



GRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

13 June, 2012
Assembly Meeting
Corwin Hall, Room 127
6:00pm – 7:00pm

- I. Vice President Giri Parameswaren calls the meeting to order at 6:10pm
- II. Pablo Mostiero calls a motion (seconded by Tim Brandt) to approve the May assembly minutes
 - a. Minutes are approved
- III. President Chad Maisel Skypes in to the meeting
- IV. Secretary Kyle Keller presents a report on the 2012 GSG Housing Survey (attached)
 - a. Questions/comments/concerns from the assembly
 - i. Inquire into the New Jersey rules of rent increase
 - ii. From the survey data, what is the price per bedroom, as broken down by the number of bedrooms?
 - iii. Facilities Chair Tim Brandt is currently meeting with the housing department and seeks information from the survey to inform the University Housing Office
 - b. Chad Maisel recommends a comprehensive analysis and write-up of the survey data to present to administration, in order to make some sort of recommendation.
 - i. Suggestions include on- and off-campus housing issues, and communication. In particular, the GSG should focus on three to five points of action.
 - ii. Tim notes that the Housing Office is well aware of lapses in communication – mostly due to the untimely vacancy of the Director of Graduate Housing. This position is now filled, so communication should be less of an issue.
 1. Chad and others note that it is still important to make our recommendations about how communication can improve and what was most missing in order to avoid future similar situations.
 2. Tim further recommends one or two major points, backed up with relevant data
 - iii. Giri recommends including information about transportation and logistics, particularly NJ transit to neighboring areas.
- V. President Maisel delivers the President's Report
 - a. The housing survey and furniture drive were very successful!
 - i. Tim reports that the furniture drive raised \$3500 for Big Brothers, Big Sisters and other local charities, as well as a truck full of clothing.
- VI. New Business from the assembly

- a. Carolann Buff (MUS rep) reports on a student located in the Princeton area but without a car faces trouble with transportation. Reporting that the Housing Office is typically non-responsive, she asks who does one contact in such a situation?
 - i. Tim reports that Kim Jackson has offered to meet with the GSG assembly if the need arises.
 - 1. Chad recommends monthly office hours, Carolann recommends bi-yearly meeting check-ins to survey major problems, and Alda Balthrop-Lewis (REL rep) suggests Kim meet with the GSG once a year.
 - 2. Chad suggests making a special email address (i.e., gsg-transport-issues@princeton.edu) that students can use to bring to the attention of the GSG.
 - b. Giri provides a verbal rundown of the University Life Committee proposal, noting that the Undergraduate Life Committee meets once a month with administrators and the proposal adds the GSG and Grad School reps to this meeting. The GSG must consider how we both adopt ourselves to this new committee and adopt this committee to meet our needs.
 - i. Lisa Schreyer notes that this change was made, in part, as a response to work from Brookes Brown (previous rep and exec) and GSG input, to provide the GSG with regular, scheduled access to senior level administrators.
 - c. Giri also brings to the assembly's attention the Summer letter writing campaign, noting that priorities need to be set for the upcoming year.
 - i. Daneille Rowles (MOL rep) and Carolann note the need for positive letters to balance out the typically-negative feedback coming from the GSG.
 - ii. Alda recommends researching and focusing on intellectual property rights and ownership questions, particularly those raised by the open access dissertation policy discussions and changes.
 - iii. Angelina Slyvain suggests improvements to the on-campus housing system, such as the option to see who one's roommates are before accepting a contract. This issue is particularly relevant to the annexes.
 - d. Danielle provides an update on the Campus Pub project. The group is currently on break for the summer, hoping to hammer out details soon. Although subject to change, the current plan is to be within Café Vive; the pub will be open between 5pm and 1am, seating a mixed age environment and serving beer and wine (purchasable with Princeton ID). Café Vive will remain the same during normal operating hours.
 - e. Chad brings up the issue of groups of people reserving 'blocks' of housing within the Graduate College or annexes so they may live in the same hallway or next to each other. Lisa notes that, while this has not come up before, students can do this manually if draw numbers line up – particularly in the GC when selecting rooms.
- VII. Next meeting will be July 11th. The July meeting should consider the GSG's priorities for the next six months. Assembly members are encouraged to email Chad, particularly concerning big issues (other than housing), as well as general agenda items.
- VIII. Meeting adjourned at 6:58pm

Attendance

- Executive Committee
 - Chad Maisel – President
 - Giri Parameswaran – Vice President
 - Kyle Keller – Secretary
 - Sarah Grady – Communications Director
 - Friederike Funk – Treasurer
 - Pablo Mosteiro – Social Chair
 - Tim Brandt – Facilities
 - Andreana Kenrick – Health and Life
- Departmental Representatives
 - Tim Brandt (AST)
 - Giri Parameswaran (ECO)
 - Mollie Eisenberg (ELE)
 - Kyle Samperton (GEO)
 - Daniell Rowles (MOL)
 - Carolann Buff (MUS)
 - Pablo Mosteiro (PHY)
 - Kyle Keller (PSY)
 - Alda Balthrop-Lewis (REL)
 - Denis Zhernokleyev (SLA)
- Academic Program Representatives
 - Angelina Sylvain (NEU)
 - Beth Sully (POP)
 - Mike Campanell (PPL)
- Proxy Representatives
 - Xiao Kang Yan (CBE)
 - Heather Kugelmass (SOC)
 - Todd Mooring (AOS)
- Housing Group Delegates
 - Mike Campanell (BUT)
- CPUC Delegates and Committee
 - Carolann Buff
 - Kyle Keller
 - Chad Maisel
 - Giri Parameswaran
 - Denis Zhernokleyev
 - Olga Lositsky
 - Angelina Sylvain
- Friends of the GSG
 - Lisa Schreyer (DSL)