8 August, 2012
August Assembly Meeting
Corwin Hall, Room 127
6:00-7:00pm

- President Chad Maisel calls meeting to order via Skype at 6:10 (quorum met with 10 representatives)
- Minutes from the July meeting approved
- We tabled the campus rec committee election/appointment for a future meeting.

- Chad discussed new student orientation suggestion that he had previously sent around:
  - Proposal is to offer small vouchers to groups of new students who are randomly assigned to meet up after signing up for the program.
  - People generally liked the proposal, Shilpa Nadimpalli suggested to have slightly larger groups (~5 instead of ~3?)

- Tim discussed housing recommendations. Recommendations were sent around before the meeting. Questions/points that came up:
  - How can we better publicize/explain hardship? Change the name?
  - Several students spoke out in favor of changing the name, for example, "Preferential Housing," "Special Priority Housing," etc. Current name is "Hardship/Special Needs" which has negative connotations
  - Agree that we should implement some sort of landlord feedback
  - Other hardship suggestion: force people to click yes or no during the housing application process
  - Invite highly rated landlords for an off-campus housing fair in February/March?
  - Next meeting with James Poole will be September 10th at 10 am

- Giri discussed the USLC, summarizing the packet sent around.
  - Alf Garcia mentioned that he is on a committee, the "Student Health Plan Advisory Council," with 2 graduate students and 2 undergrads, and wants to make sure they communicate with the USLC.
  - Tim asked for clarification on the 2/3 vote to amend the constitution. Adoption requires a majority vote, amendments 2/3 of members present at a meeting with quorum.
  - Giri presented a motion to adopt the amendments to the standing rules and the USLC charter, Tim seconded, it was adopted unanimously.

- Chad urged all assembly members to attend the September assembly meeting and
bring new members/graduate students. There will be an appreciation gift for all current assembly members!

- Chad updated various short things--we're working on the website, restaurant week, housing report, new student programming.

- Other issues:
  - Kityan Choi: shuttles to Millstone, Canal Point stop running at ~6 pm, no on-demand during the summer. How do people stay late in lab?
  - Carolann Buff: kudos to whoever started online sign-ups/reminders for SHP optional services.
  - A/C in the GC? Electrical system probably couldn't handle the load.

- 7:00 pm: Vice president Giri Parameswaran adjourned.
Attendance

 o Executive Committee
   ▪ Chad Maisel – President
   ▪ Giri Parameswaran – Vice President
   ▪ Katie Hansen – Academic Affairs
   ▪ Tim Brandt – Facilities
   ▪ Andreana Kenrick – Health and Life

 o Departmental Representatives
   ▪ Tim Brandt (AST)
   ▪ Shilpa Nadimpali (COS)
   ▪ Giri Parameswaran (ECO)
   ▪ Daniell Rowles (MOL)
   ▪ Carolann Buff (MUS)

 o Academic Program Representatives
   ▪ Kityan Choi (AOS)
   ▪ Angelina Sylvain (NEU)
   ▪ Beth Sully (POP)
   ▪ Mike Campanell (PPL)

 o Proxy Representatives
   ▪ Katie Hansen (PSY)
   ▪ Heather Kugelmass (SOC)
   ▪ Chad Maisel (WWS)

 o Housing Group Delegates
   ▪ Mike Campanell (BUT)

 o CPUC Delegates and Committee
   ▪ Carolann Buff
   ▪ Chad Maisel
   ▪ Olga Lositsky
   ▪ Angelina Sylvain

 o Friends of the GSG
   ▪ Olivia Martell (CPC)