



**GSC Open Meeting  
September 4, 2019**

Graduate Student Lounge, Dudley House, 6:30 pm

1. Introductions

- Introducing the 2019-2020 Executive Board
  - i. Zachary Hayworth, President
  - ii. DeAnza Cook, Vice President
  - iii. Jason Anesini, Treasurer
  - iv. Michael Ortiz, Secretary
  - v. Sina Hoche, At-Large Rep for Int'l Students
  - vi. Harim Won, At-Large Rep for Longwood
  - vii. Austin Garner, At-Large Rep for Natural Sciences
  - viii. Davide Napoli, At-Large Rep for Humanities
  - ix. Alexis Turner, At-Large Rep for Social Sciences
  - x. Michael McGarrah, At-Large Rep for Interdisc. Students
  - xi. Hans Pech, Liaison to the Union
  - xii. Blakely O'Connor, Advisor to the Council

2. What does the Graduate Student Council do?

- Support
  - i. Offering funding opportunities and resources for graduate students within GSAS
  - ii. Represent the graduate student body at monthly
  - iii. Events that the GSC runs
- Advocate:
  - i. Announce the 2019-2020 Advocacy Platform
  - ii. Gave dept.reps info as to exec members that are taking lead on topics→ anyone interested in these topics should reach out!
  - iii. October: "Money Matters"
    - 1. Point people: Jason Anesini, Zachary Hayworth, Blakely O'Connor
  - iv. November: Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment
    - 1. Point people: DeAnza Cook, Zachary Hayworth
  - v. December: Mental Health
    - 1. Point people: Michael McGarrah, Alexis Turner
  - vi. February: Diversity, Inclusion, and Accessibility
    - 1. Point people: Alexis Turner, DeAnza Cook
  - vii. March: Professional Development
    - 1. Point people: Harim Won, Sina Hoche
  - viii. April: Mentorship and Advising
    - 1. Point people: Michael Ortiz, Zachary Hayworth
  - ix. May: Teaching and Training
    - 1. Point people: Michael McGarrah, Sina Hoche
- Recognize
  - i. Organize and run events to honor the work and efforts of graduate students across Harvard
    - 1. Some events include:
      - a. Student Leadership Banquet
      - b. Mendelsohn Awards for Excellence in Mentoring

3. Engage presentation (Janet Daniels, Student Services)

- Pitch Engage (student activities online platform) to Departmental Reps
- GSGs, DGSOs, and GSC forms will all be on Engage→ will help with event planning and publicity and keeping all governing docs online



- Staggered rollout
  - i. Different populations are going to come on at different times (to ensure efficient rollout)
    1. Student Center Fellows & Affinity Group Leaders
    2. GSGs
    3. DGSOs and other interested parties
  - **GSGs must be on Engage to finish the renewal process in October**
  - **September 12th and 17th, 5PM, CGIS Knafel Sub-Basement Computer Lab: Engage Training Session**
- 4. Proposed Mission Statement for Approval - vote to be held in October
  - Secretary read the updated Mission Statement→ provided to Dept reps in folder package (will be online)
  - Will be voted on in October (based on GSC constitution)
- 5. Proposed Constitution and By-laws Changes - questions and vote to be held in October
  - Mostly topographical changes (wording changes, de-gendering the constitution)
  - Will be voted on in October
- 6. Elections
  - Missing two representatives
  - Low time commitment→ representing academic divisions
  - At-large Rep for SEAS (School of Engineering and Applied Sciences)
    - i. One self-nomination
    - ii. Rebecca Stern, Environmental Engineering, [rebecca\\_stern@g.harvard.edu](mailto:rebecca_stern@g.harvard.edu)
    - iii. Unanimous appointment
  - At-large Rep for Masters Students
    - i. One self-nomination
    - ii. Rebecca Stern, Environmental Engineering, [rebecca\\_stern@g.harvard.edu](mailto:rebecca_stern@g.harvard.edu)
    - iii. Unanimous appointment
    - iv. One self-nomination
    - v. Brian Park, Regional Studies- East Asia, [bpark@g.harvard.edu](mailto:bpark@g.harvard.edu)
- 7. Appointments
  - HGC Representative
    - i. Two nominations
      1. Harshil Kamdar, Astronomy, [hkamdar@g.harvard.edu](mailto:hkamdar@g.harvard.edu)
      2. Hansong Li, Government
    - ii. Winner: Harshil
  - HGC External Action Committee Rep
  - Parliamentarian
    - i. Two nominations
      1. Daniel Arias, Population Health Sciences
      2. Liza Tarbell,
    - ii. Winner: Liza Tarbell, [elizabeth\\_tarbell@g.harvard.edu](mailto:elizabeth_tarbell@g.harvard.edu)
- 8. Committees
  - GSC Funding Committee (5-6)
    - Bulelani Jill,
    - Arya Kaul, Bioinformatics, [arya\\_kaul@g.harvard.edu](mailto:arya_kaul@g.harvard.edu)
    - Brian Park, Regional Studies- East Asia
    - Chance Bonar, [chancebonar@g.harvard.edu](mailto:chancebonar@g.harvard.edu)



- Jermain Heidenberg, [heidenberg@g.harvard.edu](mailto:heidenberg@g.harvard.edu)
- Emile Levesque-Jalbert, [levesquejalbert@g.harvard.edu](mailto:levesquejalbert@g.harvard.edu)

Committee on Graduate Education (4)

- Hansong Li
- Tyler Woods
- Dylan Nelson
- Karen Smith

Harvard Safety Committee (2)

- Still open→ please contact [gscsecretary@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:gscsecretary@fas.harvard.edu) if you are interested!

HUIT Committee (2)

- Still open→ please contact [gscsecretary@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:gscsecretary@fas.harvard.edu) if you are interested!

9. Treasurer's Corner

- Office Hours 09/06 and 9/13- 7-9, GSC Office
  - i. Jason talked about his office hours
  - ii. One friday before reimbursement deadlines
- GSG Fall Funding Deadline, 9/20
- FY 2019-2020 Budget
  - i. Will be voted on in october
  - ii. Same as last year
    - 1. Budget approved unanimously

10. Announcements

- GSAS Financial Wellness Curriculum
- Conference and Summer Research Grants Deadline Oct 11

11. Open Floor

- Jenna Anders, Economics
  - i. Working on a project→ four week long trivia contest for GSAS students
  - ii. To build community and better understand social connectedness and loneliness
    - 1. Dovetails with MH initiative
    - 2. Students that would benefit the most are the hardest to reach
    - 3. Not emphasizing mental health aspects to avoid turning folks off
    - 4. Registration open until september 23
      - a. [Educatedguesses.org](http://Educatedguesses.org)
    - 5. This is an economics experiment!
      - a. Some data will be collected; paid volunteers will be requested
      - b. Surveys are confidential, not anonymous