



# GRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

8 May, 2013  
May Assembly Meeting  
Jadwin Hall 102, Joseph Henry Room  
6:03-7:12 pm

- 6:03 pm: President Funk calls the meeting to order.
- Tim Brandt (AST, rep) motions to approve the April assembly minutes and April Williams (Facilities Chair, MOL rep) seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously by voice vote.
- Two applications for breakout sessions by graduate students were made since the last assembly meeting. President Funk thanks the assembly for getting the word out among graduate students about the PACE Center programming.
- Volunteers needed:
  - Graduate Student representative for a panel that reviews and revises the University's core IT policy.
    - Sean Edington (CHM rep) volunteers
  - Furniture Drive (June 4-5) needs volunteers to help sell the furniture
    - Please sign up online, using the link on the April agenda.
- Andreana Kenrick (Health and Life Chair) discusses the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) Stomp out Stigma Walk to be held on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - A 5K walk around Educational Testing Services campus in Princeton
  - The purpose of the walk is to to reduce stigma against mental illness and provide resources for individuals with mental illness and their families. NAMI also provides funding for policy reform.
  - More information is available on the GSG Facebook page and in the GSG newsletter.
- CPUC Elections: each candidate is allotted one minute to speak
  - Pricom
    - Candidates Carolann Buff (MUS rep), Paola Libraro (MAE rep), James Linville (POL), Yang Lv (CHM), Christian Sahner (HIS), and Lizette Taguchi (WWS, GCO) address the assembly.
  - Resources Committee
    - Candidate Nathan Ratledge (WWS) speaks for one minute and Brianne Smith's (CEE) prepared statement is read.
  - Judicial Committee
    - Tom Morrell (CHM) speaks for one minute and Denis Zhernokleyev's (SLA) statement is read to the assembly.
  - The department reps and academic program representatives vote by secret ballot. Carolann Buff and Lizette Taguchi are elected to Pricom. Thomas Morrell is elected to the Judicial Committee and Brianne Smith is elected to the Resources Committee.
  - Governance Committee:
    - Yang Lv (CHM), Sourindra Chaudhuri (ELE rep) and James Linville (POL) each address the assembly for one minute.

- Yang Lv is elected to the Governance Committee by secret ballot.
  - Rights and Rules Committee:
    - Paola Libraro (MAE rep) and Edgar Melgar (NES rep) are the only candidates. They are both elected by unanimous voice vote.
  - Congratulations to the new delegates!
- Shane Blackman (Special Events Chair) discusses the next GSG party, which will be held on Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>, from 10pm-2pm at Campus Club
  - School's Out Party with a '90s theme
- April Williams (Facilities Chair) provides an update on housing
  - Room draw is complete. 832 people were successful in the draw and 25 were not. 697 people accepted their contract and there is a waitlist of 54 students. The Housing office is currently making assignments for incoming students. There are a small number of students who will have a gap in their housing of one month if they prioritized unit type over move-in date. These people need to look for alternative housing. The off-campus housing office has an office hour on May 13 from 12am-1pm.
- Executive report:
  - F-1/J-1 visa update:
    - Incoming graduate students will now be offered the choice between visa types, but not current graduate students. The Davis International Center may look into expanding this to current graduate students in the upcoming year.
  - Ideas on graduate student lounge needed. Administrators have suggested that we test whether there is a need for a graduate student space that is not met by the current University facilities. To advocate for a graduate lounge, we are thinking of creating a test graduate lounge and documenting its use so that we can use these numbers in order to advocate for a permanent lounge.
    - Anyone interested in organizing the lounge this should get in touch with the GSG at [gsg@princeton.edu](mailto:gsg@princeton.edu) with ideas and opinions.
    - Kyle Bond (REL, rep) is interested in getting involved with developing the plan for a lounge.
    - Sean Edington (CHM rep): not sure booking a room is going to really yield good data about how many students would use an actual lounge. He suggests that the data we'd get would be misleading.
    - Kyle Bond (REL rep): what kind of services would be available? At UW, there was a lounge with a mini-coffee maker, a fridge and a few couches so you could nap in there. It was popular.
    - Daniell Rowles (MOL, Lawrence Committee): a few years ago there was a survey of spaces on campus when the old Frick chemistry building was closing. They were discussing the possibility of graduate student center. Was this ever followed up on?
      - Kyle Keller: not as far as I know based on a recent conversation with Dean Russel. Kyle will check up on it.
  - Frist Campus Center:

- In collaboration with the USG and Frist Programming, the GSG sent out a survey two weeks ago. We thank the 300 graduate students and 300 undergraduates who participated. We have used this data to create a report on Frist programming and to advocate for improved summer hours at Frist. We also wanted to get a sense of whether graduate students support the creation of a graduate student lounge in Frist.
  - The survey suggests that graduate students strongly support increased summer hours at Frist. Currently, the cafeterias on campus close at 2 pm on weekdays in the summer. We are negotiating to try to increase the summer hours at Frist, but we cannot implement changes at present because dining services employees currently have 10-month contracts and do not work in the summer.
  - The Frist Ad-Hoc Committee is exploring the option of keeping C-Store open to 7 pm with extended grab-and-go options. Café Witherspoon might be left open until 6 pm, and it seems likely that the Barbecue usually held at the Graduate College will be moved to the Frist lawn one night a week as a first step.
  - The GSG Exec board will start to meet with University Services on a more regular basis (every 6 weeks or so). We welcome ideas and feedback from the assembly on these issues so that we can best represent the graduate student body at these meetings.
  - Sean Edington (CHM rep): parts of the survey were poorly designed. Especially the grids of boxes. It would be to our benefit to try to make sure the surveys are easier to digest.
  - Friederike Funk: We agree. In the future, surveys will be piloted with a couple of graduate students before they are sent out globally.
  - Julia Wittes (Secretary): if department reps have any ideas about how to get concrete numbers on how many graduate students in their departments stay on campus in the summer, they should get in touch with the GSG Exec.
- Questions/comments from the assembly:
  - Sourindra Chaudhuri (ELE rep): he has been getting a great number of emails from graduate students who are upset about being asked not to park on residential streets near E-Quad.
  - Friederike Funk: do the department reps think people are parking there because of convenience or because there is no room at Lot 21? Or perhaps because they don't know about the overflow space beyond Lot 21?
    - Visitor comments: Students in engineering sometimes want to park closer to the labs so that they can bring their equipment in. In the past, students have had to park in Lot 20 and have had to walk for half an hour to get to lab because the shuttles were packed.
  - Sourindra Chaudhuri: If a parking spot is close to the department, it's legal, and a student pays for parking at a meter, there's no reason why they shouldn't be allowed to park there.

- The Exec board would like to meet with students who are having issues with parking in the Engineering department to develop solutions to these problems.
- April Williams (Facilities Chair): Clarifies that Lot 21 is now the only graduate student parking lot; Lot 20 is now staff-only and undergraduates can no longer park there. All staff will have been moved out of Lot 21 by this September and this semester, Lot 21 only went into overflow twice, due to special events.
  - Sean Edington: Lot 21 is not an acceptable option for some people.
  - Students with complaints about parking or suggestions about how to improve the transportation situation on campus should contact the GSG Exec board at [gsg@princeton.edu](mailto:gsg@princeton.edu).
- The meeting adjourns at 7:12 pm.

### Graduate Student Government Assembly Meeting – May 8, 2013 Attendance List

Please initial under “Present/Initials”. If you are a proxy but not listed, write your name in under “Proxy Name”. Members of the general public should sign in below, at right, and list their departmental affiliation if applicable.

Dept/ Group	Representative/ Delegate Name	Proxy Name	Present/ Initials		Office/ Cmte	Name	Proxy Name	Present Initials
<b>Academic Department Representatives</b>					<b>GSG Officers</b>			
ANT	Anna Offit				President	Friederike Funk		FF
ARC	Tsvetelina Churalska				VP	Kyle Keller		KK
ART	Jamie Kwan				Secretary	Julia Wittes		JW
AST	Tim Brandt		TB		CommDir	Rachael Barry		RB
CBE	Lichao Cai		LC		Treas	Simon Fuchs		SWF
CEE	Qi Li		QL		SpcEvts	Shane Blackman		SB
CHM	Sean Edington		SCE		Aca Aff	Mary Kang		MK
CLA	Paul Touyz		PT		Facilities	April Williams		AW
COM	Cate Reilly				H&L	Andreana Kenrick		ACK
COS	Shilpa Nadimpalli	Ana Bell			SocChr	Quentin Berthet		
EAS	(vacant)				<b>CPUC Delegates</b>			
ECO	Doron Ravid		DR		CPUC	Carolann Buff		CB
EEB	Mircea Davidescu				CPUC	Joseph D’Silva		
ELE	Sourindra Chaudhuri		SC		CPUC	Marco De Leon		
ENG	Mollie Eisenberg		ME		CPUC	Stephanie Durden		
FIT	Natalie Berkman		NB		CPUC	Kyle Keller		KK
GEO	Kyle Samperton				CPUC	Chad Maisel		
GER	Frederic Ponten		FP		CPUC	Giri Parameswaran		
HIS	Ian Ward				<b>CPUC Committees</b>			
MAE	Paola Libraro		PL		Exec	Chad Maisel		
MAT	Ila Varma		IV		Exec	Stephanie Durden		
MOL	April Williams		AW		Priorities	Marco De Leon		
MUS	Carolann Buff		CB		Priorities	Denis Zhernokleyev		
NES	Edgar Melgar		EM		Gov	Kyle Keller		KK
ORF	Quentin Berthet				Judicial	Carolann Buff		CB
PHI	(vacant)				Resource	Brianne Smith		
PHY	Pablo Mosterio		PJM		Rights	Olga Lositsky		
POL	Baxter Oliphant				Rights	Angelina Sylvain		
PSY	Tasha Holden	Shane Blackman			<b>Friends of the GSG</b>			
REL	Kyle Bond		KB		DSL	Lisa Schreyer		LS
SLA	Susanna Weygandt				CPC	Olivia Martel		
SOC	Martin Sybblis		MS		<b>Other Student Delegates</b>			
SPO	Lisa Hirschmann		LH		CampRec	April Williams		AW
WWS	Kat Johnson				USLC	Anna Offit		
<b>Academic Program Representatives</b>					USLC	Kityan Choi		
APC	(vacant)				HlthAdv	Heather Kugelmass		
AOS	Kityan Choi		KC		<b>Guests And Others Present</b>			
HOS	Felix Rietmann				Dept.	Name		
NEU	Angelina Sylvain	Alexandra Pastino			CHM	Tom Morrell		
POP	Amy Winter		AM		COS	Sasha Koryuga		
PPL	Mike Campanell		MC		ELE	Arash Sadeghi		
<b>Housing Group Delegates</b>					MOL	Daniell Rowles		
BUT	Mike Campanell		MC		CHM	Yang LV		
GCO	Lizette Taguchi		LMT		Provost	Aly Kassam-Remtulla		
STA					HIS	Christian Sahner		
LAW	Dima Gorenshteyn		DG		CS	Aleksey Boyko		
MIL	Steve Hassani				CHM	Chamtal Stieber		
OFF	(vacant)				WWS	Nathan Ratledge		
<b>Voting Special Interest Delegates</b>								
BGC	Tau Shanklin Roberts							
WOC	(vacant)							
<b>Non-Voting Special Interest Delegates</b>								
ACSS	Tianshu Sun							
WCS	(vacant)							