

# Harvard Law School Student Government

## Fall 2019 Accomplishments



We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break! As we approach the beginning of the spring semester, we wanted to give you an update of things Student Government accomplished throughout the fall. We worked hard to represent the interests of our students, and we are proud of the many ways that we have made a positive impact on our community. However, there is still much work to be done, and we will continue to work hard for you all throughout the spring.

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Here are some of the major things we accomplished:

### LRW Reform

Oversaw the LRW reforms that we secured last year.

### Mental Health Report

Pressed for the release of mental health data, culminating in release of the report last month.

### Mental Health Survey

Conducted a survey of the state of the mental health of our students.

### Public Interest Bar Prep Matching

Matched 100% of public interest students with free bar prep courses.

### Staplers

Ensured the provision of staplers in a number of printers around HLS.

### Coffee

Negotiated additional free coffee to be placed in the Student Orgs Room.



# Things Done



## We did the following this past fall:

- Dramatically improved the Student Government website, increasing transparency to our students and presenting a more polished image externally
- Advocated to the administration on a multitude of topics affecting our students, including mental health, disorientation, the use of rooms by non-student organizations, and the response to the racist emails last spring
- Inaugurated the Student Organization Leader breakfast series
- Pushed for improved diversity and inclusion on many fronts
- Approved the following new organizations:

Harvard Law School Coram Deo  
Dear Harvard Law School Descendants  
Harvard Law School Video Game Association  
Harvard Law School Film Society  
Harvard Law School Plaintiffs' Law Association  
Harvard Law School Armenian Students Association  
Harvard Law School Rowing Club



# Events

Orientation (with DOS)

1L cup (with HL Central)

Three sessions of HLS Talks

Apple Picking Trip

Harry Potter Trivia

Halloween costume contest

Harvard Paw School

Thanksgiving dinner

Custodial and Dining Staff  
Appreciation Week







# Resolutions

The Student Council passed the following resolutions:

**R.-203-006: Class Recording Policy Reform**

A resolution seeking a reform of the class recording policy.

**R.-203-005: Petition for Dining Hall Workers**

This resolution calls on the Dean and Restaurant Associates General Manager Lauren Williams to comply with the eight demands outlined in the Student/Worker Petition for Dining Hall Workers.

**R.-203-004: Religious Liberties Clinic**

This resolution strongly encourages Dean Manning and the Harvard Law School administration to publicly commit to not permitting any clinic including this forthcoming religious liberties clinic to take cases that would impinge on the rights of our students.

**R.-203-003: Election Day Holiday**

This resolution calls on HLS to make election day into a holiday.

**R. 203-002: HGSU Strike Authorization Vote**

A resolution to support the Harvard Graduate Students Union vote on 10/15/2019 authorizing the declaration of a strike should negotiations come to a point where the Union deems this to be appropriate.

**R. 203-001: Mandatory Arbitration Clauses – Call for Disclosure**

This resolution calls on law firms seeking to recruit on campus who employ mandatory arbitration clauses to disclose their policies to the Office of Career Services.



# Projects In-Progress



We will continue to seek to make progress on the following issues:

Better mental health resources for our students

The inclusion of a qualitative portion on course evaluations

Increasing the budget for student organizations

Continued improvement of LRW

Pushing the administration to settle on a new shield by graduation

