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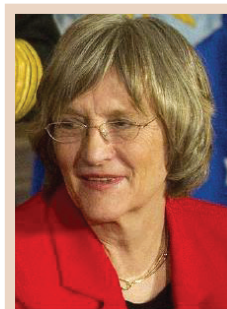
Ann Walter



Harvard Seeks New Leader

On June 14, 2017, University President Drew G. Faust announced she would step down at the conclusion of the 2017-2018 school year. She has led Harvard since 2007, through three U.S. presidencies, a largest-in-a-generation financial crisis, and a record-shattering capital campaign.

The committee to choose her successor is composed of all twelve members of the Harvard Corporation, the University's highest governing body, in addition to three members from the Board of Overseers, the University's second highest governing body.



event series. In 2007, one of the two candidates for the job withdrew after concerns that he lacked sufficient experience in fundraising.

Unlike many of her predecessors—from the time of early 19th-century president John T. Kirkland, who said “It is our rule here for every

Harvard recently unveiled the list of students who will formally weigh in on the search. This is the last of three advisory committees the search committee appointed over the summer: faculty and staff.

Third-year law student and Cabot House tutor Jyoti Jasrasaria '12 chairs the 18-member student committee, which includes at least one representative from each of Harvard's 12 degree-granting schools. Students will “provide advice to the presidential search committee” and “assist in ensuring broad outreach to the wider Harvard community.”

William F. Lee '72, the Corporation's senior fellow and de facto head of the search committee, is the only member to have participated in the previous search and was one of Faust's strongest backers in 2007. In a *Gazette* interview, he highlighted the most important agenda items in Faust's final year as president and, by inference, for the next president, who should be “like Faust, dynamic in thought, but sometimes cautious in approach”.

Easily half of the president's job is fundraising, including wooing donors and attending events. Since the recent campaign's launch, Faust has visited more than a dozen cities around the world as part of the “Your Harvard”

—tub to stand on its own bottom”—Faust took on the process of centralizing Harvard's sometimes disparate parts. Coordinated “One Harvard” messaging has been omnipresent in recent efforts from Harvard's fundraising office. And changing political, cultural, and technological developments have made “One Harvard” the Corporation's preferred organizational philosophy.

As clues, perhaps, to what else the committee will look for in a successor, Lee remarked that during Faust's last year she will continue to focus on maintaining academic excellence, navigating the national political climate, improving Harvard's diversity, and stewarding the University's financials. In a *Gazette* interview, Faust reported that she'll be advocating in Washington and focusing on campus inclusion and belonging, The Harvard Campaign, and the emerging Allston campus.

Since Trump took office in January, Faust has stepped up her lobbying efforts, meeting with members of Congress about undocumented students at Harvard, federal support for research funding, and a hypothetical tax on University endowments.

While Faust was the first female president in Harvard's history, the

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COMING EVENTS

December 1, Friday

Holiday Luncheon Oakley Country Club in Watertown. Registration information opposite page.

December 2, Saturday

Women's Hockey Crimson vs. Princeton, 3:00 p.m. Ticket pricing: HURA member adult \$7; non-members adult \$10. Youth free. Registration information will be sent to the E-list or contact Henry Terwedow at hterwedo@gmail.com or 508-481-1165.

January 12, Friday

Men's Hockey Crimson vs. Princeton, 7:00 p.m. Ticket pricing: HURA member adult \$10; non-member adult \$15. No youth discount. Registration information will be sent to the E-list or contact Henry Terwedow at hterwedo@gmail.com or 508-481-1165.

March 12, Monday

HURA Day: Later Life Transitions: Downsizing, Aging in Place, Living Options. Science Center



Food Insecurity in Your Community

As we enter the holiday seasons, it is customary to imagine turkeys with all the fixings or potato latkes with apple sauce or sour cream, or other gastronomic delights on the groaning board. For some in our communities, however, just finding enough food for themselves and their families is a year-round concern. The USDA uses "food insecurity" to define a household that has limited or uncertain access to adequate food.

In Arlington, MA, which is regarded as a middle-class town, for instance, it is estimated that 8% of residents, or 3,500 persons, are food insecure. And more than 2,500 of them are not receiving the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits they are eligible for. This level of need is not uncommon, but is often hidden in our communities.

If you know of people who struggle to obtain adequate food for themselves and families, let them know about this program, which is generally administered locally by departments of health and human services or through councils on aging.

Formerly known as the Food Stamp Program, which issued packets of paper bills in dollar amounts, SNAP now provides a debit-like card to which the government distributes income each month. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food

and Nutrition Service's SNAP is a mandatory, or entitlement, benefits program that the federal government is required to fund for all eligible participants.

There are income and resource requirements for SNAP, as well as specific requirements for immigrants, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. The program provides low income residents with financial support to purchase food, which also provides economic benefits to the community. Increasingly, vendors in farmers' markets also accept SNAP payments.

ELIGIBILITY

Individuals and households may qualify for benefits if they earn a gross annual income* that is 138% (or less) of the federal poverty level. In 2017, for one person that is \$12,060 times 138% or \$16,643 (\$1,387 a month). For a two-person household, \$16,240 times 138% or \$22,411, and so on. These amounts are higher in Alaska and Hawaii.

The average monthly benefit per person is \$126. Those on MassHealth, Massachusetts's Medicaid program, are automatically eligible for SNAP benefits.

*Gross income is the amount an individual makes before any deductions, such as taxes, insurance, or pensions.

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university has yet to have a president who is not white. Some have also suggested that it would be easier if the person knew Harvard well because of its "idiosyncratic" bureaucracy, so an insider is a possibility.

The search committee has declined invitations to reveal names on its list of potential candidates, so the next six months or so will be a time of waiting for the white smoke to appear over Massachusetts Hall.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION

Invites You To

A Gala Holiday Luncheon

Friday, December 1, 2017

Oakley Country Club

410 Belmont Street, Watertown, MA

Social Hour: 11:30 a.m. Luncheon: 12:30 p.m.

Cash Bar and Free Non-Alcoholic Fruit Punch

Open Seating

PAUL WHITE
at the keyboard



BRING AN UNWRAPPED GIFT OR A TOY

Please remember disadvantaged Boston and Cambridge children by bringing an unwrapped gift of toys, books, art supplies, games, stuffed animals, hats & mittens, or gift certificates. Students from Harvard's Phillips Brooks House will distribute your gifts during the holiday season.

MENU

Baby Lettuce, Poached Pear, Bleu Cheese, Spiced Pecans and Balsamic Vinaigrette

Baked Haddock with Lemon Butter Sauce
or
Roast Sliced Sirloin, Chef's Choice Gravy
or
Vegetarian Entrée, Upon Request

Herb Roasted Tri-Colored Potatoes
Green Beans Almandine
Lemon and Crème Cake with Raspberry Coulis

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

There are no refunds for cancellations after November 22.

No acknowledgement of this registration will be sent. Checks are deposited after the event.

HURA Members \$30 and Guests \$35
Send registration form with check payable to HURA to

Diantha Brown, 257 High Street, Newburyport, MA 01950 • Questions, call 978-465-2262.

Free parking is available at the Club. For directions go to http://www.oakleycountryclub.org.

CUT AND RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK

Member name _____ Entrée choice _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Guest name (one) _____ Entrée choice _____

Amount enclosed (\$30 per member, \$35 per guest) \$ _____ Wish to sit at a Get-Acquainted Table? Yes _____ No _____

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Early Fall Ramble in Acton

In September, blessed with ideal weather, nineteen HURA members and guests (including one grandchild) participated in a HURA ramble at the Acton Arboretum. The Arboretum, supported by the town of Acton, is a mix of planted gardens and woodland trails. Bettina Abe (in orange shorts) of the Natural Resources Department led the group through the extended trail network—a tour filled both with stories about the history of the site and many details concerning its natural plant features. After the ramble, nearly all adjourned to a nearby restaurant for lunch, where they were treated to a welcoming glass of wine courtesy of HURA. Special thanks go to Sally Bond, a HURA member and neighbor to the Arboretum, who brought this location to our attention.



HURA is a tax-exempt 501 (c) 7 all-volunteer organization. Membership is open to benefits-eligible retirees of Harvard University and is complimentary until the renewal period the following June 30. Thereafter dues are \$20 annually.