Priorities Committee Overview

• Purpose:
  – Consider permanent additions to the operating budget
  – Set increases to tuition, room, board, grad stipends, fac/staff salary pools.
  – Review current and past year budget and future outlook
  – Make recommendations to the president and trustees

• Composition:
  – 6 faculty, 4 undergrad, 2 grad, 1 staff
  – Provost, Treasurer, Exec. VP, DoF, (Budget Director, Vice Provost)
Pricom Process

• Meet Oct-Jan, twice weekly
• Three parts
  – Presentations
    • Orientation
    • Written reports (posted online) and questions
    • Public meeting
  – Deliberations and tentative recommendations
    • Meet with Finance Committee of trustees
  – Report & Projections
    • See report at:
      http://www.princeton.edu/~provost/Pricomm.htm
This Year

• Recommendations for FY09 (2008-2009 academic year)

• A strong budgetary year
  – Strong endowment returns with spending rule changes in past few years, strong annual giving
  – ~$1.6M to allocate, with proposals for > 2.6M

• Recommendations
  – Information management and IT
  – Health and well-being
  – Campus safety
  – Attracting and retaining the best people
Changes Affecting Grad Students

- **Stipend increases**
  - 4.16% increase in fellowships for hum/soc sci (to $25k/12mo)
  - AR/AI rates set separately and also to increase more than 3%

- **Tuition and fee increases kept low at 3.9%**
  - **DCE tuition 3.6%** ($2500 → $2590)
  - GC room rates 3.76%, GC board rates 4%
  - Most apartments 3%, Butler 4% on average to catch up to “market”
  - Student Health Plan $1050 → $1150

- **Discretionary funds ($5000/yr) for humanities and social science professors**
Changes Affecting Grad Students (2)

- Health Services
  - Medical assistants, Travel and immunization, Substance abuse counselor
- Grad school office reorganization
  - New data analyst position for data team
- Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) staff
- Facilities Safety & Security program
  - Centralized focus on safety, prox, building access, alarms
Other Changes

- Athletics
  - Sports clubs, intramural events
- Frist Campus Center
  - Assistant director (for weekend and evening supervision)
- Faculty/staff salary pools
- Information Technology (OIT)
  - Website development, OnBase document management
- Library – Records manager
- Communications
  - New media for Princeton website (term funds)
- Human Resources
  - Employee relations specialist
  - Manager training (term funds)
- Undergraduate laundry
Future Priorities

• Writing courses for grads in sciences and engineering
  – Initial program currently on term funds with a few sections
  – High demand from students/faculty
  – Expand with more staff and more sections

• Funds for scholarly travel
  – Looking to locate existing funds first

• Career Services
• Campus recreation
• Extend laundry improvements to grad housing
• Weekend cleaning of Graduate College
• Librarian for Scholarly Publishing
Continuing Advocacy Goals for GSG

- Keep housing rates in line with stipend increases
- Improved availability of sports/fitness facilities
Questions?