

03/01/17 Open Meeting Agenda

**Election**

Master’s At Large Rep

* Nominated Vanessa Levine (Master’s GSD) vanesalevine@gmail.com
* Vote approved (No object/abstain)

Appointed positions:

**Parliamentarian**

* Nathan Schauer nathan.schauer@gmail.com
* Leads election committee at April meeting

**Election Committee**

* Elizabeth Jaensch Ejaensch@fas.harvard.edu
* Liz Davis davis02@g.harvard.edu
* Matt Pickle matthewpickle@gmail.com
* Helps count votes and run elections at April meeting

**Committees**

HUIT

Next meeting: Friday, April 21, 12-1pm location TBA

Updates from Lane:

1. We a new graduate co-chair

2. Omni App – new app release is looking for feedback

Q: What’s the difference between Omni app vs Thrive@Harvard? We aren’t exactly sure

3. HUIT survey going out next week

Committee on Graduate Education

* Approved new organizations: Bike Harvard, Action Network, and Altruism
* Union updates (same as email)
* Travel Ban: Garth emailed and met with international students affected by travel ban
* GSAS is willing and available to meet with students interested or affected by the ban
* Potential new internships or global experiences for GSAS students

Dean’s Meeting

* Worker’s compensation – There is a worker’s compensation available for students in teaching and research positions. Students in rotations and dissertation writing positions may or may not be covered. There is an emergency discretionary fund available to support students on a case by case basis
* 2017-2018 Decrease in enrollment/acceptance:
	+ Overall decrease in accepted students across GSAS by 4.5%
	+ No silver lining: no new benefits to be expected in future years.
	+ Q: Are the undergraduate admissions changing as well?
* Dental Insurance – currently too expensive for the value so not many people sign up. By including dental insurance in graduate plan, master’s students would be forced to enroll.
* Childcare stipends – Other universities provide childcare stipends to offset the cost of childcare, but Harvard doesn’t. Currently no money in the budget for additional benefits

Harvard College Safety Committee:

Once a month on the third Thursday in Strauss Hall, 3-4pm

**Accessibility on Campus – Vanesa Levine**

University Disability Services – many buildings in Harvard and HBS are not handicap accessible

* Additionally, the website is down/inaccessible (telephone not answered)
* Is anyone interested in joining/forming a committee to make a plan to make accessibility goals? Jackie would probably be interested/helpful
* Possibly write an email to departments

**Announcements**

International Tax Talk

March 2nd at 6pm in Dudley House Common Room

Mentoring Awards & Commencement Marshal Awards

Applications due March 17th

GSC in the Dorms: Learn about the GSC and how to get involved

March 26th, 6pm at Conant 1st Lounge

GSC Elections in April (April 5th)

* President
* Vice President
* Secretary
* Treasurer
* Advisor to the Council
* At Large Representative: International, Interdisciplinary, Longwood, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, SEAS, Humanities

**GSG and DGSO Spring Funding Allocation**

* Everyone present and budget approved (except ArcUrbLan – no show)

HGSU – March 9th - Emerson 105 – Union Panel for next steps of unionization

**Open Floor**

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