



3/2/16 Open Meeting Agenda

Start: 6:35

Upcoming Elections! April 6th

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

Just have to be at the April 6th 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

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 29th (tentatively)

6pm, but not confirmed, we will send out an email

Mentoring Award and Commencement Marshal Nominations due March 23rd

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 26th

<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