

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

2015-2016 YEAR IN REVIEW



THANK YOU

Dear HLS Community,

It has been an honor to serve you this year.

Since taking office, we envisioned a Student Government that would powerfully reform the way Harvard Law School is run and we saw tremendous potential for Student Government to act as a transformative platform for all members of the student body. With the dedicated efforts of students across HLS, we worked to create positive impact that we hope will go well beyond our time here.

This year alone, Student Government created 7 new committees and held over 25 events and programs. As a result, membership has nearly tripled and more students participated in Student Government this year than the past two academic years combined.

We would be kidding ourselves if we pretended like there weren't growing pains involved and we thank our elected representatives, directors, and committee members for bearing with us as we developed as an organization. We were inspired to see so many students dedicate their time and effort towards issues they are passionate about. Whether it was through Student Government or through other means, we witnessed the power of individuals rallying around shared visions to make change.

We created this report to share our work from this year and we have deeply appreciated the opportunity to address ongoing issues at Harvard Law School. As we move on to our next adventures, we acknowledge that there is more work to be done. However, we are more hopeful than ever that we have helped build a strong foundation for future progress.

Thank you,

Kyle Strickland and Mavara Agha
President and Vice President
HLS Student Government 2015-16

A YEAR OF COLLABORATION

WE INCREASED OUR ADVOCACY EFFORTS BY EXPANDING OUR MEMBERSHIP & PROGRAMS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT MEMBERSHIP



ACADEMIC YEAR

7 NEW COMMITTEES

- ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
- COMMUNITY SERVICE
- DIVERSITY & INCLUSION
- EVENTS
- HEALTH & WELLNESS
- STUDENT AFFAIRS
- STUDENT ORGS & JOURNALS

25 # OF EVENTS

WE ACTED AS A LIAISON BETWEEN THE STUDENT BODY AND THE ADMINISTRATION

APPOINTED 3 STUDENTS TO THE SHIELD COMMITTEE WHICH VOTED TO REMOVE THE SHIELD

SELECTED 8 STUDENTS TO ASSIST IN THE SEARCH FOR A NEW DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY EQUITY & ENGAGEMENT

FORMALIZED RELATIONSHIPS WITH HLS DEPARTMENTS, SUCH AS STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES & THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, TO ENSURE STUDENT REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES

WE SUPPORTED EXISTING STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS & HELPED ESTABLISH NEW ONES

8 # OF NEW STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

STUDENT ORG RECRUITMENT
WE LIFTED THE RESTRICTION ON STUDENT ORGANIZATION RECRUITING OF OL'S AND 1L'S PRIOR TO ORIENTATION

THE STUDENT FUNDING BOARD CREATED NEW GUIDELINES THAT PROVIDED GREATER CLARITY TO ORGANIZATIONS REQUESTING FUNDING AND PROMOTED VALUES SUCH AS DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

\$143,000
AMOUNT OF FUNDS DISTRIBUTED TO OVER 70 ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

WE PRIORITIZED TRANSPARENCY AND OPENED UP GREATER LINES OF COMMUNICATION

ENCOURAGED STUDENT INVOLVEMENT BY OPENING UP OUR BI-MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS TO THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY

ESTABLISHED A CONSTITUTIONAL WORKING GROUP WHICH DRAFTED A NEW CONSTITUTION, RECEIVED FEEDBACK DURING A STUDENT-WIDE NOTICE AND COMMENT PERIOD, AND PRODUCED A REVISED DOCUMENT THAT PASSED WITH 81% OF THE VOTE

WE HOSTED CAMPUS-WIDE EVENTS THAT FOSTERED A GREATER SENSE OF COMMUNITY

SOLD-OUT HALLOWEEN PARTY

LARGEST EVER ATTENDED THANKSGIVING CHARITY DINNER

OVER 300 2L & LL.M. ATTENDEES FOR HALFWAY THROUGH HARVARD

INAUGURAL SALUTE TO STUDENTS CELEBRATION

LAUNCHED THE HEALTH & WELLNESS DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

FIRST EVER DOG DAYS AT HARVARD "PAW" SCHOOL

FACILITATED OVER 20 STUDENT-FACULTY LUNCHES WITH OVER 100 PARTICIPANTS

RAISED FUNDS FOR THE "WE LOVE OUR HLS STAFF" EVENT

WE WORKED TO IMPROVE THE STUDENT ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

COURSE EVALUATIONS

PILOTED AN ONLINE COURSE EVALUATION PROGRAM AND REVAMPED EVALUATIONS TO BE ROLLED OUT IN THE 2016-2017 ACADEMIC YEAR

TEACHING & ADVISING AWARDS

INSTITUTED THE INAUGURAL STUDENT GOVERNMENT TEACHING & ADVISING AWARDS WHICH RECOGNIZE AN INSTRUCTOR'S IMPACT ON THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

COURSE SYLLABI

ADVOCATED TO PUBLISH COURSE SYLLABI ONLINE TO VIEW BEFORE CLASS REGISTRATION

1L ADVISING

PUSHED FOR A UNIFORM ADVISING PROGRAM FOR EACH SECTION OF THE 1L CLASS

WE ADVANCED RESOURCES AND SERVICES TO PROMOTE STUDENT LIFE AND WELLNESS ON CAMPUS

TITLE IX PREVENTION COMMITTEE

CREATED A TITLE IX PREVENTION COMMITTEE AND HELD WORKSHOPS AND ORIENTATION SESSIONS WITH DOS & TITLE IX COORDINATORS

THRIVE@HLS APP

PROMOTED THE THRIVE@HLS APP THROUGH MEET-AND-GREET EVENTS WITH OUR HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

COMMUNITY SERVICE BULLETIN

PROVIDED STUDENTS WITH A WEEKLY BULLETIN THAT PROVIDED STUDENTS WITH COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

NEW PRINTING SYSTEM

WORKED TO OVERHAUL THE 20-YEAR-OLD PRINTING SYSTEM AND IMPLEMENT A NEW SYSTEM THAT PROMOTES EFFICIENCY AND ACCESS

WE SUPPORTED GREATER EFFORTS FOR DIVERSITY & INCLUSION ALONGSIDE AFFINITY GROUPS & STUDENTS

1L ORIENTATION PROGRAMMING

COORDINATED WITH DOS AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO REVAMP 1L ORIENTATION STARTING FALL 2016

DIVERSITY OF FACULTY

WORKED WITH THE FACULTY HIRING COMMITTEES AND AFFINITY GROUPS TO ADVOCATE FOR A MORE DIVERSE FACULTY

CLINICAL FACULTY HIRING

EXPANDED RESEARCH EFFORTS AND DEVELOPED INFORMATION ON THE BENEFITS OF CLINICAL FACULTY TENURE

CULTURAL COMPETENCY

ADVOCATED FOR CULTURAL COMPETENCY TRAINING FOR FACULTY, STAFF, & STUDENTS

THANK YOU TO OUR TEAM, WITHOUT WHOM, THESE EFFORTS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE

HLS STUDENT GOVERNMENT MEMBERS 2015-2016

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

TOMMY TOBIN (DIRECTOR)
ADAM ALIANO
DENNIS DILLON
FEYILANA LAWOWIN
GIANNA CEOPHAS
JOSEPH GRANZOTTO
MARILYN ROBB
PAUL KOMINERS
SHLOMO ICKOVITZ
SHUTING LU
TYLER VIGEN
TYRA WALKER

COMMUNITY SERVICE

KELLY EARLE (CO-DIRECTOR)
MARIUM KHAWAJA (CO-DIRECTOR)
AVANI BANSAL
KATHLEEN SHELTON
MICHAEL MBITI

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

ANNA JOSEPH (DIRECTOR)
AMANDA CHAN
CAMERON CLARK
CARL WIERSUM
CARLOS PAGAN
CHARLES FLETCHER
KATHERINE HERNANDEZ
KERRY RICHARDS
MADELINE HONG
MAVIS ABADA

EVENTS

ARIEL GIUMARELLI (DIRECTOR)
AIDA VAIZOVIC
MELISSA MIKAIL
MOBOLA LAWAL
SERGE PUSTELNIK

HEALTH & WELLNESS

SARAH BAUGH (CO-DIRECTOR)
MYRA SIDDIQUI (CO-DIRECTOR)
CAMERON PRITCHETT
GEORGE MALIHA
MINJOO KIM
WENDY TEO

STUDENT AFFAIRS

TOM BOYD (DIRECTOR)
AARON WILTSE
ADRIAN PERKINS
GEUNEUL YANG
JOHN FAVORS
JERRY TING
MONICA KWOK
NATALIE VERNON

STUDENT ORGS & JOURNALS

NINO MONEA (DIRECTOR)
BEN CARSON
DAVID HECKMAN
ELIZABETH BRAMON
NATALIA RYNKIEWICZ
ROBIN LADD
SIME JOZIPOVIC

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE AND TO ALL OF THE OTHER STUDENTS, STAFF, FACULTY, & ADMINISTRATORS THAT WE WORKED WITH THIS YEAR.