



## 3/2/16 Open Meeting Agenda

**Start: 6:35**

### **Upcoming Elections!** April 6<sup>th</sup>

Election Committee – 2-5 people to help our parliamentarian (Ilana)

*Just have to be at the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and not be running for office; sign up on the clipboard; Ilana will send you an email with instructions, just have to basically count votes at the next meeting*

*Have a lot of positions for election, President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, At-Large, Reps; constitution has information on positions; can send us an email if you want to run, often these are uncontested so go for it*

Constitution link:

[http://gsc.fas.harvard.edu/files/graduatestudentcouncil/files/constitution11\\_04\\_15.pdf?m=1447020762](http://gsc.fas.harvard.edu/files/graduatestudentcouncil/files/constitution11_04_15.pdf?m=1447020762)

### **Voting**

Social chair /Documentarian – help plan our upcoming brunch events and RedSox game

*Social chair: Trying to run more events, such as monthly brunches and a Red Sox game with Dudley fellows; let us know if you want to help plan*

### **Discussion**

Accessibility - Has your department discussed any accessibility issues?

*Any department discussions, or concerns in your department?*

*Department in Boylston, think they've had the discussion before since it's pretty accessible*

*Working at hospitals and such also makes accessibility much easier*

*Heard some ramblings about sign language interpretation in general, something to look into*

*People have been complaining that there are no elevators in the dorms*

*Please let us know if there's anything you think of*

### **Amicus Brief**

*Case to decide if grad students at private have same labor rights as public; if NLRB rules in favor of Columbia's Union the university has to hold an election and respect the results; does not guarantee a union, still need to have a vote; Harvard filed with others to say that we are students not workers*

***Proposed Resolution (John Gee):***

*"Whereas the Graduate Student Council has passed a resolution in support of the graduate student workers of HGSU-UAW, and*

*Whereas graduate student workers at Harvard ought to decide freely and democratically whether they wish to unionize and bargain collectively, and*

*Whereas Harvard University has joined an amicus brief advocating against the legal right of graduate student workers at private universities to unionize and bargain collectively, and*

*Whereas this action by Harvard interferes with the democratic rights of graduate student workers, including those of HGSU-UAW,*

*Be it therefore resolved, the Graduate Student Council condemns Harvard's actions in joining this amicus brief and opposing the right of graduate student workers to unionize or not unionize by a democratic process"*

*John's email: last semester we passed a resolution saying students should be able to decide whether they want a union without intervention; Harvard let us know they don't want us to make the choice, and that they are taking sides; think it's condescending; will debate at next meeting, but just wanted to make clear why introducing; not about what we should do but what we have the right to do*

*Questions?*

*What if we want changes to the language?*

*Will consider at next meeting, can submit them ahead of time*

*What is the amicus brief?*

*Joining in support of Columbia University against unionizing*

*Will this ruling set a precedent?*

*Brown case set one that said private universities were different than public and unions don't have to be recognized; this could in that it's looking for a different decision*

*The Crimson wrote an article explaining the brief's argument*

*(<http://www.thecrimson.com/article/2016/3/1/Harvard-amicus-brief-unionization/>)*

*Does it have legal standing?*

*Not officially, but it could influence the case*

**Announcements/Open Floor**

Pre-Break Brunch: March 5th, 10-11:30am at Graduate Dorms: Conant 1st floor lounge  
All students are welcome!  
*Have posters for you to hang up*

International Students Tax Talk – March 29<sup>th</sup> (tentatively)  
*6pm, but not confirmed, we will send out an email*

Mentoring Award and Commencement Marshal Nominations due March 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Applications and upload links are now on the website  
*Have a lot of posters, please hang them up in your department and around campus*  
*Really great award that honors your mentor; nice ceremony in April, hear what people say about their mentors*  
*Commencement Marshalls carry the flags at commencement*

Masquerade Ball – Harvard Extension Student Association, March 26<sup>th</sup>  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hesa-presents-the-6th-annual-masquerade-ball-tickets-22256000296>

### **Funding results – Spring 2016**

Rohan Mazumdar

*Please advertise events through GSC or in a highly visible place; hard to give funding if you don't*

*These numbers include rollover from what you didn't spend, so this is how much you have left*

#### **GSGs**

*GUILD - \$460 + \$200 Startup*

*CSSA - \$1175*

*GSAS Consulting Club - \$2214.89*

*GSAS Science Policy Group - \$700*

*Science in the News - \$590*

*Voice Lab - \$600*

*GSAS HATS - \$700*

*Dragon Boat - \$250*

*Lantinx Student Association - \$300 + \$200 startup*

*Visual China Student Association - \$250 + \$200 startup*

*Society for the Global Study of Food - \$630*

#### **DGSOs**

*American Studies Junto - \$855*

*HGSL - \$766.22*

*Knap Time - \$70 + \$200 startup*

*SEAS Council - \$500*

*EALC - \$900*

*Henry Adams - \$200*

*Philosophy - \$350*

*Germanic Circle - \$700*

***Total Funding Granted: 13,011.11***

*Everyone is here*

*Passes unanimously*

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***Adjourned: 6:51***