



## GSC Open Meeting

October 2, 2019

Graduate Student Lounge, GSAS Student Center, 6:30PM

### 1. Introductions

- Change to GSC Website: Contact Us in a Non-English Language<sup>1</sup>
  - i. If there are folks that want to ask the GSC languages and would prefer to do so in a non-English language, our fluencies are listed on the website at: [website]

### 2. Voting matters

- Vote to approve changes made to governing documents made by Summer 2019 Constitution and By-laws Review Committees.
  - i. 64 voting members present
  - ii. Mostly cosmetic changes→ degendering the constitution, updating terminology
  - iii. Passed by majority
  - iv. Mission Statement<sup>2</sup>
  - v. Passed by majority
  - vi. Constitution and By-laws<sup>3</sup>
- Changing the name of the GSC from Graduate Student Council (GSC) to GSAS Student Council (GSC)
  - i. Meant to more accurately reflect our presence as a GSG
  - ii. Remove ambiguity/confusion with other governmental orgs
  - iii. Passed by majority!

### 3. Appointments:

- GSAS Safety Committee (2 students)
  - i. Alexis Turner
  - ii. Paloma Tuttle from Chemistry
- GSAS HUIT Committee (2 students)
  - i. Alexis
  - ii. Dylan Randle (drandle@g.harvard.edu)
- GSC Conference Grant Selection Committee (1 students)
  - i. Kiwi Florido, BPH
  - ii. Vanessa Braganza, English
  - iii. Chelsea Boccagno, Psychology
- GSC Student Leadership Banquet (4-6 students)

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<sup>1</sup> Link: <https://gsc.fas.harvard.edu/contact-us-non-english-language-0>

<sup>2</sup> Link: <https://gsc.fas.harvard.edu/about>

<sup>3</sup> Link: [https://gsc.fas.harvard.edu/files/graduatestudentcouncil/files/201907\\_proposed\\_edits\\_to\\_the\\_constitution\\_and\\_by\\_laws\\_.pdf](https://gsc.fas.harvard.edu/files/graduatestudentcouncil/files/201907_proposed_edits_to_the_constitution_and_by_laws_.pdf)



- i. Talk to Michael or email [gscsecretary@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:gscsecretary@fas.harvard.edu) if you're interested

#### 4. Updates from Committees and Liaisons:

- o Harvard Graduate Council Liaison
  - i. Update from Harshil Kamdar
  - ii. Upcoming event
    - 1. October 17th: Captain America movie & discussion with Philosophy professor on morality of superheroes
    - 2. October 25th: Spoken word poetry event
- o Union Liaison
  - i. Update from Hans Pech

#### 5. Advocacy:

- o **October: Financial Wellness**
  - i. Survey Results and Divisional Highlight
    - 1. Any feedback about comms. And outreach from exec board should be directed to [gscsecretary@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:gscsecretary@fas.harvard.edu)
    - 2. Dept.reps→ don't forget to forward information to your constituents!
    - 3. Sensitive survey data was shared during the meeting. A cohesive summary of responses can be found at:
- o **November: Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment**
  - i. Fill out the survey.<sup>4</sup>
    - 1. Please fill it out!

#### 6. Treasurer's Corner

- o Announcement about student group renewal
  - i. B2 & Treasurer will hold renewal session for GSGs & DGSOs October 9, 6-7PM
  - ii. Office hours always held 2 weeks before funding deadlines
- o Announce and approve graduate student group funding
  - i. GSGs & DGSOs funded below:

Bike Harvard a GSAS Student Group

GSAS Early Music Lab

GSAS Environmental Action Team

GSAS Graduate Residence Halls Council

GSAS Harvard Argentine Tango Society

GSAS Minority Biomedical Sciences

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<sup>4</sup> Link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfe8CjkknM64azzn1dFT0R1oYsjr2p3XTGdPMLYoI-FhUpqQQg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfe8CjkknM64azzn1dFT0R1oYsjr2p3XTGdPMLYoI-FhUpqQQg/viewform?usp=sf_link)



GSAS Society of Underrepresented Students in STEM

GSAS Underrepresented Scholars in Neuroscience

Harvard Big Data Club in GSAS

Harvard Chinese Students and Scholars Association

Harvard Dragon Boat Team

Harvard Graduate Women in Science and Engineering

Harvard GSAS Association for Meditation and Psychedelic Studies

Harvard GSAS Christian Community

Harvard GSAS Graduate Canadian Club

Harvard GSAS Journal of Emerging Investigators

Harvard GSAS Latinx Student Association

Harvard GSAS Women in Social Sciences and Humanities

Science in the News

Harvard Minorities and Philosophy Chapter

GSAS Germanic Circle

East Asian Languages and Civilizations (EALC) Social Committee

Harvard Graduate Students in Linguistics

Philosophy Department GSO

School of Engineering and Applied Sciences Graduate Council

Contact [gsctreasurer@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:gsctreasurer@fas.harvard.edu) to accept your award.

## 7. Announcements

- Departmental Reps - Degree programs still missing reps:
  - i. List of departments:
- Fall Conference Grant applications are due 10/11
- January@GSAS MiniCourse Applications are due 11/15
  - i. Funding to offer and run your own courses!
- GSC Happy Hour

## 8. Open Floor

- **Motion for Consideration of Resolution of Support from the GSC for the Union's SAV presented→ will be voted on next month**
  - i. **Passed by majority**



### Updates from Committees and Liaisons:

- Harvard Graduate Council Liaison
- Union Liaison
  - i. Strike Authorization Vote: Our members are organizing toward a strike authorization vote this fall. After almost a year of bargaining, the Harvard administration continues to insist on a [carve-out](#) for harassment and discrimination in the neutral third-party grievance procedure proposed by the union, and it refuses to negotiate over any aspect of the student health care plan or to agree to minimum annual pay increases that keep up with the cost of living for PhD students.
    1. HOW TO VOTE or ORGANIZE for the vote: Please contact a union representative in your department, or fill out this [google form](#).
    2. For more information: read strike [FAQs](#) or the second issue of the union [zine](#).
  - ii. Status of Bargaining: Please see this [summary of the union's main proposals](#) and the most recent [bargaining updates](#).
  - iii. Coordination with the GSC and other student groups: The GSC has begun meeting with the union on a monthly basis. The union is also beginning to collaborate more closely with student governments at other Harvard schools. Please contact the union if your student group would like to learn more. [this last bit is maybe beyond GSC scope/should include GSC as contact?]