



GRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

14 August, 2013
August Assembly Meeting
Jadwin Hall 102
6:00-7:06 pm

- Vice President Kyle Keller calls the meeting to order at 6 pm.
- We do not have quorum to vote on the July minutes.

University Services Meeting:

- This is a meeting between the GSG Executive Committee and various members of University Services. We will be meeting every other month.
- Housing
 - The Lakeside construction is on schedule
 - Keyless locks are being installed in the Old Graduate College. They will operate with a key card and a PIN. However, keyless locks will not be extended to the apartment-style housing.
 - OGC furniture replacement is in process currently. The old furniture is being donated to a group that refurbishes it and donates it.
- Course book discount program at Labyrinth (30% off)
 - Are there other discount programs that we should attempt to advocate for?
 - Please spread the word among your departments!
- Parking and Transportation
 - A lot of construction is in progress during August
 - The TigerPaWW shuttle line will run between Princeton Junction and campus during the Arts and Transit construction.
 - The bus runs from 4:30 am - 1:30 am, 7 days a week; see time tables and more information about the bus [here](#).
 - To ride the TigerPaWW bus you use the same ticket as for the Dinky.
 - The fall shuttle schedule will likely be changed so that the GC will be served by the West Extended Line. The Tiger Line will no longer serve the GC.
- Summer dining options
 - The GC cookout on Wednesday was moved to Frist this summer. This did increase the number who attended the cookout, although the numbers were still not as high as desired by dining services. Summer cookout options may be scaled back next year, with an emphasis on having special events instead of daily cookouts.

Constitutional amendments:

- The black graduate caucus (BGC) and women's center have special voting delegates, who have the same power as department reps and whose presence is required for us to reach "super" quorum for voting on certain important issues (ie. elections and Constitutional amendments). The provision for voting delegates is part of a clause in the GSG Constitution.
- Should this system be changed?
- Women's Center seems to be away for the summer, but Lindsay Edwards is here as a representative of the BGC (the BGC President).
 - The BGC is a small group and it can be difficult to find members to regularly attend. This may help to explain why the BGC hasn't sent a representative to the GSG for several years.
 - Lindsay plans to attend herself as a voting delegate for the upcoming year.
 - She argues that it is valuable to have minority representation on the GSG.
- How to define underrepresented groups?
 - The current GSG Constitution seems to require such groups to make up 1% of the graduate student body (or ~24 graduate students)
 - It is unclear which groups would benefit from representation on the GSG, however.
- All students are represented through their department reps, at least in theory.
 - Department reps may not be able to represent all of their constituents
- One proposal: an open-ended clause, permitting the assembly to vote-in groups to get voting delegates.
- Another comment: we considered eliminating voting delegates when we thought there was a lack of interest in sending voting delegates. However, now that we know there is interest we shouldn't eliminate voting delegates - instead we should decide if we want to expand the number of voting delegates.
 - Maybe we should get rid of the women's center seat and keep the BGC seat. Women are well represented on GSG.
 - Could we establish a category of voting delegates who aren't required to achieve quorum?
 - Is reaching quorum a chronic problem?
 - Yes - especially during the summer. During academic year it can be diff to reach superquorum.
- We could permit minority groups representation instead of specific organizations since organizations change.
- Assembly agrees to continue deliberating about this via a GSG Listserv.
 - We will advertise via global email that we're going to talk about this.

The GSG is interested in performing a housing survey.

- Baxter Oliphant (POL rep) suggests increasing the subsidy for local bus fares.
- Ian Ward (HIS rep) and Baxter volunteer to look at the planned housing survey and make suggestions.

Summer Party:

- 7:30-11:30pm at Campus Club on August 21
- The Summer Cookout will happen just before, and is a great place to get dinner and listen to some live music.
- We are looking for ID checkers for the party – please send an email to gsg@princeton.edu if you're interested.
 - April Williams (Facilities Chair, MOL rep) and Rachael Barry (Communications Director) volunteer to ID check

At 7:06 pm, Mircea Davidescu (EEB rep) motions to adjourn; the motion is seconded by April Williams (Facilities Chair, MOL rep).

