



**Open Meeting Agenda
November 1, 2017**

- 1. Introduction** **6:30 - 6:35**
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- 2. GSC Recruits: Committee on Graduate Education and Parliamentarian** **6:35 - 6:45**
 - Revisited the constitution and the motion that we proposed in the last open meeting shouldn't have been proposed
 - Take our representative role seriously; committed to transparency, accountability, and inclusion → want to gain the trust of the larger council and the graduate student body

Committee on Graduate Education

 - Want to nullify the motion from the last open meeting because it did not follow the constitution for the GSC
 - Declare both positions on the Committee on Graduate Education open and would like to recruit two new members tonight at this open meeting
 - Nomination for Nava Fajardo (who is not at this open meeting) by Jack Nicoulidis, seconded
 - Self-nomination of Gonzalo Gonzalez-Del Pino Department Rep for MCB, seconded
 - No other nominations; vote → majority confirmed, 1 abstention

Parliamentarian

 - Summer Shafer

- 3. Name Change** **6:45 - 6:55**

Harvard Graduate Student Council

 - Option A:** Harvard GSAS Graduate Student Council
 - Option B:** Harvard GSAS Student Council
 - Option C:** Harvard Graduate Student Council
 - Poll: To change the name from Harvard Graduate Student Council?
 - Majority to keep the name as the Harvard Graduate Student Council

- 4. GSC Advocacy plans** **6:55 - 7:05**
 - Jack:
 - o Solicit student's concerns more regularly via Google Form on website and social media; can report them anonymously or as identified

- GSAS-wide survey → solicit information from all graduate students to provide better data to administrators on what graduate students want and need (get percentages!)
 - HILS survey - mental health-specific questions administered by Paul Guerrero (sp?) and has been piloted in other natural sciences departments
 - Paul Guerrero wants to extend this survey to all of GSAS
 - Carrie and Vinh working with Darcy to put survey together
- Monthly information gathering exercise
 - Each month an at-large representative will be taking an issue from the graduate student council to try and figure out what the problem is and how to find solutions to the issues that are raised by graduate students
 - **This month: BIKES!** no money for bike repairs that faculty and staff receive; look into information on how to get graduate students reimbursement for bike repairs (up to \$240)

5. Dean's Meeting Update

7:00 - 7:05

Finance Committee

- Goal is to increase transparency for financial decisions made
- Committee is made up of 5 at-large representatives

International Student Travel Ban

- Currently, no travel ban; if you experience delays in travel or processing → Darryl Ziegler
- Accommodations will be made for students for international applications in affected areas and those affected by neutral
- Harvard administration is still advising students to avoid travel to countries where the travel ban has previously been implemented
- Go to HIO website for additional resources

6. Committee Updates

7:05 - 7:15

Committee on Graduate Education

- Paul – The committee is charged with two goals:
 - Approve new student organizations
 - 2 new student groups approved by committee:
 - Petey Greene → outreach to incarcerated individuals for education
 - Careers in Social Sciences and Humanities
 - One step in the process in approving new degree programs
 - PhD Program in Bioinformatics and Integrative Genomics → approved by committee

Ivy+ Summit

- Darcy: All of the Ivy League schools plus UChicago

- Topics covered: mental health, family and support, relationships with mentors, unionization, alumni relations, etc.

7. Resolution

7:15 - 7:25

- Results of unionization vote last Fall were inconclusive due to large number of contested ballots
- Ruled by NLRB regional director ruled that the election needs to be held
- Harvard is appealing regional director's ruling to the federal director
- Documentation on NLRB's ruling and Harvard's appeal can be found at NLRB's website
- Questions about the role of the GSC as a body; comments about what how Harvard GSC has used resolutions in the past
 - The resolution does not mean that GSC takes a position on unionization, but it means that Harvard should drop the appeal at NLRB and asks for a free and fair election for unionization
 - There is precedent for this in the GSC passing a resolution that graduate students have the right to a fair election for unionization
- Point of order: This is an introduction to the resolution; all we will be voting on today is the ability to continue this conversation about the resolution at the next open meeting
- We have to take this back to our departments and hold a vote within in our departments before the final vote gets held next open meeting
- This is the body that would reasonably take up this kind of resolution; there is no other body of students that would bring this up

Motion to vote, seconded:

- 8 nays; majority vote to proceed with the resolution

8. Open floor: Comments, Questions, Suggestions

7:25 - 7:30

- Social at Queen's Head Pub during reading week this fall
- Pub Crawl will be held in March
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Announcements:

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