



GRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

10 April, 2013
April Assembly Meeting
Jadwin Hall 102, Joseph Henry Room
5:56-7:10 pm

- President Friederike Funk calls the meeting to order at 5:56 pm. She announces that the assembly will now be meeting at 5:45 pm.
- Executive Board and Committee Chairs introduce themselves
- Mircea Davidescu (EEB, rep) motions to approve the March meeting minutes. Tim Brandt (AST, rep) seconds. The motion carries by voice vote.
- David Brown (Assistant Director, Student Volunteers Council) and Keira Wilson (Student Program Coordinator) attend the assembly to discuss volunteer programs coordinated and funded through the Pace Center.
 - The Pace Center has 35-40 ongoing projects. Some current programs include:
 - The Community Action Program, a freshman orientation program
 - After school tutoring programs
 - Habitat for Humanity
 - Animal shelter volunteering
 - The Cherry Tree Club, a program for pre-schoolers from homeless families
 - Sandy Relief work
 - Break out sessions for students
 - Some (but not all) of these programs require training, which the Pace Center provides.
 - The Pace Center will work with grad students to help them find activities in line with their interests that work with their schedules.
 - Keira Wilson has been working at the Pace Center for several months and would appreciate feedback as she is new to the position.
 - Keira invites graduate students to contact her with questions about the Pace Center. Students can also contact her to be added to the Pace Center email list.
- Questions from the assembly:
 - If departmental groups want funding from the Pace Center for activities, there is a formal process for applying?
 - Right now, the process is informal (email Keira); in the fall there will be a more formal process in place.
 - Can students get involved if they just want to volunteer for one afternoon?
 - The Pace Center does have some projects that you can drop in to (ie. Hurricane relief, Habitat). They can also arrange for short projects with a small group of students.
 - Can you talk more about Habitat for Humanity?

- The Pace Center works with Habitat in Trenton. They prefer for you to commit for a full day and there is a training. Currently, a lot of students go during the weekends. Six houses will be built over the summer. Graduate students who are interested in short projects can also get involved in a soup kitchen program that meets two Saturdays a month or get involved by serving as organizers for programming.
 - What are Breakout sessions?
 - An opportunity for students to write proposals to do something in another part of the country. The Pace Center funds six programs; over spring or fall break the students who are chosen run an alternative spring/fall break trip and other students apply to join the trip. This is open to graduate students and involves about 60 hours of work during the semester.
 - More information on Breakout sessions [here](#)
 - What are some examples of Breakout sessions?
 - Hunger and Homelessness – Washington DC. Students involved took the food stamp challenge.
 - Sioux nation - South Dakota
 - Education entrepreneurship – Boston
 - Arts and Social Change – Philadelphia; working with artists who build murals
- Friederike Funk (President) asks for volunteers for the Community Walk, a new program consisting of guided off-campus tours for new students. There will be a Walk for both graduate and undergraduate students on September 14 as part of the orientation programming. Student tour guides are needed. It is also possible to serve on the executive board planning the Community Walk. Anyone interested in the walk can learn more [here](#)
 - Mircea Davidescu (EEB, rep) volunteers
- Friederike Funk (President) discusses Communiversity: if anyone wants to be involved in running a GSG booth either this year or next year they can contact her.
- Simon Fuchs (Treasurer) discusses the GSG Events Board, which he chairs
 - Simon is looking for several new members to join the Events Board
 - The Events Board meets every two weeks to discuss funding requests. The Board has 7 members and 3 open spots currently. Everyone can apply for funding from Events Board on the GSG website.
 - Shilpa Nadimpalli (COS, rep) and Kityan Choi (AOS, rep, USLC) are interested in joining the Board.
- Rachael Barry (Communications Director) discusses the Princeton Research Symposium
 - A gathering organized and by grad students, research staff and postdocs in October. There will be talks and poster presentations and diverse participation from the various disciplines. It is a judged symposium with awards for the best talks and posters. The event organizers (listed [here](#)) are looking for further volunteers to organize the event, judges and presenters. Contact Rachael or the event organizers if you're interested in participating.

- [Website for last year's symposium](#)
- Quentin Berthet (Social Chair) discusses the GSG Furniture Drive, which is he is organizing and will take place June 4-5:
 - Undergraduates donate furniture to the drive, and the proceeds are donated to charity. Volunteers are needed to help with the drive.
 - [See the Furniture Drive website for more information](#)
 - Carolann Buff (MUS, rep) suggests that we better publicize the event so that people who are donating or purchasing know the proceeds are for charity.
 - Julia Wittes (Secretary): is there any way to carry away large items, such as couches?
 - It's usually possible to bring cars close by.
- Mary Kang (Academic Affairs Chair) discusses the plan to rewrite SCORE (Student Course Online Registration Engine)
 - Mary is heading a group to improve SCORE and needs 4-5 volunteers for a short session in two weeks to evaluate the current SCORE site
 - Volunteers for the short session:
 - Pablo Mosterio (PHY, rep)
 - Kyle Bond (REL, rep)
 - Tsvetelina Churalska (ARC, rep)
 - This summer, a group called the Score Project Team will meet once a week to rewrite SCORE.
 - Kyle Bond (REL, rep) suggests that Princeton IT resources in general need to be upgraded.
 - Mike Campanell (PPL, rep): there are frequently long periods of time when the SCORE website is down for maintenance.
 - Kyle Keller (Vice President) will look into this
- Kyle Keller (Vice President) discusses the process of making nominations to the Priorities Committee of the CPUC (Council of the Princeton University Community)
 - CPUC is the governing board for the University, and has 50 members, including top administrators and the University president. There are a number of subcommittees, of which the Priorities Committee (or Pricom) is the most important. However, it also requires the greatest time commitment. Pricom meets twice a week during the fall semester and its job is to set the priorities for how the University allocates its budget.
 - In the past, it has been difficult to get graduate student reps who can reliably make the meetings.
 - Carolann Buff (MUS, rep) is interested
 - Felix Rietmann (HOS, rep): when is the deadline?
 - Kyle: we don't have a firm deadline yet. Applying will involve an application with a personal statement.
 - Felix Reitmann (HOS, rep): if this is so important, why wasn't applying for this position more broadly publicized?
 - Friederike Funk (President): we sent out a global email with all the relevant information on Monday. In the future, we will try to send out the email earlier.

- Carolann Buff (MUS, rep): when she was on CPUC last year she observed that it was difficult to get graduate students to come to all of the meetings.
- Kyle Keller discusses CPUC elections
 - Graduate student membership in the committees
 - Executive Committee – 2 seats (one is the GSG president)
 - Priorities Committee (Pricom) – 2 seats
 - Governance Committee – 1 seat
 - Judicial Committee – 1 seat
 - Resources Committee – 1 seat
 - Rights and Rules Committee – 2 seats
 - There is a general meeting of the CPUC 6 times a year
 - Carolann Buff (MUS, rep): sat on the Judicial Committee last year. She says that it didn't meet very often but that it was interesting.
 - Tom Morrell (CHM) is interesting in serving on the Judicial Committee
 - Rachael Barry (Communications Director) is interested in serving on the Rights and Rules Committee.
 - Tsvetelina Churalska (ARC, rep): is CPUC membership open to non-GSG members?
 - Kyle: yes; the GSG selects which graduate students are nominated for these committees. The CPUC elections will be held at the next GSG assembly meeting.
- Friederike Funk (President) runs through a brief report of the GSG Exec's activities for the month of March.
 - GSG Events Board funding coming from the Davis International Center (\$3000) are now divided into two subfunds, coming from the Davis International Center and its Advisory Board (DICAB): half of the money is to support events that foster interactions between international students and non-international students, the other half is for events that foster the interaction of undergraduate and graduate students.
 - Friederike will be meeting with the Davis International Center to discuss the change of visa options for incoming graduate students. Specifically, incoming students can decide if they would like to apply for a J-1 or an F-1 visa.
 - Simon Fuchs (Treasurer) and Friederike Funk will meet with the Office of Sustainability soon. If there are any issues related to sustainability at Princeton that you would like them to bring up please contact them.
 - Friederike and Kyle Keller (VP) are working as part of the Ad Hoc Committee on Frist Programming to create a survey to help identify ways to improve the student experience at Frist. The committee is co-chaired by Amanda Zeltner (Director of Frist Campus Center Programs) and Ella Cheng ('16, USG Senator). The GSG would also like to use this opportunity to look into the increasing the summer hours and potentially developing a graduate student lounge.
 - April Williams (Facilities Chair) will attend a housing meeting to discuss the selection of furniture for the new Lakeside housing complex. If anyone has any input, please contact April.

- Room draw is in process and will soon be completed
- The Exec board is in the process of making much-needed improvements to the GSG website. Any feedback is appreciated.
- Shane Blackman (Special Events Chair) is working to organize future GSG parties. Anyone with suggestions for planning the parties should contact Shane.
- Andreana Kenrick (Health and Life Chair) is working to organize a graduate student team for the NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) Stomp Out Stigma 5K Walk, to be held on May 18. To get involved, please contact Andreana or visit the event site [here](#).
- Open forum
 - Kityan Choi (AOS, rep, USLC): do we need guest speakers?
 - Friederike: we started doing it last year, we don't always have to do it
 - Kyle Bond (REL, rep): other universities subsidize coffee if you bring your own mug. We only subsidize by 25 cents. Can we promote mug-re-use by dropping prices?
 - Friederike says she can look into it
 - Daniell Rowles (MOL, Lawrence Committee rep): Lawrence has an e-waste recycling drive (for things like old chargers or cellphones) that other graduate students could be a part of. She suggests that the various housing committees might find a way to interact and points out that Stanworth doesn't have a housing committee.
 - Kityan: it would be nice if off-campus students could also contribute.
 - A visitor points out that Olivia Martel may be a good point of contact
- Tim Brandt (AST, rep) motion to adjourn and Kyle Keller seconds the motion. The meeting is adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Graduate Student Government Assembly Meeting – April 10, 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.
Attendance: 33

Dept/ Group	Representative/ Delegate Name	Proxy Name	Present/ Initials
Academic Department Representatives			
ANT	Anna Offit		
ARC	Tsvetelina Churalska		TsCh
ART	Jamie Kwan		JK
AST	Tim Brandt		TB
CBE	Lichao Cai		
CEE	Mary Kang		MK
CHM	Sean Edington		
CLA	Paul Touyz		
COM	Cate Reilly		
COS	Shilpa Nadimpalli		SW
EAS	(vacant)		
ECO	Doron Ravid		DR
EEB	Mircea Davidescu		MD
ELE	Sourindra Chaudhuri		
ENG	Mollie Eisenberg		
FIT	Natalie Berkman		
GEO	Kyle Samperton		
GER	Frederic Ponten		
HIS	Ian Ward		
MAE	Paola Libraro		
MAT	Ila Varma		
MOL	April Williams		AW
MUS	Carolann Buff		CB
NES	Edgar Melgar		EM
ORF	Quentin Berthet		QB
PHI	(vacant)		
PHY	Pablo Mosterio		PM
POL	Baxter Oliphant		BO
PSY	Kyle Keller		KK
REL	Kyle Bond		KB
SLA	Denis Zhernokleyev		
SOC	Alf Garcia		
SPO	Lisa Hirschmann		
WWS	Marco De Leon		
Academic Program Representatives			
APC	(vacant)		
AOS	Kityan Choi		KC
HOS	Felix Rietmann		FR
NEU	Angelina Sylvain		
POP	Amy Winter		
PPL	Mike Campanell		MC
Housing Group Delegates			
BUT	Mike Campanell		MC
GCO	Lizette Taguchi		
STA			
LAW	Dima Gorenshteyn		DG
MIL	Steve Hassani		
OFF	(vacant)		
Voting Special Interest Delegates			
BGC	Tau Shanklin Roberts		
WOC	(vacant)		
Non-Voting Special Interest Delegates			
ACSS	Tianshu Sun		
CIGS	(Weining Man)		

Office/ Cmte	Name	Proxy Name	Present/ Initials
GSG Officers			
President	Friederike Funk		FF
VP	Kyle Keller		KK
Secretary	Julia Wittes		JW
CommDir	Rachael Barry		RB
Treas	Simon Fuchs		SWF
SpcEvts	Shane Blackman		SB
Aca Aff	Mary Kang		MK
Facilities	April Williams		AW
H& L	Andreana Kenrick		ACK
SocChr	Quentin Berthet		QB
CPUC Delegates			
CPUC	Carolann Buff		CB
CPUC	Joseph D’Silva		
CPUC	Marco De Leon		
CPUC	Stephanie Durden		
CPUC	Kyle Keller		KK
CPUC	Chad Maisel		
CPUC	Giri Parameswaran		
CPUC Committees			
Exec	Chad Maisel		
Exec	Stephanie Durden		
Priorities	Marco De Leon		
Priorities	Denis Zhernokleyev		
Gov	Kyle Keller		KK
Judicial	Carolann Buff		CB
Resource	Joseph D’Silva		
Rights	Olga Lositsky		
Rights	Angelina Sylvain		
Friends of the GSG			
DSL	Lisa Schreyer		LS
CPC	Olivia Martel		
Other Student Delegates			
CampRec	April Williams		AW
USLC	Anna Offit		
USLC	Kityan Choi		KC
HlthAdv	Heather Kugelmass		
Guests And Others Present			
Dept.	Name		
PHY	Jiri Stehlik		
CHM	Tom Morrell		
COS	Ana Bell		
MOL	Daniell Rowles		
MOL	Sarah Grady		
PSY	Katie Hansen		
MOL	Lauren Anllo		
MOL	Jesse Hwang		