

11 September, 2013
September Assembly Meeting
Jadwin Hall 102
5:56-7:06 pm

President Funk calls the meeting to order at 5:56 pm. Mircea Davidescu (EEB rep) motions to approve the minutes for July and August and Quentin Berthet (ORFE rep, Special Events Chair) seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously by voice vote. Reps are encouraged to arrive at 5:45 pm to mingle; we plan to start the meetings at 5:55 pm. If there are any errors in the printed nametags used at the meetings, please contact Vice President Kyle Keller at ktkeller@princeton.edu.

Amy Pszczolkowski from Career Services:

- Amy's job is to work with graduate students
- She has organized a number of successful programs by partnering with departments, including programming on non-academic career options and alumni panels. She hopes to work with more departments in the future, and asks that department reps spread the word to their program administrators.
- Her office offers assistance with CVs, resumes, interview preparation and developing job-search strategies.
- The office is located at University Place above the U-Store.
- Career services also offers one courtesy appointment for postdocs.
- For more information, please contact Amy at apszcsol@princeton.edu.

Introduction of New Assembly Members:

- Lily Secora is the new Assistant Dean for Student Life. She comes to us with more than 12 years' experience working with graduate students.

Executive Committee Report:

- Frist Summer Cookout: The 2013 Frist Summer Cookout Series was co-sponsored by GSG, Dining Services, Frist Campus Center, and the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Students (ODUS). Several cookouts featured graduate student performers or bands, and attendance increased over the course of the summer.
- GSG Summer Beer Garden: Our summer party was highly successful, with three times the attendance of our 2012 party!
- Alumni Council and AGPA Board meetings: The GSG president is an ex-officio member of the Alumni Council and an executive member of the AGPA board. Both groups want to reach out to graduate students. Please contact us at gsg@princeton.edu if you have ideas for how the alumni groups can better coordinate shared events for undergrads and graduate students.
- Orientation: This was the first year the GSG had a presence at the Graduate International Orientation (FYI: 40% of Grad students are international!) At the general orientation, we gave away 450 water bottles (purchased by GSG and the Office of Sustainability) to first year graduate students.
- Graduate Writing Days: A highly successful program administered by the GSG and funded by the Writing Center and the Graduate School. Writing Days were very popular this semester and are already nearly full for the Fall

(prifogle@princeton.edu) or Academic Affairs Chair Mary Kang (marykang@princeton.edu).

- GSG Wine and Cheese Party: Our annual fall social is coming up on Thursday September 26. The event will take place at the Carl Fields Center, located at the intersection of Prospect Avenue and Olden Street. This is a great way to meet fellow graduate students, and it's our biggest event of the year. There will be wines from different regions, many types of cheese, snacks, and non-alcoholic drinks.
 - We need volunteers to help run the event! Please contact our Special Events Chair Shane Blackman at sblackma@princeton.edu to volunteer to check IDs, bartend, set up the event, bus wine, or plan the event.
- Community walks and community reception: Community walks are off-campus walking tours for both undergraduates and graduate students. They are co-sponsored by the PACE center, the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Students (ODUS), and the GSG Events Board. There will also be a community reception in the plaza in front of the Princeton Public Library the day of the walks (September 20).
- Installation of President Eisgruber: 1 pm on September 22 on the front steps of Nassau Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.
- Princeton Research Symposium: The Princeton Research Symposium (October 20) is a one-day conference for all areas of research. There will be 10 minute TED-style talks and posters. Reps are encouraged to contact their departments to spread the word about the event. Abstracts are due by September 20 and students in the social sciences and humanities are especially encouraged to apply. There will be cash prizes for the best presentations.

University Student Life Committee (USLC) elections:

- Students on the committee meet with faculty and staff about a number of important issues affecting student life at the university. The GSG sends our President, Facilities Chair, and Health and Life Chair to the meetings. We also send representatives elected by the GSG assembly.
- The committee meets 6 times a year.
- Meg Leja and David Schwartz are elected by unanimous voice vote. Congratulations to our new USLC members!

Election for Campus Recreation Chair: April Williams is elected by voice vote with one abstention.

Proposed GSG Budget:

- For the fiscal year starting in November 2013.
- The proposed budget increases the contribution to the GSG Events Board and parties, which are becoming more popular all the time.
- Our monthly Pub Nights are very popular, and the budget also increases funding for these events.
- Additionally, we have allocated funds for smaller events and non-alcoholic events over the course of the year (ie. a mug night or puppy party).
- The budget includes funding to invest in "infrastructure" items, such as a sound system or dolleys, which will over time allow us to save money on our party budgets.
- Kat Johnson (WWS rep): What kinds of feedback did we get from students about our past parties?

considering the cost?

- All of the schools in the Ivy League (plus Stanford) go and administrators have their own Ivy Summit.
- The graduate school has helped to pay for the event when it's in Princeton.
- This year (the Ivy Summit is at Columbia) we won't spend our entire Ivy Summit budget so that we can use the savings when we go to schools that are farther away.
- Pablo Mosteiro (PHY rep): \$6,358.56 is Events Board money, not GSG money – the budget document should be changed to reflect this.
 - Assembly agrees with this
- Pablo Mosteiro: Why get rid of the Winter GSG Party?
 - Friederike: Last year we created a new executive board position (the Social Chair) in order to offer smaller events throughout the year in addition to the big parties. To give him/her a budget to work with, we needed to set aside some of the money that was previously all allocated to parties.
 - Shane Blackman (Special Events Chair): we should try to make the parties we regularly throw better before adding more.
 - Angelina Sylvain (NEU rep): Relative to other events, how was turnout for the Winter party?
 - Pablo Mosteiro: good, not great
- The motion to approve the budget with the one change as suggested by Pablo passes by unanimous voice vote.

Plan for the October Assembly meeting with President Eisgruber:

- We would like to gather questions beforehand. Department reps are asked to send in questions by September 18 and are highly encouraged to collect questions from within their departments and to forward these along to the GSG Exec. We will assemble the questions, group them by theme, and then forward them to President Eisgruber.
- He will speak first and then we'll open things up for questions. The meeting will be open for guests until the room is filled, at which point assembly members will be given priority if there is a space issue.
- In November, VP for Campus Life Cynthia Cherrey will be our guest, and in December, Housing Director James Poole will be visiting.

At 7:04 pm, Mircea Davidescu (EEB rep) motions to adjourn the meeting and the meeting is adjourned.

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. Total attendees: 45.

Dept/ Group	Representative/ Delegate Name	Proxy Name	Present/ Initials
Academic Department Representatives			
ANT	Anna Offit		
ARC	Tsvetelina Churalska		
ART	Jamie Kwan		
AST	Tim Brandt		
CBE	Lichao Cai		LC
CEE	Qi Li		QL
CHM	Sean Edington	Will McClain	WM
CLA	Paul Touyz		
COM	Cate Reilly		
COS	Shilpa Nadimpalli		SN
EAS	(vacant)		
ECO	Doron Ravid		
EEB	Mircea Davidescu		MD
ELE	Sourindra Chaudhuri	Burcin Cakir	BC
ENG	Caitlin Charos	Jennifer Huang	JH
FIT	Natalie Berkman		
GEO	Kyle Samperton		KMS
GER	Frederic Ponten		
HIS	Ian Ward	Rachael Barry	RB
MAE	Paola Libraro		PL
MAT	Ila Varma		IV
MOL	Lauren Anllo	Julia Wittes	JW
MUS	Carolann Buff		CB
NES	Edgar Melgar		EAM
ORF	Quentin Berthet		QB
PHI	(vacant)		
PHY	Pablo Mosterio		PJM
POL	Baxter Oliphant		JBO
PSY	Tasha Holden		TH
REL	Kyle Bond		
SLA	Susanna Weygandt		
SOC	Martin Sybblis		MS
SPO	Lisa Hirschmann		
WWS	Kat Johnson		KJ
Academic Program Representatives			
APC	(vacant)		
AOS	Geeta Persad		GGP
HOS	Felix Rietmann		FR
NEU	Angelina Sylvain		AS
POP	Amy Winter		
PPL	Mike Campanell		MC
Housing Group Delegates			
BUT	Mike Campanell		MC
GCO	Lizette Taguchi		KMT
STA	(vacant)		
LAW	Dima Gorenshteyn		DG
MIL	Steve Hassani		
OFF	(vacant)		
Voting Special Interest Delegates			
BGC	Takudzwa Sayi		TS
WOC	(vacant)		

Office/ Cmte	Name	Proxy Name	Present/ Initials
Non-Voting Special Interest Delegates			
ACSS	Tianshu Sun		
CIGS	(Weining Man)		
GSG Officers			
President	Friederike Funk		FF
VP	Kyle Keller		KK
Secretary	Julia Wittes		JW
CommDir	Rachael Barry		RB
Treas	Simon Fuchs		SF
SpcEvts	Shane Blackman		SB
Aca Aff	Mary Kang		
Facilities	April Williams		AW
H& L	Andreana Kenrick		AK
SocChr	Quentin Berthet		QB
CPUC Committees and Delegates			
Exec	Friederike Funk		FF
Exec	Paola Libraro		
Priorities	Carolann Buff		CB
Priorities	Lizette Taguchi		LMT
Gov	Yang Lv		
Judicial	Thomas Morrell		
Resource	Brianne Smith		
Rights	Paola Libraro		
Rights	Edgar Melgar		

Friends of the GSG			
RLC	Lily Secora		LS
CPC	Olivia Martel		
AGPA	Victoria Garcia		
Other Student Delegates			
CampRec	April Williams		AW
USLC	Anna Offit		
USLC	Kityan Choi		
HlthAdv	Heather Kugelmass		
Guests And Others Present			
Dept.	Name		
Career Service	Amy Pszczolkowski		
COS	Scott Erickson		
SOC	David Schwartz		
WWS	Sajda Ouachtouki		
ORFE	Byron Vickers		
WWS	Emily King		
MOL	Alexandra Pastino		
HIS	Alex Chase-Levenson		
HIS	Meg Leja		
AST	Johannes Rothe		
MAE	Xiaoyu Tang		