

GSG Assembly Agenda

Wednesday 8 April, 6pm

1. Welcome
2. Minutes
 - a. GSG Assembly, Wednesday 11 March
 - b. Executive Committee Minutes
3. Reports
 - a. Chair
 - b. Academic Affairs Committee
 - c. Campus Relations Committee
 - d. Facilities Committee
 - e. Health & Life Committee
4. CPUC Elections
5. Decision Items
 - a. Mid Year Budget Review
 - b. House Keeping - omitted
 - c. Vacating Inactive Seats - omitted
6. Discussion Items
 - a. UHS Services "Wish List"
 - b. Sustainability – Printing Policy
 - c. Job Market Discussion
 - d. APGA Career Mixers
 - e. Orientation - omitted
7. New Business
8. Close
 - a. Next Meeting – Wednesday 22 April, 6pm, Corwin 12

1. Welcome

The meeting commenced at 6:10pm at a new venue, 127 Corwin Hall. Quorum was confirmed before the proceeding with approval of the March 11 2008 minutes.

2. Minutes

a. Approval of the minutes for the March 11, 2008 GSG meeting

The link for the minutes was sent out two days ago, and no comments were received. A motion was made to approve the minutes; the motion passed by voice vote.

b. Executive Committee Minutes

These minutes will be posted with the previous month's minutes in the future.

3. Reports

a. Chair's report

Giri Parameswaran (Chair) submitted the Chair's report in advance to Assembly via e-mail:

1. Health Issues

a. Mental Health Initiative

- Contacted Gina Abrams, Director of Health Promotions and Wellness Services at UHS, to get suggestions about how best to promote mental health issues amongst the graduate community.
- Too late in the year to feasibly get something together at this stage. We will be working over the next few months towards planning initiatives for next year.

b. UHS Services for Graduate Students

- Jeff and I met with Director of UHS, John Kolligian, to discuss how UHS can better serve grad students, and what role the GSG can play in promoting/tackling health issues.
- Putting together a "wish-list" of things we'd like to see UHS do, or do better.
- Advertising UHS promotions and events at Grad residences.

c. Peer mentoring and other programming

- UHS coordinates 4 peer-advising programs - Eating Concerns Advisors, Health Minds Advisors, Sexual Health Advisors, and SHARE (Sexual Harassment & Assault).
- Programs designed to raise awareness, provide education and serve as a resource for other students. Student advisors trained by medical/psychological experts at UHS. Programs include depression screenings, dealing with test anxiety discussions about gender stereotyping and so on.
- Open to all students, although so far predominantly used by undergraduates. Keen for graduate involvement. Apply online (www.princeton.edu/uhs/health-tips-prevention/peer-advising/) – deadline Monday 13 April.
- LGBT center coordinates LGBT Peer Education Program. Apply online (<http://www.princeton.edu/lgbt/resources/peered.htm>) to become an LGBT Peer Educator.

d. Privacy concerns

- Some students raised concerns about patient confidentiality, and whether prospective employers or insurance firms could find out if they accessed Counseling or Psychological Services at UHS.
- UHS guaranteed that all patient info is strictly confidential. UHS will only release info with patient's authorization.

2. CPUC Meeting

- Last meeting on Mon 30 April. Presentations by UHS Director, Alcohol Coalition and USG on Sustainability.
- The USG is proposing a new printing policy whereby printer default setting will print 2-sheets per page (in addition to double sided printing). Further considering implementing a 3000 page quota – with some flexibility (if students can demonstrate need for larger quota) and option to purchase additional printing credits.

- Next meeting on Mon 4 May. Items on agenda include appraisal of shuttle system, discussion of university capital plan, update on graduate enrolment.
3. Orientation
 - Kevin has been working on a proposal to provide optional information seminars/panels during Orientation period on variety of issues, such as Student Health plan, OIT services, Career services etc.
 - Looking to make this information available on GSG website (as well), and perhaps to compile a handbook for all incoming students, similar to, but more expansive than GC House Committee's 'Guide to the Universe'.
 4. Writer's for Daily Princetonian
 - Need graduate student columnists – either to write a one-off/sporadic article, or to make regular monthly contributions. Email opinion@dailyprincetonian.com with your submission or for more info.
 5. Other Items
 - a. Survey
 - Brainstorming session went well. The ideas that were generated will be emailed to Assembly list (soon), for further feedback.
 - b. Website
 - OIT denied our request to have access to the Roxon system.
 - Jeff and Bill are investigating new software options for the GSG website, and the possibility of hiring a webmaster to take care of website issues & archiving.
 - c. Orientation for newly admitted students of colour.
 - Raghu, Rose and I attended a "Meet the GSG Representatives" event as part of this program.
 - d. Message Calendar
 - Annie is putting together a message calendar to try to give some focus/direction to the GSG's advocacy and information goals. The current theme is Housing.
 6. Save the Date
 - Tuesday 14 April, 6pm – APGA Engineering Career Mixer (Friend Convocation Room)
 - Wednesday 22 April, 6pm – GSG Town Hall Meeting (Corwin 127)
 - Monday 4 May, 4:30pm – CPUC Meeting (Betts Auditorium)

b. Academic Affairs Committee

The following is Silvia and Kevin's report to Assembly:

The AAC met or emailed with members of OIT, Emily Schandley (Associate Director of University Scheduling), and Mahlon Lovett (the Princeton Weekly Bulletin editor) in February and March to discuss the possibility of implementing the Princeton Research Networks first phases, namely an improved university events calendar and an online forum for disseminating research within the University community. We discovered from OIT that the University

Calendar is being replaced with the Resource25 program in Sept 09, and Emily Schandley is leading that transition. We also learned that new technology that will be introduced in the fall (mysite.princeton.edu, Sharepoint, DataSpace) will meet most of the needs outlined in the PRN. We are planning to coordinate with OIT to make sure this important new technology is introduced during orientation next fall. We also followed up with Emily Schandley, and will be working with her and her committee between now and next fall to make sure that the new version of R25/University Calendar will meet grad student needs as laid out in the PRN memo.

Following our meeting with the associate Dean for Research, we are in talks with Dave Herrington from Data Administration Services, to get a quote for the building of a searchable database of funding opportunities, which will hopefully eventually be hosted on the GS website.

One of our members--Kevin Collins-- proposed starting a University-wide Math Camp over the summers to help incoming/first year students brush up on calculus, statistics and possibly differential equations. The possibility of ending the course with a few days or a week of department-specific applications was also raised. We plan to bring this idea up with Dean Russel when we meet with him to discuss the graduate funding database.

The AAC convened on March 31. Unfortunately, in planning the meeting, two committee members resigned, so we are looking for new volunteers to participate in the survey of the grad student body, preparing for orientation, the math camp and the Princeton-PhD only postdoctoral positions (which we are discussing tonight).

b. Campus Relations Committee

The following is Christina's report to Assembly:

This month, I attended a meeting with University Facilities representatives where we discussed the GSG Furniture Drive and how to reduce trash and increase donations during end-of-the-year move-out. I have a meeting scheduled with Erin Metro, the University liaison for this event, next Tuesday. Anyone who is interested in helping out with the furniture drive (planning, advertisement, working there) should contact me, because I will start having meetings about it soon.

Among the biggest issues involved are: trying to figure out optimal number of tents and where to locate them, how to increase participation by seniors, and how to prevent clothes and furniture from being thrown out - increase donations. I will be working with undergraduates, who conduct a clothing drive around the same time, in an effort to raise awareness and increase donations to both events. A question for Assembly: would grad students be interested in participating in the clothing drive? During the meeting, we also discussed advertising the Furniture Drive to University staff, and those at the meeting seemed to believe people would be interested both in attending and even volunteering at the event

In terms of the APGA Social Science mixer, turnout was very low, and with the upcoming Engineering mixer on April 14th, we are looking for ways to increase turnout. I think the GSG should send out a global advertising it on the day of the event, and representatives from engineering departments should be sure to email their constituents. **The turnout for the natural sciences mixer was low as well, and if we do not increase participation, the APGA may decide not to hold these events in the future.** Any ideas about how to advertise more effectively are welcome - please send me an email or talk to me after the meeting.

Finally, if you have any ideas about how to improve the grad student image or to raise our profile in the university community, please feel free to contact me.

c. Facilities Committee

The report was emailed to Assembly in advance.

Long-term Housing

The GSG was recently given an update regarding Princeton's long term graduate housing plans.

The current economic situation has caused changes to Princeton's capital improvement program. Specifically, the University hopes to continue with the housing plan with no capital investment. The majority of the housing plan remains unchanged and on-schedule, with the University maintaining its commitment to house 70% of graduate students.

The plan as previously announced would have made Hibben and Magie entirely graduate housing (instead of 50% graduate students and 50% faculty/staff as it is now), converted Stanworth Apartments to graduate housing (from faculty/staff) and razed Butler Apartments. Furthermore, Hibben and Magie were to be extensively renovated.

The Hibben/Magie renovations would have required significant funds which are no longer available. In order to improve this property without cost, the University is exploring the possibility of partnering with an outside developer. Butler Apartments are still on schedule to be razed during the summer of 2012, at which time graduate students will occupy most of Stanworth Apartments (unless sufficient additional units are built at Hibben/Magie beyond its current capacity).

Read more at: <http://gsg.princeton.edu/main/Housing+memo+2009-04-08>

Campus Shuttle

Transportation and Parking Services (TPS), in consultation with the Graduate Student Government, made several changes to the shuttle system that went into effect Monday, March 23, affecting users of the Express line, Campus Circulator, and evening on-demand service.

* The GSG Parking & Transportation Committee recommended these changes based on our analysis of the shuttle ridership data and the feedback we've received from students. Below we list the changes, and our full memo describes their relevance for you and provides the rationale for these changes.

* SERVICE CHANGES

- 1) The morning Express line will no longer stop at the Graduate College.
- 2) The Campus Circulator will run every 15 minutes (instead of 30 minutes) in the morning.
- 3) The morning Express line will run every 10 minutes and will be extended until 11:30am.
- 4) The afternoon Express line will be discontinued and the Campus Circulator will increase afternoon capacity.
- 5) Updated schedules will be posted at all stops.
- 6) Misuse of the on-demand service will be reduced.
- 7) The Central line will stop service at 7pm (instead of 9pm).

Read more at: <http://gsg.princeton.edu/main/Shuttle+memo+2009-03-20>

OIT/Computing

OIT is working on their PrintLess campaign (<http://www.princeton.edu/printless>) to reduce the amount of printing by students, particularly in the libraries and computer clusters. OIT and the USG recently made a presentation at the CPUC meeting (Monday, March 30) about their proposals. These do not affect departmental printers unless they use OIT's print release stations.

- OIT has decided to change the default settings of cluster and library printers to automatically print 2 pages per side (in addition to duplex printing) to reduce paper use. The GSG will speak to them to ask that printing 1-2 page documents print normally (1 page per side) as this uses the same amount of paper.
- OIT is considering implementing a quota of 3000 pages per student per year. Additional allocations would then be made on a case-by-case basis upon electronic written request (without much hassle for reasonable requests). If this policy is adopted in the future, OIT will have the ability to set different quotas for different groups. The 3000 page limit is currently proposed for undergraduates (where the average current printing is approximately 1200 pages). The GSG should consider if this limit would also be appropriate for grad students. We are currently concerned about many situations where grad students are required to print more than they would normally for personal use, such as TAing classes, printing documents for one's advisor or thesis committee, or for presentation handouts.
- OIT is planning to provide PDF annotation software to allow students to make notes directly onto PDF files on their computers. OIT already provides free printing to PDF through \\ntprintserver\Send_Me_PDF . Students can also purchase discounted copies of Adobe Acrobat Professional for \$60 from the PSR Web Store (<https://psr.princeton.edu>) or in person in the Software Sales office in Frist.
- Some students have also proposed that OIT charge a per-page fee for printing above the quota. OIT has not specifically endorsed this suggestion, but will also consider it as an option. There are a number of ways this could be implemented if it is seriously considered.

Move-out and recycling

Along with Greening Princeton, we have met with Building Services regarding expanding the University's electronics recycling program to include students' personal items and having on-campus drop-off locations (for items like computers, cell phones, etc). Currently Princeton Twp residents can drop off computers for recycling - see:

http://www.princetontwp.org/computer_recycling.html

This definitely applies to all grad apartment residents (except Edwards Pl) which are located in Princeton Township. Other grad housing (GC, Annexes, Edwards Pl.) is in Princeton Borough and may or may not be eligible - call them to ask.

Along with our Campus Relations chair, we have also met with Building Services to improve the sustainability of the move-out process (for grads and undergrads). We currently coordinate the GSG Furniture Drive (to resell furniture donated by leaving undergrads to grad students). We also want to permit grad students to donate furniture and other large items when they move-out which can then be saved to sell or donate to new graduate students when they move in. We are investigating the feasibility of setting up storage locations at graduate housing locations.

See: <http://gsg.princeton.edu/main/Sustainability>

Election Software

We are planning to meet with OIT to discuss the creation of new web-based software to run the GSG's annual elections. The current software provided by OIT is very difficult to program and lacks some useful features. The USG is already planning to pay the University to develop new election software, so we will participate in that process to get our features included at a lower cost than having something made or setup independently.

GSG Website

The GSG has been unable to get permission to use the University's Roxen content management system for our own website. There are some difficulties in maintaining the software installed for our new website. We are planning to upgrade or change the software package, and will look to hire a student webmaster (preferably a grad student) with technical skills (Unix, scripting, html/css). If anyone is interested in the position, please contact gsg@princeton.edu. Presumably (with Assembly approval) this position would provide a small amount of compensation.

d. Health & Life Committee

No report was submitted.

e. Social chair

Raja reported on the newly formed Social Committee and planning for an end-of-year party and a laser tag trip:

First meeting of the Social Committee took place April 6th 2009. The Committee is currently:

- Social Chair - Jasdave Chahal (Mol Bio, chahal@)
- Khee-Gan Lee (Astro, lee@)
- Brandon Stackhouse (Geo, btstacks@gmail.com)

We discussed two imminent events:

1. End of Year Party intended to be May 23rd, held at the GC. Have discussed this briefly with Olivia Martel (Community Programs Coordinator) and Christian Bienia (GC House Committee member, cbienia@) brainstorming logistics of the party. Over the next few weeks we will discuss the possibility of using the outdoor quad area of the OGC for serving alcohol, and using both Proctor Hall and the Commons for music/dancing so the party can be more or less contiguous with the DBar. Planning is ongoing, ideas/suggestions requested from assembly as always
2. A smaller event for late April/early May, Chahal suggesting a weekend laser-tag trip to be partially subsidized by the GSG Events Board. He will prepare a proposal for the Events Board this month.

4. CPUC Elections

a. Election of graduate student representatives to the CPUC Standing Committees

As Parliamentary Chair, Kevin Collins held the responsibility of conducting the following elections, along with two non-voting appointees, Christina Hultholm (Campus relations chair) and Silvia Bulow (Academic Affairs committee chair). Because Kevin was also a candidate for the Governance committee graduate student member, Aurelien Fraisse (Corresponding secretary, next in line to fulfill the duties of Parliamentary secretary) conducted the Governance committee election. Contested elections were conducted by written ballot, where candidates would be ranked by voters (instant runoff voting) except where noted. In elections with multiple open positions, IRV was still applicable.

1. Resources committee

Ben McKean (one uncontested candidate for one position) was voted to the position by hand vote (no objections). The following is his submitted statement:

Hi, my name is Ben McKean and I'm asking you to re-elect me to the Resources Committee of the CPUC. My apologies for not being able to attend in person, as I am out of town to celebrate Passover with friends and family.

I have served on the Resources Committee for the past two years and in that capacity, I have worked on a number of issues. At the start of my tenure, the Committee addressed the University's anti-sweatshop policy. As I reported to the GSG at the time, the University adopted some of the committee's recommendations by joining the Worker Rights Consortium (WRC), an independent monitoring group that reports on the wages and working conditions of the factories where Princeton logo apparel is made. The Resources Committee also explored some additional steps regarding the University's investments and Darfur beyond the simple direct divestment already ordered by the Board of Trustees. More recently, the Resources Committee has focused on issues of proxy voting and the transparency of the University's investment strategy. There has been considerable student and faculty interest in these issues and I'm hopeful that significant progress can be made on them in the coming year.

Unfortunately, one of the main challenges I've faced in my time on the committee has simply been getting the Committee itself to convene. Faculty chairs Nolan McCarty and Mark Watson were each consecutively selected as interim deans of the Woodrow Wilson School, which has made it very difficult for them to prioritize the work of the committee. Nevertheless, I have worked with Bob Durkee for the past several months to try to get the Committee to meet at least once this spring so that it can hit the ground running in the fall.

I hope you will re-elect me to the Resources Committee so that I can help get the Committee up and running again. I also hope to change the nature of the Committee so that it meets more regularly, without its convening requiring any special effort. I look forward to being in more regular communication with the GSG this coming year so that grad students can be represented as effectively as possible.

2. Governance Committee

Three candidates ran for one open position. Kevin Collins was elected to the position with 10 of the 18 primary votes (IRV redistribution of votes from third-ranked candidate was not necessary). The following is a list of the candidates and their submitted statements:

a. Kevin Collins (Politics, Parliamentary Secretary)

1. *I am a third year graduate student in the politics department and have served in the GSG for several years now. I am the Politics Department rep and the Parliamentary Secretary, and formerly served on the Academic Affairs and Facilities Committees. I would like to add to this service by being the next graduate student representative of the Governance committee. My academic background in political science and my familiarity with the internal governance of the GSG as its sitting Parliamentary Secretary have prepared me particularly well for a post on the governance committee, and I hope you will support my candidacy.*

b. Aryeh Amihay (Religious Studies dept.)

1. *Aryeh Amihay, 3rd year Grad Student at the Dept of Religion, working on Law and Society in the Dead Sea Scrolls. I have served as departmental representative to the GSG two years ago (2006-2007) and then on the graduate committee of the department. I am seeking to being involved in the graduate body, and would be happy to contribute my share a representative to either the Governance Committee or the Judicial Committee (or both, as the case may be).
Thank you for your vote of confidence*

c. Ismaiel Yaku (Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering dept.)

3. Judicial Committee

Two candidates ran for one open position: Aryeh Amihay (Religious Studies dept.; see Governance committee election for statement) and Barry Zee (Molecular biology dept., no submitted statement). Mr. Amihay won the election with 15 of 18 votes.

4. Priorities Committee (“Pri-Comm”)

Three candidates ran for two positions. Aurelien Fraisse and Ben Brooks received the most votes and were elected to Pri-comm.

a. Caleb Cohoe (Philosophy dept.)

1. *Caleb expressed his belief in the importance of have grad student representation in the University’s budget priorities, especially in the present economic situation. His relevant previous experience included being on the allocation & computing committee in his home department and in setting his own family budgets.*

b. Ben Brooks (Economics dept.) – submitted the following written statement:

1. *Hello, all! My apologies that I could not be present for the election. I trust everyone is aware that I am a candidate for a grad student seat on the Priorities Committee. I am very excited to be running for this position. As previously a candidate for ParSec, I have been looking for opportunities to get involved with graduate student advocacy at Princeton. I think this position presents a unique way to get to know how the university functions, and to understand how we as graduate students fit into the greater university community. I believe that as a member of this committee, I can make a valuable contribution to graduate student life, and the administration of the university.*

This is a difficult time for the economy and the university, but as one of the grad student reps to the committee, I will work hard so that any changes that have to be made in the budget will be made in an intelligent and equitable manner. This position is particularly well suited to my experience; in my hometown in Massachusetts, I served for a year as a student representative to the regional school committee, that similarly had to make difficult budget decisions.

I expect that serving on the committee will be a considerable time committment, with bi-weekly meetings in the fall and more time learning the background of the budgetary needs of the different departments. Rest assured that I will apply myself diligently to this position, and in addition to participating in the decisionmaking of the committee, I will make the committee's work as transparent to this assembly as possible, so it too can take part in the conversation. Thanks, and I appreciate your vote!

c. Aurelien Fraisse gave the following statement:

1. *I have decided to run for a position on the CPUC Priorities Committee because I believe I am very well positioned to represent the graduate student body and to serve the University community as a whole. As GSG Corresponding Secretary, I am*

responsible for coordinating the communication between the GSG and the graduate student body, and between the GSG and the University administration. In particular, I handle all of the e-mail sent to gsg@, and I participate in the weekly meetings of the GSG Executive Committee, during which most of the issues affecting graduate students are discussed. This involvement allows me to capture a very complete picture of graduate students' concerns, and of the priorities for which we should advocate. Moreover, as an outgoing member of the CPUC, I have closely followed the discussions on the current financial situation of the University, which will allow me to get off to a quick start. I have also been given the chance to hear the concerns of many other groups within the University, including undergrads, postdocs and faculty members. Since the goal of a representative to any CPUC standing committee is to serve the University community as a whole, this experience will be invaluable. For these reasons, I ask for your support and your vote in this election, and I thank you for your consideration.

5. Rights and Rules committee

There were two nominees for two positions:

- a. Stephanie Goldfarb is a second year graduate student MAE. Having just completed her generals exam, Stephanie has become interested in reduced scheduling requirements. Stephanie also expressed her interest in addressing grad student parking options and reforming housing system priorities.
- b. Rose Ndong is a graduate student in the Chemical Engineering department and the chair of the Black Graduate Caucus. Rose is interested in involved in GSG.

Motion was moved to accept both nominations. Both candidates were approved by voice vote (none opposed, none objected).

6. CPUC general body members

The following five students were nominated to five open seats for members on the CPUC general body.

1. Jenna Losh (Geosciences; natural sciences)

- a. *Statement: While serving as the GSG's Corresponding Secretary last year, I learned a great deal about the importance of working with University administrators, staff, and undergraduates to both foster communication among the University community and promote the issues and concerns of the graduate student body. I hope to use this opportunity to serve on the CPUC to discuss housing, health care, academic support, and any other issues the GSG would like to see addressed. I feel my experience with the GSG will be helpful in these discussions and look forward to staying involved. Thank you!*

2. Raghu Vinukollu. (Civil and Environmental Engineering; engineering)

3. Caleb Cohoe (Philosophy; humanities)

4. Rose Ndong (Chemical Engineering; engineering)

5. Leigh Lieberman (Art and Archaeology; humanities)

All four divisions of the graduate school (natural sciences, engineering, humanities, and social sciences) were represented when ex-officio members are included [(Giri Parameswaran

(Economics; social sciences) and Kevin Collins (Politics; social sciences)]. A motion was made to accept all candidates; the motion passed by voice vote with no objections.

b. Election of the graduate student representative to the President's Advisory Committee on Architecture (PACA)

Two candidates ran for one position. Ashley Thrall was voted in as the new PACA rep.

1. Praveena Joseph-de-Saram, current PACA representative and representative to the molecular biology department, was not present.
2. Ashley Thrall (Civil and Environmental Engineering)
 - a. *Ashley is a third year graduate student in Civil & Environmental Engineering and the rep for her department. Ashley's PhD research focuses on structural art using minimal material, particularly minimizing the use of steel and concrete, widely used materials that have a large negative impact on the environment. Because of her research focus, Ashley felt she could make a contribution to minimizing the environmental impact of the university's future architectural plans.*

c. Additional committees and proxies

1. Silvia Bulow volunteered to proxy for Kelly Kearney (Health and Life Chair) for a meeting of the Healthier Advisor Board, to be held on Friday May 8, 8am-3pm.
2. Jolyon Thomas (Religious Studies dept.) agreed to fill in for Jenna Losh at the Princeton Sustainability Committee on Thursday May 14, 12pm.
3. Estienne Stewart (EEB) agreed to attend meetings for the Princeton Environmental Network on April 10, 21 and May 8 to help plan Earth Week/Month.
4. Jolyon Thomas (Religious Studies dept.) agreed to serve on the Labyrinth Students Advisory Committee.

5. Decision Items

- a. Raghu Vinukollu presented the Mid-year budget review (see April 2009 budget review.xls)

Raghu moved that that the GSG Assembly reallocates \$860.94 from the 'Winter Social Event' budget to fund an End of Year Party. (The GSG House Committee gives 1000\$ to Events Board so that the Events Board will decide how to allocate their money.) The motion was seconded and passed by hand vote with one opposed.

Christina suggested that the GSG allocate additional money in this year's budget for the furniture drive to cover the cost of renting a van and hiring a driver to deliver purchased furniture to the homes of buyers. Christina estimated a cost of \$200.

Assembly discussed budgeting allowance for the upcoming Ivy Summit (to be hosted by Princeton in 2010). Raghu suggested implementing a cap on the total amount a given organization can request from the Events Board, given that we have to save money for the Ivy Summit. At this point, the Graduate School has committed spending up to 50% of the total cost.

The total cost of holding the event at Princeton's campus is expected to be a max of \$15,000 (For comparison, Harvard spent \$20,000 last year).

Concerns were raised about prioritizing the Ivy Summit over other events held for the graduate student body. The Ivy summit is an event that few can and do attend, and students are not aware of the direct impact that sending representatives to the Ivy summits has on the graduate student body.

Kevin Collins (Parliamentary secretary) argued for several reasons to prioritize the Ivy Summit in the budget:

- a. Hosting the Ivy summit is an obligation that all attendees (including Ivy League graduate schools and several other schools) share on a rotation schedule.
- b. Princeton's turn to host the Ivy Summit occurs once every 8 years but budgeting for it is concentrated in a few years in advance
- c. The attendees at the Summit are
- d. Panels on insurance plans – now getting bids

b. Housekeeping items

This decision item was omitted from the meeting.

c. Vacating inactive seats

This decision item was omitted from the meeting.

6. Discussion Items

a. UHS Services "Wish List"

b. Sustainability issue: printing policy

Changes to the printing policy were described earlier (see the OIT/computing section of the facilities report; see also <http://www.princeton.edu/printless>)

The following issues/concerns about charging graduate students were voiced at the meeting:

1. Psychology - small fines for bad behaviors give people a sense they are buying the right to abuse a privilege - perverse message
2. Preceptors - if you ban laptops in class, people need to print more (both grads and undergrads)
3. Quotas/ fines for grads - print for research reasons (e.g. reading papers)
4. some departments don't have printing outside of libraries/clusters
5. 1200 is not the average grad student printing. 3k might be conservative for some.
6. Some documents already are already in pdfs that are 2 per page
7. Any quotas shouldn't disproportionately affect departments which need to print more.

8. E-mail to request increased quota is reasonable. use quota to set the culture without limiting anyone outright
9. Need faculty support - some require students to print things for class.
10. certain classes that are printing a lot might get increased quota, or certain departments who legitimately need to print a lot
11. Shame list - publicize (electronically) the biggest abusers
12. Conflation of abuse versus use. Interlibrary loan from abroad or print an online copy of the book?
13. Scanning is very difficult - very hard to find auto-document-feeder scanners. Need more.
14. Printing duplex takes ~5X as long per page because the printers are so old. Printing 2 pages per side also takes longer, especially from student computers, since the software takes a long time to process.
15. Also delays waiting for printers in firestone if duplex printing takes longer, it takes longer before your printout comes out.

Assembly discussed the idea of charging students beyond a capped number for annual printed pages. Jeff and Bill (Facilities committee) agreed to obtain statistics on grad student printing from OIT to support such a cap -- with exceptions.

c. Job Market Discussion

Yaron Ayalon (Academic Affairs committee, Firestone Library subcommittee) initiated a discussion on how to bolster CV's for humanities students in the current economic situation. While Yaron did not attend the meeting, he emailed his discussion points to Assembly in advance:

1. The number of applicants per job/post-docs has risen significantly. The average # of applicants for a humanities post-doc this year was near 500 for 2-3 slots. For positions in my field, Middle East history, where as you can imagine there is great demand in recent years, there are around 100 applications for one position. In other less "popular" fields like US history or English, the number of applicants per position can exceed 500.
2. One used to be able to get a tenure track position/post-doc while still in grad school with the assumption that graduation will happen between hiring and the following fall semester. This is almost impossible now. I know that in the humanities even post-docs already have their degrees in hand when applying. This raises the question: if one needs the PhD in hand to get a job, what does one do between graduation and the job the year after? At Princeton, the university stops funding us/terminates DCE status once we defend.
3. DCE is a good idea for those who cannot finish their dissertation on time, but not so much for those who can. It potentially extends your funding by a year, but does not offer the 2 most important things that are also the major drawback for Princeton

PhD's: teaching experience with your own classes (not as a preceptor), and the degree in hand. I think we need to advocate for a solution for grad students who cannot secure even temporary academic employment for their first year after graduation, something like: you defend your dissertation, get the degree, and stay another year on campus, teach part time (1 course a semester that you design with the supervision of a more experienced faculty), and get paid like a grad student (~25K\$). That way, the university holds to its principle that only PhD's teach classes and saves money by hiring relatively cheap adjunct labor, which it would need to bring in any way at a higher cost because the demand is still going to be there. I think this kind of a solution is especially crucial for those graduating from departments where they have no alternative but to seek an academic position (most of the humanities and the social sciences are like that).

4. Alternatively, the university can give up the principle that only professors teach classes and allow 5th or 6th year grads who have been preceptors before to design and teach a class. But I think # 3 is a better option.

Silvia asked for feedback, especially from Humanities students. Kevin Collins suggested that the GSG think carefully about the strategy of how it advocates, given the economic situation and that graduate students are fortunate to be able to keep what we have. He felt that the GSG should include how our suggestions benefit the rest of the University community in our strategy.

d. Housing

Two new issues were brought up at the meeting:

1. Increased graduate student enrollment may lead to a decrease in percentage of graduate students housed in University-owned housing (from 78% to 70%) if number of beds are kept the same
2. University may privatize renovations and any future construction for grad student housing, as discussed in the facilities report above.

Hilary spoke on behalf for Ben McKean (Resources Committee, CPUC), who was not here

1. Privatization of construction may result in a new "New Lawrence situation" – nice but unaffordable apartments. (However, New Lawrence may not such a good counterpoint, since some recruited students may be satisfied with livability of New Lawrence)
2. we need to voice our concerns before work begins
3. we need to focus on reasonable rents, number of beds, not on nicer apartments

The following additional concerns were voiced at the meeting:

1. The GSG should consider what the organization wants to emphasize as the minimal acceptable requirements to be maintained for graduate student living
2. private companies are going to have to make profit and will lead to increased rents

3. Could University serve as the master tenant, where all rooms are leased out to the University and then leased to students?
4. We should make sure any rent increases from renovations shouldn't outpace stipend increases
5. Graduate students with families who live in Butler, particularly with multiple kids, may not receive adequate accommodations in move to Stanworth apartments
6. Could the Hibben/Magie renovation be done to a lesser extent, or be renovated rather than new building? (According to Jeff, H/M is current with NJ state codes, but Princeton U. has higher building/safety standards)
7. Private companies may not give some of the perks that come with University housing – such as termination of contracts mid-year

e. APGA Career Mixers

Christina Hultholm (Campus relations chair) asked for input for the upcoming APGA engineering graduate student/alumni mixer (to be held April 14, , 6-7:30pm, in the Friend Center Convocation Room). Since very few graduate students attended the recent APGA-sponsored Humanities and Social Sciences mixer, The APGA had asked Christina to collect any advice from graduate students on how to improve attendance at the upcoming SEAS mixer and any future mixers. The following suggestions were made at the meeting:

1. Reasons for low attendance:
 - a. poor relevance – for example, a joint social sciences/humanities mixer may be too broad and serve no one
 - b. graduate students may have “unrealistic optimism” about their career prospects in academia
2. Suggestions for improvement
 - a. Cancel mixers that had poor attendance in the past
 - b. De-stigmatize academic careers
 - c. advertise to everyone – students may be interested in alumni/fields that cross disciplines; for example, natural sciences students may be interested in engineering mixers
 - d. emphasize that some alumni use their PhD expertise in their non-academic jobs

7. Close

The meeting adjourned at 8:12pm. A Towne Hall meeting is to be held on Wednesday 22 April, 6pm, Corwin 12

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