiency
        - This money can only be used by council members
    - Pro
      - May allow people to pursue innovative ideas
  - Pro-Con Debate extended
    - Con
      - This is only accessible for people on the council -- so don't have to worry about who's literate or not literate on how to apply for burst funds
      - Inefficiency is throwing the money away
      - Really important that this money be used for large scale events, not just any event
  - ***Amendment does not pass by hand vote.***
    - 21-27-0
- **Amendment by Eduardo**
  - ***Burst Fund***
  - *Events funded by a Burst Fund must be open to any Harvard College student.*
  - *Should monies from a Burst Fund be used to fund a ticketed event, Burst Funds should be used at least in part to subsidize the cost of event tickets.*
  - This amendment is not considered to be a friendly amendment by Nick Boucher.
  - Pro-Con
    - Con
      - Every time we bring up a piece of legislation, we have brought up this same debate
    - Pro
      - We need to look very closely at how we're spending our money

- If this is limited to the leadership of a particular club, they'll be able to get funding by another means
- FiCom funds very limited items. It would be hard to fund an event / project this much money through FiCom.
- Con
- ***Amendment passes by hand vote.***
- 30-13-2
- **Amendments by Sarah**
- 1. *Increase the caucus fund to \$2500.*  
*The new budget would read,*  
***"Caucus Fund*** – *A \$2,500.00 fund has been proposed to support the newly formed UC Caucuses in response to feedback received via §2 Budget Creation. In accordance with the UC Constitution and Bylaws, Caucuses cannot individually introduce legislation which draws from this fund."*
- Q&A
  - What will the extra money will be used for for the caucuses?
  - How will \$1500 significantly improve caucuses on the UC?
    - Providing food, giving materials, getting things together, events in Houses for advocacy
  - Why would this extra caucus fund go through burst and not through GoHC?
    - GoHC is a fixed fund, fixed and untouchable
- Pro-Con debate
- Con
  - FiCom allocates money to cultural organizations anyway who would put on events that are caucus-goal-oriented / related
- ***Amendment does not pass by voice vote.***
- 2. *Change the burst funds to 20 packs of \$3000*
  - The campus is too fragmented
  - Big funds can have big impacts -- want to encourage big things because big things can bring the campus together
    - Can promote even larger events, we're just gaining more opportunity and freedom
- ***Amendment passes by hand vote.***
- 28-18-4

- **Rushi's amendment:** *Unused money of any burst pack is allocated to an additional burst pack totaling up to \$6000 and is not placed in the emergency fund.*
  - Q&A
    - It seems that what is not used will roll over to next year's funds anyway?
  - Con
    - Destroys point of burst fund: if we vote on this, then there's no point of passing the last amendment
    - Whole point of burst fund was to encourage big projects
  - Pro
    - Actually just an opportunity to fund more events
  - Con
    - Wants funds to roll over on purpose to next year so they can do the same thing next year
  - Pro
    - We should make every effort to give this money away
  - **Amendment passes by hand vote.**
- **Arnav's Amendment:** *"Allocate \$10,000 to the Student Life Committee (SLC) from the funds initially allocated for Burst Packs given its special focus on practical, tangible actions that often take physical forms like water bottle fillers, better gym equipment, thanksgiving break shuttles, hot breakfast, menstrual hygiene products etc. that require financial capital. SLC has, in the past, had to essentially beg different Harvard Corporation entities and members like the Harvard Libraries or the HoCos for money that allocate funds for specific purposes before SLC even meets and are thus often unable to fund initiatives that may impact student life positively and essentially hinder the efficiency of the SLC. This allocation of funds will enable the Student Life Committee to do its job — improve Student Life on Campus"*
  - Current budget of SLC: \$0
  - Q&A
    - Is SLC eligible to apply for these burst funds?
    - Did not come up as feedback?
  - Pro-Con debate
    - Con
      - We need to spend a lot of time discussing what we want to spend \$10k on -- that's a lot of money, and we haven't fleshed it out in great detail. We also

need to flesh out how much we should allocated from UC budget to each committee.

- Also, any SLC member more than welcome to apply for any of these burst funds.
- EdCom -- \$1000 budget, \$10k is just a lot
- Things like hot breakfast should be done through administration, and we should be advocating for it instead of using UC money
- ***Amendment does not pass through voice vote.***
- Will now vote on this UC Budget Proposal Legislation as a whole!
  - ***2017-18 UC Budget Proposal Legislation passes with roll call vote.***
    - Aye with rights:
      - Nick Boucher: Thank you all
      - Evan: While the amendments were useful, we could have achieved this goal more efficiently -- start earlier
      - Cam: Waive rights
- ***FiCom Legislation (36F-02) passes by unanimous (no objections) vote.***