



**GSC Open Meeting
February 5, 2020**

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

1. **Introduction**
2. **GSC Elections 4/1: Leadership Positions Overview (President, Vice President)**
3. **Follow us on social media (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn)**
4. **Advocacy:**
 - **February: Diversity and Inclusion**
 - i. Danielle Farrell Speaks about her role and Student Services “Sticky Situations and GSAS Resources” Presentation
 1. Student Affairs→ Academic Affairs, Student Services, Title IX, GSAS Student Center
 2. What are the different resources?
 - a. Primary role is to help navigate Harvard; liaison to different resources
 - b. Director of Student Services serves as contact person for HUPD
 3. Road Show: “Sticky Situations”
 - a. Getting out to departments→ gets students, staff, and faculty in the room to hear about resources together
 - b. Office is private and discrete; nothing makes its way back to the department
 - c. Working on keep students up to date on resources
 4. “B2, Be Well”
 - a. New column on community wellness coming out
 5. Contact information: stuserv@fas.harvard.edu; book an appointment: gsasstuserv.youcanbook.me ; or visit B2!
 - ii. Bias reporting task force
 1. Big concern among students about how to report bias incidents
 - a. GSC is leading a charge to build an anonymous bias reporting tool
 - b. Goal is to have this tool running by mid to late fall 2020; we will be proposing a task force to design the bias reporting tool in the next Deans’ Meeting
 - c. Looking for a potential department rep.
 - iii. Family Organization Speaks
 - **March: Career Development**
 - i. Teaming up with OCS to provide a series of events regarding career development for students in GSAS
 - ii. Thinking also beyond academia → we have flyers and please see events on Crimson Careers !
5. **Commencement Marshals**

Call for nominations due **April 10th** at 5 pm
6. **Everett I. Mendelsohn Excellence in Mentoring Awards**

Call for nominations due **March 30th** at 5 pm
Call for volunteers
7. **Committee Updates:**
 - **Student Leadership Banquet Planning Committee:** Attention Graduate Student Group Leaders: Save the date for **Saturday, May 2!**
 - **Union Liaison**→ strike has ended. Mediation between the university and admin has begun, negotiations still in flux. No update on bargaining goals

8. Treasurer's Corner

- Don't wait too long to cash your checks! After 6 months, the checks expire. As of now, the treasurer will not be reissuing checks
- Drafting a different policy that will move away from reimbursement to grant allocation, to fund prio rather than after the fact.
 - i. Reduces fiduciary responsibility and will keep track of spending violations; continue to submit reimbursement requests
 - ii. Student groups can book rooms/catering in the student center through the GSC!

9. Announcements

- Open Positions:
 - i. **GSC - Union Liaison:** The purpose of the Union Liaison position is to foster communication and cooperation between GSC and HGSU-UAW. The duties that come along with this role are as follows: (1) regularly attend GSC open and executive meetings, (2) frequently attend HGSU-UAW organizer meeting (every Monday at 6 p.m.) and other relevant union meetings, (3) keep up with union-related developments & report the gist at GSC open meetings, (4) scout out potential areas of coordination or cooperation between GSC and union, (5) provide input to union about GSC's perspective, (6) provide feedback to GSC exec board on union activity related or overlapping with GSC advocacy
 - ii. **GSC - HGC Liaison:** The Harvard Graduate Council is a student government representing all twelve of Harvard University's graduate and professional schools. HGC is responsible for advocating on behalf of graduate students before the school's central administrators, including the President of Harvard University and the Provost's Office. The role of the GSC rep to HGC is to attend the HGC open meeting once every two weeks on Monday evenings. The meetings usually involve a talk or two from different organizations within Harvard, some votes on upcoming events, and interacting with reps from other Harvard graduate schools. There are also many social events that the HGC puts on that reps get to attend (sometimes for free).
- Winter Conference Grant Applications are due on **Friday 02/07!**
- Apply for up to \$2000 from the [Student Engagement Fund](#) by **04/01**
- Apply for GSG and DGSO Funding by **02/21**
- **Spring Open Meeting Dates**
 - i. **March 4**
 - ii. **April 1**
 - iii. **May 6**

10. Open Floor

- **BHM @ GSAS: check out events on Engage here:**
<https://engage.gsas.harvard.edu/organization/gsasstudentcenterintellectualandcultural>
- **Stay up to date with Athletics on our webpage**