



**Open Meeting Agenda
November 1, 2017**

Start 6:39 pm

1. Introduction 6:30 - 6:35

2. VP Election

Elected Benjamin West

Ph.D. Candidate in Education

Vote Results: majority in favor, 1 abstention

3. Social Media Coordinator

Appointed and approved Summer Schafer

Ph.D. Candidate in American Studies

4. Winter Funding Results

Announced results of Winter Funding Round.

All groups present. See attached funding results.

5. Resolution regarding Harvard Appeal to NLRB 7:00 - 7:05

Discussion:

John Gee -

Harvard should drop appeal to NLRB because the process had irregularities that deems the election that was held unfair. Harvard is appealing to the rule that says that employers must provide a clear and complete list of eligible voters. The ability to unionize or not unionize is highly politicized, and the current labor board is likely to be anti-union.

Question: Would there be different eligibility rules if there was a new election?

Answer: The results of the appeal would not directly change the rules of eligibility in the case of a new election

Question: Why should the GSC make such a resolution? This resolution does not follow with the neutrality brought forth by previous resolution.

Motion to extend debate. Seconded

Question: What about the number of people who showed up to the election? There was outstanding turn out.

Answer: While there was significant voter turnout, the confusion between who was eligible and not eligible may have discouraged students from voting and their votes may not have counted.

Question: Who was excluded from the voter list?

- About 500 people were excluded off of the voter list? About 200 of those people are graduate student of design teaching assistants
- About 195 votes have not been counted

There are about 300 people whose votes were not included in the tally

Motion to vote on resolution. Motion seconded: voted by turning in departmental placards.

Vote:

50 in favor

15 opposed

2 abstentions

Resolution passes with 75% support

6. Committee Updates

Committee on Graduate Education

Ivy+ Summit

7:05 - 7:15

7. Open floor: Comments, Questions, Suggestions

7:25 - 7:30

Announcements:

1. GSAS Mini Course Applications Due November 17, 2017
2. Reminder: GSGs and DSGOs please use Events Publicity Form

End: 7:20 pm