

GSC Open Meeting - April 4th 2012

Start: ~6:30 PM

1. Welcome – Board members stand and introduce themselves
2. Business
 - a. GSC Executive Board Elections
 - i. Lauranne explains the election process/rules and how the election committee works/how it is formed
 - ii. Discussion of emails that were sent out by candidates for election to Department Representatives
 1. Discuss whether or not to make public the submission times for candidate materials to the Parliamentarian
 - iii. Discussion of candidate affiliation with Occupy Harvard and how this may impact their decision making on the board
 - iv. Election Committee Members: Anshul Kumar, Ben Woodring, Donal Cahhill, Mara Block
 1. Discuss the deadline for nominations and whether candidates can be voted on after considering the time by which they submitted their nomination materials to the parliamentarian
 - v. Cammi explains Robert's Rules as it applies to the order of progressing through the day's agenda and a vote is taken to move on to the next items as the Election Committee deliberates. Vote – in favor of moving on.
 - vi. Election Committee returns and shares the dates for the submission of candidates names and website blurbs to Parliamentarian
 1. All names were submitted on time
 2. Blurbs that were submitted late: Mary, Scott, Cynthia, Cammi, Patrick
 3. Department representatives are asked to discuss and vote on whether a late blurb is a disqualifying criterion.
 4. Voted to close this debate.
 5. Question to vote on: should a late blurb disqualify you from being on the ballot. Majority vote says this is NOT a disqualifying criterion.
 - vii. Contested candidates are given 3 minutes to speak, Uncontested are given 1 minute, any write in candidates will be invited to speak as well
 - viii. Lauranne reads the description of each position and then the candidate speaks in turn.
 - ix. Q&A session with the candidates is conducted (topics addressed = student group participation and political views that may influence work on the council, will individuals who do not run continue participation in one way or another if not elected, how would you interface with the administration, resolution passed in February,).

- x. Department Representatives fill in their ballots. Ballots are collected (~9:40 PM) after all candidates speak/answer questions, candidates leave the room and then votes are tallied in front of anyone who would like to watch by the Election Committee.
 - xi. Motion to postpone Constitution and By-Laws discussion/voting. Passed.
 - xii. Motion to end Q & A passes.
 - xiii. Positions:
 - 1. Unopposed Positions:
 - a. At- Large Representatives
 - i. Natural Sciences – Scott Chilton
 - ii. Social Sciences – H’sien Hayward
 - iii. Longwood Medical Area – Gene Drokhlyansky
 - iv. International- Jennifer Sheehy-Skeffington
 - v. Masters – Lei Lin
 - 2. Contested:
 - a. At-Large-Representative for Interdisciplinary Studies
 - b. At-Large-Representative for Humanities (Changed from uncontested to contested with the joining of the write in candidate Jamie Blasina)
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. Secretary
 - e. Vice President
 - f. President
 - xiv. Results at the end of this document
3. Announcements:
 - a. Spring Conference and Summer Research Grants – Deadline: April 11, 2012
 - i. Cynthia explains eligibility for grants
 - b. Off Campus Housing Session – At Dudley House, 7pm April 11, 2012 (Ashley Skipwith)
 - c. Committee Check Ins:
 - i. Safety Committee (Both Grad and Undergrad) – Receive updated from Dahianna
 - 1. Topics of interest – blue lights on campus, evening shuttle service, piggybacking at dorm entrances, college drinking, wallet cards, bus availability during sports events, bike safety, smoking ban on campus
 - ii. Student Health Planning Committee – Receive update from Cammi
 - 1. Committee discusses insurance policy for students and contributed to overhauling the policy – Changes made to vision plan, immunizations (but not for travel), no cost generic birth control, outside mental health visits, prosthetics coverage, etc
 - 2. A comprehensive list of changes will be forwarded to you once it becomes available on the HUH website
 - iii. Parental (Maternal and Paternal) Leave Policy

1. Cammi has met with HGWISE and Dean Tarrant to discuss a paid parental leave policy and to compare how individual departments have been dealing with parental leave.
 - iv. Funding Committee
 1. Mary updates us on the last round of funding and takes attendance for the clubs that have applied. Hand vote in favor of proposed funding. Approved funding.
 - v. Constitution and By-Laws Committee
 1. Will be amended and voted on at the May meeting
4. Business Continued:
 - a. New Committee Elections
 - i. Bike Safety Committee
 1. Jennifer
 2. Donal – doncahill@gmail.com
 3. Patrick
 4. Jamie
 - ii. Library E-Reader/E-Content Review Committee
 1. Joey
 - iii. Library Portal Redesign Committee
 1. Summer Shaefer - summerashafer@gmail.com
 2. Andrew Pope
 3. Rudi Batzell
 - iv. Registrar Website Redesign Committee
 1. Contact Cammi if interested
 - v. Registrar Information System Committee
 1. Contact Cammi if interested
 - b. Constitution and By-Laws Revisions V2 – presented by Lauranne, voted to amend and review these at the next meeting, passed.
 - i. Shen has volunteered
5. Next GSC Open Meeting – 6:30 pm Wed. May 2nd
6. Open Floor
 - a. Motions Proposed by Yat:
 - i. End time of meeting must be announced at the start of the meeting/ahead of time and that meeting times should be capped at 90 minutes (put this motion into writing and send to Parliamentarian to be put it into the next set of amendments)
 - b. Patrick proposes an Ad Hoc committee for Library restructuring – seconded
 - i. Patrick
 - c. Jennifer presents the Fair Harvard Fund Resolution for debate and vote in the may meeting (copy will be up on the website)
 - d. Ben asks for participation for the ACSR
 - e. Library Event – 5pm at Thompson room on April Tuesday, Barker

- f. Anna Turetsky -Topic of discussion was raised to split the functions of the GSC to a funding role and an advocacy role

End: 10:35 PM

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Votes Cast: 65				Confirmation Initials
At-Large Rep. for Natural Sciences: Scott Chilton				
For 58	Against 1	Abstain	6	
At-Large Rep. for Humanities: Steven Lydon				
For 31	Against 1	Abstain	3	
Write in: James Blasina				1 ambiguous ballot
For 29	Against	Abstain	3	
At-Large Rep. for Social Sciences: H'sien Hayward				
For 48	Against 10	Abstain	7	
At-Large Rep. for Longwood Medical Area: Gene Drokhyansky				
For 51	Against 4	Abstain	10	
At-Large Rep. for International Students: Jennifer Sheehy-Skeffington				
For 43	Against 15	Abstain	7	
At-Large Rep. for Masters Students: Lei Lin				
For 34	Against 9	Abstain	22	
At-Large Rep. for Interdisciplinary Studies				
	Dahianna Lopez 42	**		
	Prachi Sanghavi 20			
	Abstain 3			
Treasurer				
	Fenna Krienen 23			
	Mary Moore 38	**		
	Abstain 4			
Secretary				
	Rudi Batzell 23			
	Patrick Rich 39	**		
	Abstain 3			
Vice President				
	Cynthia Hsu 38	**		
	Summer Shafer 25			
	Abstain 2			
President				
	Andrew Pope 27			
	Cammi Valdez 34	**		
	Abstain 4			