January 15, 2014 January Assembly Meeting Jadwin Hall 102 5:55-7:15 pm

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

Marisa Silver (Office of Graduate Alumni) and Marina Mitchell (WWS, '98, Chair of Annual Giving) are here to speak with us

- Annual Giving is part of the Office of Development and raises <u>unrestricted</u> funds. These are funds that are not earmarked for any specific program they go immediately into the operating budget.
- Annual giving contributes to graduate fellowships and stipends, family friendly initiatives, Dbar and the campus shuttles
- Last year, annual giving raised \$57 million. Of this amount, only \$1.9 million was donated by graduate students. 14% of graduate alumni contributed to the annual fund.

### • Q&A:

- Do donors to the annual fund have any say over what the money is used for? No
- Is there a way to donate to a specific program? Yes, it is possible (although not through Annual Giving) to donate to a specific department. However, most alumni who donate do so through Annual Giving.
- Why do you think more undergrads than graduate students donate? It's more of a tradition in this country to donate to your undergraduate institution.
- O I haven't heard of this program before. How can I participate? Annual giving has a "Thank-a-thon" each year; a program where current graduate students call alumni who have donated to the fund to thank them. This is also a great way for students and alums to network.
- Do graduate students have a big presence on the Board of Trustees? There are 3-4 graduate students on the board of Trustees. The young Trustees are often pulled out of the pool of recent undergraduate alumni.
- Do students in the professional programs (eg. WWS) contribute more or less than those from the more academic programs?
   Some departments are more likely to have alumni who end up being able to donate large sums. These gifts help to support other programs.
- Friederike: Do assembly members have suggestions for how graduate students could find out about Annual Giving before they

**become alumni?** Annual Giving could fund an event (and publicize that they have funded the event).

<u>Approval of the December minutes</u>: Motion by Jonathan Fine (ART rep), seconded by Andrew Edwards (HIS rep). The minutes pass by unanimous voice vote.

<u>Approval of 2012-2013 budget and events board budget reports</u>: Motion by Mircea Davidescu (EEB rep), seconded by April Williams (QCB rep). The budget reports pass by unanimous voice vote.

## Approval of the 2014 GSG Officer Election Plan:

- The plan is very similar to last year's with the following changes:
  - o Candidate statements will be approved via email
  - There is no longer a parking privilege for GSG Officers
  - For more information about the election, please see the following page.
  - Jonathan Fine (ART rep) motions to approve the minutes. Mircea Davidescu (EEB rep) seconds the motion. The motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

President Funk urges assembly members to consider running for GSG Executive Board this year. We have a new University President and next year we will have a new Dean of the Graduate School. Furthermore, a new Capitol Plan (likely including a new Housing Master Plan) is also on the way – and these plans dictate housing policy over the following 10 years. Now is an important time to implement policy changes.

## **Executive Committee Report:**

- April Williams (Facilities Chair) took a walk through the new Lakeside complex; work is progressing on time.
- The Alumni Council Executive Board met; Friederike is our graduate student representative to the Board. The Council plans events for alumni.
- Proposed USG/GSG mentorship program: The USG is interested in a program
  where graduate students would be paired with undergraduates
  (Juniors/Seniors) who are interested in being mentored. Students would
  sign up in the spring, be paired in the summer, and the program would start
  in the fall.
  - Do departments have similar programs already? Would such a program be redundant?
    - The School of Architecture has a mentorship program that is focused on socialization.
    - Jonathan Fine (ART rep): Art History has a volunteer program for students to mentor undergraduates in writing their theses.
    - Most undergraduates working in the sciences complete research theses under the guidance of graduate students.
    - Sean Edington (CHM rep): it could be a good idea to foster mentoring relationships that already exist.

- Andrew Edwards (HIS rep): this seems like it might be best for people who are considering academia right after their undergraduate education.
- Baxter Oliphant (POL rep)/Angelina Sylvain (NEU rep): Most departments already meet this mentoring need.
- April Williams (QCB rep): I think this is a program that would be more helpful in an institution where there are no or few graduate students.
- Sean Edington (CHM rep): Maybe there could be a website where graduate students could write a profile describing their past experiences? Undergraduates could browse the site and introduce themselves.
- Andrew Edwards (HIS rep): If undergraduates want such a program, they should push for it and administer it.
- Paola Libraro (MAE rep): Graduate students don't get much out of this mentoring relationship.
- Sean Edington (CHM rep): We need a clearer idea from the USG of what they want in such a program.
- The Graduate School has asked for a list of grad alums to speak at this year's hooding:
  - We did a survey last year the short list includes John Nash, Cornell West, Arthur Levinson, and Kavita Ram Dass.
  - o Other suggestions by assembly: Walter Johnson, Norman Augustine
  - o Does the alumni association have a list of eminent grad alums?
    - We got them to give us one last year
    - We might want to ask speakers from this year's grad alum conference to speak at hooding.
  - Assembly members suggest that the Exec Board assemble a list and poll the assembly.
  - An assembly member suggests that perhaps we should focus more on trying to find someone who will give a good speech than on finding someone famous to speak.

#### **New Business:**

- Why can't the GSG advertise events that it doesn't sponsor?
  - In your first year or two of Princeton, you're more likely to live on campus and have more of a social life on campus. Later in grad school, the sources of information can dry up.
  - The GSG Communications Director and Exec Board try to limit the number of global emails that we send due to complaints in the past about high email volumes. We therefore only send emails about GSG Assembly meeting times, GSG elections, major GSG-sponsored events and similar issues.
  - The History Department has a listserv called "The Pithy List"; an opt in/out listserv where events are advertised.
    - Could we make a global graduate email list that is easy to opt out of?
- Could there be a list of graduate events?

- o Julia Wittes (Secretary): We have created <u>a list of campus listservs</u> that may interest grad students on our website.
- Perhaps the graduate school could create such a calendar since graduate events are registered with them.
- When does GSG Exec send a reminder email about Assembly meetings?
  - o Emails go out to Assembly on Mondays and Wednesdays
  - o Meeting times are also announced on our GSG website
  - Furthermore, meetings are always the second Wednesday of each month
- What's the total number of grad students at Princeton? About 2600
- A number of department reps received an email from the Grad School outlining the rights of grad students within their departments
  - o What practices are in place in different departments?
    - Assembly members state that it varies, but that in general grad student involvement in the administration of their departments and curricular changes is different from the ideal outlined in Rights, Rules and Responsibilities.
    - History, Chemistry, Neuroscience and Anthropology do involve students considerably in designing curricula. It is speculated that in the case of Neuroscience, this may be because the department is newer and less fixed in its ways.

Mircea Davidescu (EEB rep) motions for adjournment at 7:17 pm. The meeting is adjourned.

# <u>Graduate Student Government Assembly Meeting – January 15, 2014</u> <u>Attendance List</u>

Please initial under "Present/Initials". If you are a proxy but not listed, write your name in under "Proxy Name". Total attendance: 39

Dept/	Representative/		Present/	
Group	Delegate Name	Proxy Name	Initials	
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ANT	Marissa Smith	linent Representatives	MS	
ARC	Tsvetelina Churalska		TsCh	
ART	Jonathan Fine		JF	
AST	(vacant)		31	
CBE	Lichao Cai		LC	
CEE	Qi Li		QL	
CHM	Sean Edington		SCE	
CLA	Emily Hulme		EH	
COM	Cate Reilly			
COS	Shilpa Nadimpalli	Aaron Blankstein	AB	
EAS	(vacant)			
ECO	Jason Ravit		JR	
EEB	Mircea Davidescu		MD	
ELE	Burcin Cakir		BC	
ENG	Caitlin Charos		CC	
FIT	Natalie Berkman		NB	
GEO	Scott Maclennan		SM	
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HIS	Andrew Edwards		ΑE	
MAE	Paola Libraro		PL	
MAT	Ila Varma			
MOL	Lauren Anllo	Julia Wittes	JW	
MUS	Carolann Buff		СВ	
NES	Edgar Melgar			
ORF	Quentin Berthet			
PHI	(vacant)			
PHY	Vasyl Alba		VA	
POL	Baxter Oliphant		JBO	
PSY	Tasha Holden		TH	
REL	Alyssa Maldonado			
SLA	David Hock			
SOC	David Schwartz	Emilie Andrew?	EA	
SPO	Lisa Hirschmann	Mary Kang	MK	
WWS	Kat Johnson	Friederike Funk	FF	
Academic Program Representatives				
APC	(vacant)			
AOS	Geeta Persad		GP	
HOS	Sean Fraga		SF	
NEU	Angelina Sylvain		AS	
POP	Amy Winter			
PPL	Mike Campanell		MC	
QCB	April Williams		AW	
		roup Delegates		
BUT	Mike Campanell		MC	
GCO	Lizette Taguchi		<del>                                     </del>	
STA	(vacant)			
LAW	Dima Gorenshteyn		DG	
OFF (vacant)				
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BGC	Takudzwa Sayi		TSS	
WOC	(vacant)	Sal Internet Delegate		
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President	Friederike Funk		FF
VP	Kyle Keller		KK
Secretary	Julia Wittes		JW
CommDir	Rachael Barry		
Treas	Simon Fuchs	ì	
SpcEvts	Shane Blackman		
Aca Aff	Mary Kang		MK
Facilities	April Williams		AW
H& L	Andreana Kenrick		ACK
SocChr	Quentin Berthet		
	CPUC D	elegates	
Exec	Friederike Funk		FF
Exec	Paola Libraro		PL
Priorities	Carolann Buff		
Priorities	Lizette Taguchi		
Gov	Yang LV		TD) (
Judicial	Tom Morrell		TM
Resource	Brianne Smith		
Rights	Paola Libraro		_
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DSL	Lily Secora	the GSG	LS
CPC	Olivia Martel		LS
CFC	Other Stude	nt Dologotos	
CampRec	April Williams	It Delegates	AW
USLC	Meg Leja		AW
USLC	David Schwartz		
HlthAdv	Heather Kugelmass		
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Dept.	Name		
CEE	Ran Bi		
OPR	Sarah James		
MOL	Leslie Alexis		
PHY	Pablo Mosteiro		