



STUDENT GOVERNMENT

2017-2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Dear HLS Community,

It was an honor serving you this year.

This report is an overview of some of the accomplishments we are most proud to have advocated for on your behalf. From negotiating bar prep matching for public interest students, to building community through the HLS Talks student speaker series, to pushing for a survey and more long-term institutional changes to improve student mental health, we hope that you feel that Student Government has been an effective and responsive advocate for issues most pressing to our student community.

None of these successes would have been possible without your input and participation. We hope you'll be proud to see the things we were able to achieve together and are excited for what's to come in future years.

Thank you so for giving us the opportunity to serve. Best of luck with all your future endeavors!

Sincerely,

Amanda Lee & Amanda Chan
Student Government President & Vice President

Sam Spearman
Student Government Chief of Staff



LOWERING COSTS

FREE BAR PREP

Negotiated a new matching program with Themis and Kaplan and saved an estimated **\$160,000** for public interest students

ASW HOSTS

Matched over 70 ASW hosts and admitted students and saved incoming students over **\$40,000**

BUILDING COMMUNITY

STUDENT ORGS

Approved 6 new orgs
Gave Hastings Org Space to more than 10 student orgs
Allocated over \$150,000 to student orgs

HLS TALKS

Organized HLS Talks with 12 student speakers sharing personal stories with their peers



TEACHING ADVISING AWARDS

Professor Alex Whiting
Visiting Professor K. Sabeel Rahman
OPIA Director Catherine Pattanayak
Climenko Fellow Da Lin

STAFF EXHIBIT

Featured facilities and restaurant staff in Thanksgiving Staff Exhibit

See the exhibit [here!](#)

EVENTS

Boat Cruise
Community Service
Thanksgiving (with proceeds donated to Y2Y Shelter)
Halfway thru Harvard
Transition to Alumnihood

RESOLUTIONS

LIPP

Supported the policy asks of the Coalition to Improve LIPP for reforms to the Low Income Protection Program

Read the resolution [here!](#)

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

Reaffirmed the call upon the University to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day as the official holiday for fall break. HLS now recognizes both Indigenous Peoples' Day and Columbus Day.

Read the resolution [here!](#)

POLICIES

MENTAL HEALTH

Drafted HLS-specific questions for a mental health survey taken by 886 students and pushed for policy asks:
(1) increasing the number of culturally competent therapists at HLS,
(2) initiating peer training,
(3) improving faculty awareness and openness about mental health issues, and
(4) advocating for clearer and more relevant character and fitness bar questions

Read our [Policy Report of Asks](#) and our [Op-Ed](#) discussing survey results and calls for change!

FACULTY HIRING

Researched policies of faculty hiring at other schools to ask for
(1) increased student input in hiring committees,
(2) increased course offerings to support a larger pipeline of students interested in legal academia, and
(3) a report analyzing past trends in hiring and tenure

ACADEMIC REFORMS

Provided feedback to Curriculum Committee after polling the student body on proposed policy reforms to PSW, LRW, registration policies, professor feedback, course evaluations, and the 1L curriculum

MEMBERSHIP



OFFICERS

Treasurers: Jane Jeong & Will Smith
Director of Student Orgs: Jared Lax
Communications Director: Amy Feinberg

REPS

1L Reps: Daniel Egel-Weiss, Radhe Patel, Princess Daisy Akita, Jonathan Herzog, Jeremy Wertz, Adam Smith, Stephanie Sofer
2L Reps: Kaitlyn Beck, Leilani Doktor, Matt Slovin, Kate Wiener
3L Reps: Raj Salhotra
LLM Reps: Maryam Ansari & Ernesto Talamas

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Chair: Jimmy Chalk
Dan Bernick, Paul Kominers, Nick Luongo, Samuel Rubinstein, Douglas Stephens

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Chairs: Nadia Raynes & Pam Gaulin
Chase Browndorf, Adam Smith, Taro Tan, Joseph Yim

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Chairs: Maryam Ansari & Roy Sengupta
Heather Artinian, Molly Coleman, Min Kyung Jeon, Sabrina Singh, Ryan Wheeler

EVENTS

Chair: Melissa Mikail
Anders Donado, Benjamin Doniger Sandlin, Nora Ellingsen, Marilyn Robb

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Chair: Adam Savitt
Katherine Fite, Andrew Grant, Lily Kim, Johanna McDavitt, Madeleine O'Neill, Stephen Prifti

PUBLIC INTEREST

Chairs: Maseeh Moradi & Suzanne Schlossberg
Anastassia Baldrige, Harout Ekmanian, John Mark Gallagher, Dylan Redor, Alison Whittaker

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Chair: Megan Fitzgerald
John Cruz, John Froggatt, Jonathan Herzog, Eric Lim, Ed Manzi, Leonora Sagan-Marnellou, Jeremy Wertz

STUDENT ORGS

Chair: Jared Lax
Princess Daisy Akita, Gianna Ceophas, Daniel Egel-Weiss, Paavani Garg



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