



11/02/16 Open Meeting Agenda

Election

At-large Rep for master's students

No interest. If anyone knows someone who is interested, just let Darcy know!

Appointed positions:

Parliamentarian – **No interest**

Social Coordinator – **No interest**

Vote: Constitution Changes

SEE ATTACHED VOTES!

Overall:

Bylaws vote: Section 4 changes: Passed Unanimously

Section 5 changes: Some concerns about accountability.

For – 23 Against – 14 Abstain – 3

Section 9 changes : 1 abstain, Remaining Passed

Section 10 Changes: Passed Unanimously

Constitution Vote: Passed Unanimously.

- **Statistics about who was awarded conference grants: Departments, how many were awarded? – We will look into this and add to the website.**

Questions about Unionization

Vote is NOV 16 and 17. Can still vote if you not have received the email – this is called a Challenge Vote!

PLEASE SUBMIT QUESTIONS BY THIS COMING FRIDAY!

We will be asking for answers from pro and con union answers.

This will be sent out to all GSAS Students and will also be posted on the GSC website.

Committees:

Student Health Planning Committee

- **Student Health Fee**
- **SHIP – Student Health Insurance Plan**
- **New website saying differences between the last years insurance and this years**

Committee on Graduate Education

- **Data Science Master's Degree – Passed**
- **Take a class at 100/200 level for a Sat/USat instead of a letter grade - Passed**
- **New GSGs: Swing Dance Society, Open Labs, Vegan Society**

Harvard College Safety Committee:

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

Annual safety walk Nov 15 – 5-7pm. Contact Jackie Yun if you are interested (jyun@fas.harvard.edu)

Dean's Meeting – TF top-up – some progress being made. Talks with the Kennedy school are happening!

- **Does the Med School get top-ups? Health Policy is not getting the top-up.. so we should talk to the deans about that.**
- **Student talked to HKS person because they are not receiving the Top-up...they said legally they can't make any changes until the union vote went through.**
 - o **The Dean's said that they cannot legally make any changes to financial compensation until the union vote happens at the Committee on Graduate Education meeting. Confirmed by 3 students who attended the meeting.**

Moment of Silence - Ethan Winter

Announcements

January@ GSAS Mini-courses

For the past four years, GSAS students have had the opportunity to take part in various activities during January@GSAS. This winter session (from Monday, January 9th through Friday, January 20th, 2017) offers topical workshops and seminars related to building research and professional skills, and a number of non-academic activities, such as service projects and sports tournaments, are also offered. We provide generous financial support, up to \$750 per course, for graduate students to create the two-week course of their dreams.

Applications are due by November 18, 2016.

GSG and DGSO Winter Funding Round – Applications due Nov 18th

Funding announced at the December meeting.

Suggestions for discussion topics? Fill out our form online

Open Floor

Different Surveys – Launch two surveys for students in interdisciplinary students and international students. Please let your departments know about these!

GSAS Harvard Graduate Council – hgc.harvard.edu

Nov 5 – Conference on how to make Harvard safer in terms of sexual harassment and assault.

Nov 19 – Women’s entrepreneurship day

Harvard- Yale game, HGC asked for reduced prices for grad students. Not able to happen right now, but they said they can set up a grad section.

Harvard Law School , their student gov’t would like to change Columbus day to Indigenous Peoples Day. Generally supportive about this.

Harvard Law had a discussion about the unionization. They plan to make this public through a recording.

HGC-GSC Liaison – if interested, let Peter know!

SEAS plans to have a town hall – Likely next Thursday (11/10) around 5:30pm about the unionization

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