



09/13/17 Open Meeting Minutes

Start time: 6:31

1. Introduction to the GSC

Executive Council

Departmental Representatives

** email secretaryharvardgsc@gmail.com and presidentharvardgsc@gmail.com
for corrections or concerns regarding Departmental reps

- **Q: What does “Underrepresented” mean?**
→ means that you have reduced voting representatives. Still eligible for funding
- **MUST sign in to be counted as present**
- **Check meeting minutes for updated attendance**

2. What does the GSC do?

GSC-Sponsored Events

January@GSAS: Mini-courses (January 2018)

Mentoring Awards (Spring 2018)

Commencement Marshal selection (Spring 2018)

Social and intellectual events throughout the year:

GSAS BBQ (past: September 9th)

Ivy+ Summit (October 2017)

GSC Bar Crawl (Fall 2017)

Humans of GSAS: ** New initiative for 2017-2018

GSC Advocacy

Dean’s Meeting - monthly meeting with Deans and administrators to raise issues of concern of graduate student life

Example: Care.com Benefit for GSAS graduate student-parents

GSC Funding Opportunities

GSGs & DSGOs

- Graduate Student Groups registered through the Office of Student Student Services are eligible to apply for event funding

- Upcoming Important Dates:
 - Fall Funding Deadline - September 29th, 2017
 - Student Group Renewal Deadline - October 27th, 2017
- **Updated student group funding procedures:**
 - Please see updated webpages on GSG and DGSO funding procedures
 - NEW!! ALL funding application and reimbursement request forms should be submitted online
- Treasurer will hold **office hours** on **Tuesday, September 26th from 6-9pm in the GSL at Dudley House** to answer questions on new funding procedures
- ** email treasurerharvardgsc@gmail.com for questions regarding funding

Conference & Summer Research Grants

- Conference grants (\$750) and summer research grants (\$1000) available for all GSC members whose departments are *represented on the council*.
- Website: <https://gsc.fas.harvard.edu/services>
- Upcoming Important Dates:
 - Fall Conference Grant Deadline: October 13th, 2017
- ** email ypharvardgsc@gmail.com for questions regarding grants

3. Vote:

Review and approve updated annual budget for 2017-2018. **(attached at bottom of page)**

Key changes:

- Updated income and balance projections
 - Increased social and intellectual event budget
 - Added allocation for Town Hall events for At-Large Reps
 - Increased Ivy+ Summit Budget
- Motioned, seconded, approved**

4. Elections:

Elected Position:

At-Large Representative for Masters Students
Max Vani (Regional Studies - Russia, Central Asia)

Appointed Position

Parliamentarian
Breond Durr (AAAS)

Committee Positions:

GSC Funding Committee (5 committee position)

Michael McGarrah
Kristin Torres
Sophie Gilmore
Tanvi Ranjan
Kevin Hong

GSC Social Committee (Six positions)

Yihang Yan
Kimia Mavon
Wenjiao
Sophie Gilmore
Michael McGarrah
Terasa Younker

GSC Constitution/ By-Law Committee (3positions)

Jack Niclodis
Alperen Degirmenci
Kristen Hunter

The Library and the Standing Committee (1 position open)

Lee Kennedy-Shaffer

HUIT Committee: (One position open - unlimited)

Kadeem Gilbert

Harvard College Safety Committee: Chair Jackie Yun (2 positions open)

Breond Durr
Franchesca Ramirez

5. Announcements:

GSC Pub Crawl:

October 13, 2017 in Harvard Square

More details to follow

Need volunteers for organizing! Email: ayildiz@g.harvard.edu

Meet your Reps events next week! Save the date:

Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies

September 21, 3 - 4 pm, Littauer (HKS) L-130

Natural Sciences

September 28, 3 - 4 pm, BioLabs BioLounge

SEAS

September 19, 2:30 - 3:30 pm, Maxwell Dworkin, First Floor Lounge

Longwood Medical Area

September 20, 5:30pm-6:30pm

Tosteson Medical Education Center (TMEC) Rm 333,
260 Longwood Ave, Boston, MA 02115

International Students

September 19, 4-5pm, Dudley

7. Open Floor:

How do you send emails to specific groups of students?

- Talk to Gbemisola after the meeting

Is there a way that we can improve the MBTA pass?

- Problem: dates and ranges of MBTA discounts are not optimal for graduate student utilization
- Nick Vasios (SEAS - Materials) proposes two options
 - Patch the system: add summer discounts on top of existing 4 month passes
 - Investigate a month-to-month system (better option, but potentially more difficult to change existing structure)

Harvard Graduate Council

- Next open meeting September 25th
- open executive positions for election
 - Inclusion and belonging task force
 - Sexual assault task force

End Time: 7:20pm

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Harvard GSAS Graduate Student Council
FY 2018 Approved Budget
 Submitted 12-12-2016 *Approved 09-13-2017*

Income

Total	\$185,700
Student fees (conservative)	\$98,000
Current Balance	\$87,700

Expenses

Grants	\$38,250
Summer Research	\$9,000
Fall Conference	\$9,750
Winter Conference	\$9,750
Spring Conference	\$9,750
 Student Group Funding	 \$49,000
Summer	\$10,000
Fall	\$15,000
Winter	\$10,000
Spring	\$14,000
 GSC Open Meetings	 \$3,000
Open Meetings Food & Refreshments from Dudley House (8)	\$2,500
Executive Board Meetings	\$500
 Mentoring Awards	 \$1,250
 Special Events	 \$26,500
Social & Intellectual Events	\$2,500
Town Halls	\$500
January@GSAS	\$3,500
Ivy+ Summit	\$20,000
 Office	 \$1,500
Printing and publishing	\$1,000
Office Supplies	\$500
 Total expenditures	 <u>\$119,500</u>
Ending (Surplus/Deficit) FY2018	<u>\$66,200</u>

