



## GSC Open Meeting

October 3, 2018

Graduate Student Lounge, Dudley House, 6:30 pm

- **Introductions**
- **Discussion about Early Registration with Mike Burke**
  - Faculty expressed concern about the way that registration happens
  - Last year a report was written about how registration works
    - Costs and benefits of current system
    - Benefits of changing date:
      - benefits to graduate student TF employment
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    - This report led to the faculty asking for formation of a committee to explore options on how a registration date change would work
  - Mid to late Spring semester the vote will be held
  - Question session:
    - ?: what is the earliest this could be implemented
      - A: soonest: two years from now
      - Might get introduced at the point of the spring semester
    - ?: How do you prevent students from exploiting the drop deadline in the new system to simulate a shopping period
      - A: Add drop goes via permission of instructor
        - The “size” of the class is determined early so adding and dropping doesn’t drastically impact the number of students in the class--for the purposes of planning for TFs the benefit still holds
        - Judging from the data provided by other schools that have this method, the numbers established early by early registration accurately tracts the final class size outcome
    - ?: How will we handle first year advising
      - A: possibly: first years will be advised at visiting weekend.
    - ?: How will students get a simulation of the class experience
      - A: Faculty have floated the ideas of providing video clip of instructors that could be viewed online prior to registration
- **Appointments**
  - Conference Travel Grant Committee member (1 student)
    - Kristin
  - Student Leadership Banquet Subcommittee (7 students)
    - David
    - Colette



- Social Media Coordinator
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- **Treasurer's Corner**
  - GSAS Student Group Info Session on Wednesday, 10/10 at 6PM in the GSL (\$25 bonus for attendance at this meeting)
    - Funding info session next Wednesday at 6pm (Jackie Yun and Janet Daniels will be present)
      - \$25 bonus
  - Announce and approve graduate student group funding
- **Committee Updates**
  - Update from HGC
    - 1. Harvard is seeking 5 students from each school, led by that school's student president, to walk in the ceremonial procession for the inauguration of President Bacow. Following are details for interested students:
      - There is a rehearsal on Thursday, October 4th from 4:15 - 5 PM at Boylston Hall (adjacent to Widener Library)
      - The actual procession is on Friday, October 5th at 1:30pm.
      - Dress code is "business attire". I assume there's no need to dress for the rehearsal.
    - 2. HGC is continuing work from last year to establish the External Affairs Committee (EAC), which will work to publish policy statements on behalf of all 12 graduate and professional schools in response to items of interest at the federal, state, and local levels.
      - An example would be when the tax on graduate student tuition remissions was proposed, MIT's equivalent of EAC published a statement the next day.
      - The committee has yet to be voted into approval by the HGC, but if it is approved, a charter will be drafted detailing the composition of the committee
      - The committee will solicit members from all 12 Harvard school student governments
      - All policy statements will adhere to a policy platform that all 12 schools approved last year
    - Please contact Harry with any questions regarding the above!  
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- **Announcements**



- Departmental Reps - These are the degree programs that are still missing reps:
- Fall Conference Grant applications are due 10/12
- January@GSAS MiniCourse Applications are due 11/16
- Resolution on the Kavanaugh election from HGC
- GSC Happy Hour
- Grad Fest
- **Open Floor**