



## 10/05/16 Open Meeting Agenda – Start time: 6:32

### **Election**

At-large Rep for masters students - **no master's student present. If interested, email Darcy**

### **Proposal**

Constitution Change

**Deal with the conference grant committee .**

**List of standing committees in the constitution, so we are proposing to add it. No questions about addition.**

**Bylaws – Article IX base things only on previous semester. No questions.**

- **Section 5 – previous money awarded as reimbursement. Proposal would remove this section and it would just be a lump sum award.**
  - **Questions – Work with GSAS to get GSC to reimburse GSAS for a group? Maybe not.**
- **Section 9 – Cosmetic change. No questions.**
- **Difference between bylaws and constitution – we would like to have a 3<sup>rd</sup> student on the conference grant committee -- No Questions.**

### **Report Back**

Dean's Meeting

**TF topup issue – if in social sciences or humanities some departments are not included. They said it was a problem and they were going to look into it.**

**MBTA T Pass – talked about expanding it and including bike reimbursements for maintenance. They would look into it.**

**Insurance – Insurance changed – they said that they would start announcing these things in their monthly emails**

Ivy+ Summit

**Yearly meeting. We talked about the unionization, advocacy, and interaction with their deans. Very helpful. We found out that most other GSCs remain neutral for the unionization however feel that their students have the right to unionize.**

### **Committees to Fill**

#### **HUIT Committee:**

Usually Fridays during lunch on the Cambridge campus

**Slowly shifting towards grad student needs. Need someone else to help out. Shopping period policies came up at these meeting and teaching fellow administration.**

**App contest this weekend would allow you to get a feel for people on the committee!**

**Need a few more people – Nicole Black  
-- Kevin Tian**

**Harvard College Safety Committee:**

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

**Update: there is an evening van service is changing. This can now be done on an app.  
Operates between 7pm – 3am. Use the Rider App. Details online.**

**-Already know longwood that does not have access to this. What routes should they consider expanding – Somerville**

**Other things on their agenda:**

**Discussing responses to protests and demonstrations.**

**Also need 1 more person ---**

**Announcements**

Tax Talk – Oct 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Dudley Graduate Student Lounge

GSC Pub Crawl – Oct 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-1am, meet at Queen’s Head Pub.

Tickets at \$20 and can be purchased in B-2

- **Going to John Harvard, Hong Kong, and Charlie’s Kitchen. Tickets include 3 drinks, appetizer and a tshirt**
- **Can bring people outside of GSAS**

Harvard Horizons- Applications to Harvard Horizons close at noon on Friday, October 14, 2016.

The Center for Writing and Communicating Ideas – How can this center be useful for you and/or your department?

- **Help GSAS students with written and oral communication skills.**
- **Reaching out to younger students for help writing their thesis in the sciences?**
- **Is this just at the location or can they bring it out in the community ? – We think so!**

Thrive@Harvard App

- **PLEASE DOWNLOAD!!!**
- **Made specifically for GSAS students. Any comments, let us know or Jackie know.**

Suggestions for discussion topics? Fill out our form online

- **On the GSC homepage.**

**Vote for GSG and DGSO Funding**

- **RENEWAL IS DUE IN OCTOBER!**
- **Vote on the budget – PASSES!!! Unanimous – no no’s or abstains.**

**Open Floor**

- **Question – some student groups get credit cards, but not all do? If you part of the Harvard University Employee’s Credit Union members can get a debit card.**

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**END TIME – 7:02**