President Funk calls the meeting to order at 5:55 pm.

Executive Director of Career Services Pulin Sanghvi addresses the Assembly
- Pulin started as the Executive Director of Career Services this fall, after spending four years at the Stanford Graduate School of Business.
- He and his staff are working to reorganize the Career Center.
- They want to focus on alternative job search approaches in addition to traditional approaches. This will involve focusing on helping students figure out what matters most to them in their careers.
- He wants to find more organic ways of matching alumni with students to mentor.
- They want to develop programs where students can meet with their peers in small groups.
- They also want the Career Center to be more visible to students. Pulin is planning to go to meals with students to find out what their needs may be.
- They also want to focus more on how the Career Center can help students who are interested in going into Social Sector or Non-profit jobs.

Questions from the Assembly:
- Mircea Davidescu (EEB rep): At what point in their Graduate Career should students contact Career Services?
  - It's never too early.
- Julia Witte (Secretary): Do you have any interest in expanding your services for postdocs? Helping postdocs to get better positions will also help the faculty and students they have worked with at Princeton to succeed.
  - This is something the Career Center may evaluate as they reorganize.
- Tsvetelina Churalska (ARC rep): There is currently only one graduate counselor at Career Services – will there be more in the future? Is there any possibility of training a faculty member in each department to provide career advice?
  - Career Services is in the process of figuring out whether there can be more Graduate counselors.
  - Pulin likes the idea of having a place within departments where students can go for career advising.
- You mentioned that some students may focus too early on academia. Do you have any advice for students in more traditionally academic departments such as the humanities?
  - Careers in academia can look very different – there are many possibilities.
• Lizette Taguchi (GCHC, Pricom): If students are interested in a non-academic career but their advisor isn’t willing to let them take time off to gain experience, how would you support them?

Annual Priorities Committee Report: Carolann Buff and Lizette Taguchi – our Pricom representatives

• Carolann (MUS rep) and Lizette (GCHC) met twice a week throughout the fall semester with the other members of Pricom to allocate about $600,000 in available funds for this academic year. The rest of the University’s operating budget (about $1.6 billion) is already tied up in salaries and other expenses.
• Pricom deals with issues such as hiring, salaries, OIT security, and Grad stipends, and also considers other proposals.
• Graduate Student representatives are equal members of Pricom, and faculty members of the committee are concerned about the needs of Graduate Students.
• While CPUC meetings are public, Pricom meetings are closed and confidential while the committee’s work is ongoing.
• You can get an idea of the kinds of funding requests that go through Pricom here.
• Ultimately, Pricom’s recommendations go through the Board of Trustees, which has the final say about how the budget is allocated. However, Pricom and the Board of Trustees meet, and Pricom has considerable influence.
• The Childcare Survey, for instance, could be used as part of a future proposal to Pricom.
• The Pricom request process:
  o Pricom requests should be developed in March and completed by April. The Provost’s office pre-screens proposals, and reasonable proposals are discussed during the committee when it meets in the Fall Semester.
  o Requests relevant to Grad Students should be made through the Graduate School.
  o The process is very competitive. It is reasonable to ask for $20,000-80,000 for a project and it’s better to ask for more than for less.
• In the past few years, Pricom has recommended:
  o A 3.5% increase in Grad Student stipends
  o A 3.5% increase in housing prices.
  o A rearrangement of the way Graduate Students are paid for teaching to better balance out how we are paid before/after generals.
  o This year, the Grad School made a proposal for all Grad Students to have 6 free meals per semester for Grad Students who are not living in the GC. Pricom recommended that this request be funded for two years.
• Jonathan Fine (ART rep): What are the highest priority programs you funded this year?
  o Hiring IT specialists, hiring a Director of Undergraduate Research, hiring a full-time social media strategist for the University, the SHARE program.

Approval of the minutes from January 2014:
• Jonathan Fine (ART rep) motions to approve the minutes. Andrew Edwards (HIS rep) seconds the motion. The motion passes by unanimous voice vote.
GSG Election Update:
• The Meet the Candidates forum will be held tomorrow in the Joseph Henry room; it is open to everyone.
• The format will be half introductions and half anonymous questions from the audience.
• Next month, the Assembly will validate the election results and make Committee Chair appointments.

Exec Committee Report:
• Friederike met with Dean-elect Kulkarni and had a productive conversation about:
  o Grad Housing
  o Career development (both in and outside of academia)
  o How to improve the connectedness of Grad Students to other groups on campus, including undergraduates and alums
  o The idea of developing a Graduate Student center/lounge on campus
  o Developing stress prevention workshops for Grad Students
  o The Hooding ceremony
  o Departmental committee issues and DCE status
  o Childcare and childbirth policies.
  o How to facilitate communication between the Graduate School and Graduate Students. They discussed holding monthly or bimonthly meetings between the GSG Executive Board, the Dean of the Graduate School, and the Associate Deans.
• The hooding speaker survey results have been submitted. The most popular choices were John Nash, Cornel West, Norman Augustine and Amy Cuddy.
• The second dose of meningitis vaccine is available for eligible students.
• The pre-draw retention and pre-draw priority housing applications are due soon. **We encourage everybody who would like housing (even if they don't think they're likely to get it) to apply, so that the statistics the Housing Office gathers will better reflect the demand for housing.**
• At the February CPUC meeting, President Eisgruber laid out the strategic planning process for Princeton’s future.
• February USLC meeting:
  o The Graduate School has developed a hardship program for Graduate Students with children who live in Butler and will move to Lawrence or Lakeside next year. Students are eligible to apply for assistance if the cost of their on-campus housing is increasing by more than $100.
  o The opening of Lakeside Apartments is delayed due to the heavy winter storms this year. The housing office is working on moving solutions.
• Rachael Barry (Communications Director), April Williams (Facilities Chair, QCB rep, USLC), and Andrew Edwards (HIS rep) are working to draft a housing advocacy letter to the administration. The capital plan is ending soon and there will be a new Housing Master Plan in the next few years, so now is a key time to make a case for more Graduate Housing. Assembly members will see the letter before the March meeting and will have the ability to offer big-picture feedback on it.
• Julia Wittes (Secretary): The GSG website now has an integrated forum viewable by Department Reps only. Reps can create topics and reply to already existing topics. This can be a venue for discussing issues that we do
not have time to discuss at Assembly or that we do not finish discussing at assembly. Feedback on the forum is very welcome!

- Shane Blackman (Social Chair): The next GSG party will be held on March 8. There will be a theme (Highbrow/Lowbrow) and two floors for students who want to dress up or dress down for a more low-key experience. There will be punch. Students who can help out with the event should contact Shane; students who help out at the event will be paid for their services.

- Wintersession
  - 53 course offerings by 42 undergraduate and 5 grad student instructors. The course with the most sign-ups (“Personal Investing for Beginners”) was taught by Jeff Parker, a graduate student in Plasma Physics.
  - Many graduate students participated in Wintersession (190 signed up, and there were about 1000 sign ups in total for both graduate students and undergrads.
  - About 60% of students who signed up attended an event.
  - The turnout for Wintersession was much higher than what was predicted (~200 participants were expected).

- Department Reps are asked to check with their Department Committees and to ask them to respond to the survey on Graduate Committees.

- Communiversity is being held on Sunday, April 27 from 1-6 pm. The GSG is going to be involved this year. Communiversity is an Arts Festival.

- Graduate Writing Days:
  - GWD provides a structured work space for writing. Participants are required to stay for the full 3-hour session.
  - This year, GWD will be held Mondays from 9-12 am.
  - The program has been funded by the Graduate School and is managed by the GSG Academic Affairs Chair. It has become very popular; there are now typically about 40 participants per session.
  - This semester, the program has additional funding from the GSG Events Board, and will be expanding to the GC for Sunday sessions in the second half of Spring semester from 12-3 pm. The event will be held in the GC Coffee House, and there will be brunch options.
  - Signup information is available on the GSG Website.

**GSG Childcare Survey Results: Simon Fuchs**

- 204 total responses; more than 60% of respondents don’t have children yet but are considering having them.

  - **For students who already have children:**
    - Most are fairly satisfied with the Student Health Plan
    - However, communication about the health plan can be improved. 42% of students find the Health Plan policies on pregnancy and birth unclear.
    - 82% do not know that there are policy differences for students who have children during regular enrollment or DCE.
    - Some students who may be eligible for the SCCAP (the Student Child Care Assistance Program) are not taking advantage of it.
    - Most students with children say that they can “barely” cope financially with the stipend and subsidies that they receive.

  - **Issues that came up**
    - The $5000/year SCCAP subsidy hasn’t increased over the past 5 years.
Children in Princeton often costs as much as $1000/month, so the SCAAP subsidy still leaves many families with unmanageable childcare costs.

- SCCAP money has to be used specifically for childcare. If you or your partner decide to stay at home, they can’t receive the subsidy.
  - Lizette Taguchi (GCHC, Pricom): Undergrads who receive financial assistance do so with no strings attached.
- Most students with children live off-campus; most say they can’t afford Princeton or don’t think Princeton offers family-friendly housing.
  - Many state they don’t feel welcome with children in Lawrence.
- There is little support for students who give birth during DCE.
- A student only gets time off after childbirth if he/she is the primary caregiver.

- Mircea Davidescu (EEB rep): How much of the trend of students with children living off-campus is because they’re senior grad students (who wouldn’t have high housing priority anyway)?
  - Simon: This is a good question. We haven’t looked at this yet, but we have the data to do so.
- Geeta Persad (AOS): there’s a big push to better support women in STEM at Princeton. Perhaps we can advocate that improved Childcare policies will help women to succeed in STEM fields.

Mircea Davidescu (EEB rep) motions for adjournment. The motion is seconded by Carolann Buff (MUS rep), and the meeting is adjourned at 7:20 pm.
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