GRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSEMBLY AGENDA

The meeting was held Wednesday, May 14 at 6pm in room 309 in the Frist Campus Center

Agenda

I. Call to Order

A. Approval of the Minutes (April) - Marina Paul

II. Reports

- A. Chair Christina Hultholm
- B. Social Events Yi Wang
- C. Facilities Report Jeff Dwoskin
- D. Campus Club Report, Furniture Drive Update Raja Chahal
- E. IRC Report Ashley Thrall
- F. Department Reports
 - i. CEE (Raghuveer Vinukollu)
 - ii. Math (Yi Wang)
 - iii. Religion (David Jorgensen)
- G. Health and Life (Kelly Kearney)
- H. Academic Affairs (Kevin Collins)

III. Decision Items

- A. Dillon Gym Survey
- B. OIT Representative

IV. Discussion Items

- A. Post-Doc Participation in the GSG
- B. Summer Letter-writing Campaign
- C. Summer Assembly Meetings

V. Guest Speaker Kim Jackson

- A. Introduction and Shuttle Survey Remarks Jeff Dwoskin
- B. Remarks by Kim Jackson
- C. Question and Answer Session
- VI. New Business
- VII. Adjournment

I. Call to Order

The meeting began at 6:06pm.

A. Approval of the Minutes (April 2008) - Marina Paul

A draft of the minutes for the March 2008 assembly meeting was sent to assembly members via email last week. Marina Paul (Recording secretary) received no suggestions or comments. A copy of Jeff Dwoskin's facilities report is to be included with the minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. The April 2008 minutes were approved via a voice vote.

II. Reports

A. Chair - Christina Hultholm

Christina updated Assembly on Exec's major efforts since the April assembly meeting:

1. *The student photo contest*: there were lots of great photos; the winner of the contest is a graduate student from the Woodrow Wilson School.

- 2. *Travel forum*: Several presentations were made focusing on specific regions of the world. The travel forum was sponsored by several travel groups/agencies. According to Christina, Exec would plan to run this earlier in the fall next year.
- 3. An article on precepting was published in the graduate student section in the Daily Prince. The article elicited a lot of strong reactions, which Kevin planned to discuss later on in the meeting.
- 4. Another graduate-student related issue covered in the Daily Prince was the campus shuttle. The shuttle survey report were released, and thanks to Jeff, Kevin, and Hilary for all their hard work
- 5. We were also contacted by Devon L. Wessman-Smerdon from the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Students considering some improvements for next year's Passport to the Performing Arts program want grad student feedback/input. Contacts, if interested: Yi Wang or Christina Hultholm.

B. Social Events - Yi Wang

Yi reported on two events:

- 1. Student photo contest Of a total of 451 Submissions, the top 50 photos were exhibited at the travel festival. Faculty and staff expressed interest in seeing the photos online; in addition, several undergrads also asked to submit photos in the future. We are working with the Campus Club to exhibit photos there
- 2. Travel Forum held last Wednesday he thanked Raja and Exec for their help

C. Facilities Report - Jeff Dwoskin

- 1. OIT is planning to expand students' H-drive quota. A survey for webmail/email was sent out, Jeff is awaiting the results.
- 2. Air conditioning in the Graduate College (GC): a request to add air conditioning to the GC was included in last years' summer letter writing campaign. A graduate student from EE volunteered to follow up with Chad Klaus (*General Manager*, *Services*, *Office of the Vice President for Facilities*) and is currently working with Paul LaMarche (*Vice Provost for Space Programming and Planning*) on costs and policy issues. Jeff encouraged inclusion of this topic in the summer letter writing campaign.
- 3. GC House committee has conducted a survey for dining, will be forwarded
- 4. Jeff announced that a housing policy committee meeting would be held after the assembly meeting. Several issues were raised this year about the housing priority slots given out to students who serve on committees or for the housing complexes which they live in, While these priority slots are given as incentive to fill the positions for residence committees, it also serves the interest of the residences for residence committee members to live in the complex they represent. This issue has prompted the policy committee to plan open discussions about housing priority over the next year. In addition, the policy committee plans is hoping to hold a discussion at the June assembly meeting.

D. Campus Club Report, Furniture Drive Update - Raja Chahal

The campus club advisory board will oversee the day-to-day operations of the Campus Club. The advisory board will set priorities, rules and regulations, and designate the usage of space. The board has already started working on the following:

- 1. General policies and marketing the campus club as a space open to all students
- 2. Determining whether the club can stay open 24-hours: logistics, staffing, etc
- 3. Policy for allocation of space and reservation time

4. Programming board – only 2 grad students (1 being Raja) – contact Raja or Diane Spatafore – in charge of running day-to-day – organization aspects

Raja Chahal (Advisory board) listed the first few activities that the Club will perform:

- 1. A grand opening ribbon cutting event is scheduled for September 12, 2008
- 2. Lawn parties are being planned for the following week
- 3. Planning of the tap room space

Raja showed pictures for the current state of the building and the floor plan. For more details see also: https://blogs.princeton.edu/campusclub/. Additional plans:

- 1. The lounge may become a TV room, or include a Wii/Playstation; alternatively it could be booked or just for casual use
- 2. Catering kitchen it's being planned similarly to the kitchen in Fields Center
- 3. The library will be maintained study space or hangout
- 4. Hopefully, some games will be added to the pool table room
- 5. A printer cluster will be added to Campus Club

E. IRC Report - Ashley Thrall

The IRC met April 29 to discuss the roles of the executive committee and the officers of the GSG. The next meeting will be held on June 26.

F. Department Reports

1. Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE) – Raghuveer Vinukollu

Raghuveer (CEE) had asked to postpone his report to assembly during his preparation for his general exams.

2. Math (MAT) -Yi Wang – she read off a sheet

The math department consists of 56 faculty, 11 staff, 68 students, 53 undergraduate majors. There are 12-20 incoming students per year. Graduate students are not involved in admissions decisions, but are involved in open house events. The average program length for the graduate program was calculated to be 4.7 years in 2006 and 4.6 years in 2005. The DGS of the program consists of 2 professors and a grad student administrator.

AR/AI stipends are \$21,000 for pre-generals (1st year) students, and \$22800 for post-generals students. There are no course requirements but the general exam (oral only) does cover standard course material. There are language requirements – pass 2 language requirements including French, German and Russian. The department is considering expanding the choices available

After generals, the focus is on thesis research, and no formal research proposal is needed. Students get exposure to topics in the field through department colloquia, graduate seminars, what's happening in fine hall ever other Friday; professors give talks on what's new in their research area. Post graduation, students typically take academic positions in US, some abroad; occasionally in industry, majority of get top post-doc positions.

3. Religious studies (REL) – David Jorgensen

See Religion Department Report 05-2008.pdf.

G. Health and Life report (Kelly Kearney)

Kelly Kearney (GEO) was recently elected chair of the Health and Life standing committee in April, and plans to meet with the former Health and Life Chair, Karin Sigloch, in order to get caught up.

1. The Healthier Princeton Advisory Board had a discussion recently with Princeton's Alcohol Coalition Committee about their plan for addressing "high risk drinking". While this is primarily an undergraduate issue, the next issue to be discussed by the board is mental health. According to Kelly, 30% of the campus uses mental health services, 30-40% of which are grad students.

H. Academic affairs (Kevin Collins)

Kevin listed the priorities of the Academic Affairs standing committee:

- 1. organize information about funding sources available to graduate students
- 2. monitor the library project
- 3. the committee's efforts will be academically oriented

The committee is looking for new members. E-mails will be sent out about getting involved, and positions for sub-committee chairs

A discussion took place about the recent article in the Daily Princetonian ("Preceptors Prepare to Take Charge", published April 30 2008) about the quality of precepts. LaTonya Trotter (SOC) felt that the article used extreme cases of poor precepting without any evidence. Kevin responded that he was still negotiating to publish an article written by the Academic Affairs committee; he said that he felt unsure whether the article would be published.

Yaron Ayalon (NES) felt that none of the issues that he was asked when interviewed for the article were published. He suggested to the Daily Princetonian that he write something about it, and was then asked in return to write and publish it. The response he received after submitting his first version was that undergrads may not agree with what he wrote; he has sent a softer version.

III. Decision Items

A. Dillon Gym Survey

Arthur levy '10, the chair of the undergraduate life committee, has approached the GSG about getting graduate students to participate in the Dillon Gym survey. The purpose of the Dillon gym survey is to determine both the usage and the needs/wants of the gym, and was already administered to undergraduates from April 22-26. For more information about the survey see http://usg.princeton.edu/dillonsurvey

Hilary Bergsieker (PSY) was unsure of the usefulness of the survey, given renovations to Dillon were not prioritized by Pri-Comm. But the University is interested in working on both longer term plans for Stephens Fitness Center intermediate solutions such as the reallocation of space.

Kevin Collins (POL) stated that he was opposed to distributing this survey to grad students, after having looked at a copy available on the web. Kevin felt that the questions were poorly written and were not useful: he felt that this was a survey of usage patterns, and focus groups would have been more useful

Kevin suggested conducting a broader survey to cover more items – not just the gym. A major survey, rather than having multiple individual surveys as issues come up, may be more conducive to student participation.

Hilary was concerned about the effectiveness of the survey. She was concerned whether the University would be listening, or if this was merely a protest by the undergraduates against the administration's previous decisions. Kelly Kearney (GEO) added that she was also concerned about the motivation for the creation of this survey

Giri Parameswaran (ECO) felt that the USG was only asking for a distribution of the email, and felt that looking at the survey was not much to ask. Giri moved to send out the link out to the student body. Dan Raburn suggested the E-bulletin, and Kevin Collins (POL) agreed that he felt that was OK that but not with the GSG taking responsibility.

B. OIT Representative

The GSG was contacted by OIT for a graduate student rep. Every summer, OIT documents are reviewed by a panel. The OIT requested a graduate student rep. This position would require no-face meetings, only an exchange of emails. The rep should be appointed by the GSG. Raja Chahal nominated himself for the job.

IV. Discussion Items

A. Post-Doc Participation in the GSG

At the recent IRC meeting, a discussion occurred about allowing/inviting post-docs to attend GSG meetings, and possibly allowing a post-doc delegate.

Kevin Collins (POL) brought up the idea that if post-docs get to participate or get representation, perhaps the GSG should be able to tax them.

Another student brought up the fact that since post-docs are not students, they are technically staff. This fact may affect both taxation issues and whether their interests would conflict with those of graduate students.

Dan Raburn expressed his opinion that he would like to get post-docs involved, but not want GSG to represent them as much, or for GSG to be over-run with them Ashley Thrall (Parliamentary Secretary) suggested having a non-voting post-doc delegate, but post-docs would be taxed in some way for having that privilege.

Latonya Trotter (SOC) suggested that the GSG obtain a general consensus about the post-docs' interest level before going to taxation issues. She felt that post-docs may simply be perhaps interested in inclusion on global e-mails and invitations to social events

Hilary Bergsieker (PSY) motioned to contact them. An opt-in e-mail option was suggested for list-serve inclusions. Dan Raburn suggested that they be contacted at the start of the academic year via e-mail. Ashley Thrall (Parliamentary Secretary) suggested that the GSG get in contact with someone from a post-doc organization.

A motion was brought forth to have Exec contact someone if they are interested. The motion was approved by voice vote.

B. Summer Letter-writing Campaign

Every summer, the GSG writes letters to University administrators. These letters include requests or proposals for changes, or are letters of support in changes already made. The following letters were written during last summer:

- 1. Not significantly increase DCE tuition
- 2. Improve sidewalk lighting to graduate housing units
- 3. Improve Housing and housing process

- 4. Expand the after-hours P-Rides services
- 5. Subsidize birth control to compensate for the recent price increase
- 6. Improve dental subsidies for basic student health plan
- 7. Improve child care program
- 8. Add air-conditioning units to graduate housing
- 9. Increase office space for graduate students
- 10. Improve Firestone library
- 11. Increase summer student health plan services and hours
- 12. Continue to emphasize sustainability
- 13. Allow 2nd year DCE students to be eligible for University fellowships
- 14. Increase travel funds

The following ideas were thrown out at the meeting. Discussion will continue at the next meeting, and suggestions will be evaluated by standing committee chairs and Exec.

- 1. NGC rents relative to OGC rents
- 2. Sick/disability leave for grads
- 3. Increase staff at UHS over summer
- 4. Housing find out move-in dates further in advance
- 5. Housing reduce number of moves
- 6. Travel funds
- 7. Air conditioning at grad housing and common spaces
- 8. Campus plan anticipated reduction in % grads housed (broader housing letter)
- 9. Role of the DGS in different departments
- 10. Housing rates not go up faster than stipends

Assembly debated whether to write fewer letters this summer than the previous. Jeff Dwoskin (Facilities) brought up that more letters were written last year (13) than the typical 6-7 written in previous years. While the letters would go to different administrators, Jeff wondered whether Exec writing more letters could result in less effective letters. Kelly Kearney (GEO) felt there was no data to back up whether this was true or not.

C. Summer Assembly Meetings

Low attendance at the summer assembly meetings has been an issue during past summers. Christina Hultholm (Chair) suggested the idea of moving the summer meetings to the first Wednesday of the month. She felt that these dates coincided with move-out time, and before students left Princeton in June. When asked for feedback, no one opposed the idea, and the meetings were moved.

V. Guest Speaker Kim Jackson

A. Introduction and Shuttle Survey Remarks - Jeff Dwoskin

Jeff summarized the recent shuttle survey. Students were most concerned with reliability (the shuttle comes when it is scheduled to come), efficiency (speed to arrival), and continuity (a primary route without transfer) over regularity (same time each hour) or frequency.

Jeff explained that he and the shuttle surveyors had met several times with Kim Jackson for planning and analyzing the survey. The proposed routes are being reviewed, hopefully being revised, particularly working to reduce the number of transfers. We want firm details on routes and schedules, point-to-point travel times, carbon footprint (usage by the shuttle plus reduction of car usage) and are hoping for focus groups to discuss these issues once a new specific plan has been proposed

B. Remarks by Kim Jackson

Parking and Transportation Director Kim Jackson spoke about the proposed shuttle system and addressed concerns raised by the graduate student shuttle survey. Discussions with the facilities committee and the shuttle survey results have shown that graduate students are very dissatisfied with the route proposed in the ten year plan. In particular, Ms. Jackson said she became aware that graduate students are very concerned about the reliability of the shuttles and long travel times, especially with the addition of transfers between graduate housing stops and campus. These results have prompted her office to modify the route proposed in the ten year plan. Her office is currently developing a plan for the shuttle system to include the following:

- Express routes from Lawrence, Butler, and Hibben-Magie to campus to operate during peak hours (8:30-11am, 5:30-8pm were proposed) At other times, one transfer might be required at the Dinky station.
- Extended weekday hours from 7am to 1am
- Add Weekend routes connecting all of graduate housing to campus and to nearby shopping centers (to run Saturday 11am to 8pm, Sunday noon to 6)
- Add service to Forrestal campus
- An on-site manager for the shuttle system and a notification system to report shuttle delays to students

The GSG has also asked Ms. Jackson to look into analyzing new routes under criteria for sustainability, route timing, and length of routes. Ms. Jackson reported that she plans to time the new routes herself to find the most efficient routes from graduate housing to campus. The university will be seeking a new shuttle service provider, and Ms. Jackson plans to include a graduate student representative when selecting this provider. Ms. Jackson aims to have a new shuttle system in place in January 2009.

C. Question and Answer Session

Ashley Thrall asked for details about a notification system for the shuttle status. Kim explained that a notification was part of the request for proposal (RFP), requiring the buses to have GPS for tracking and an on-site manager. In addition, the request asked for signage and bus stops for LED systems for the shuttle status notification. Kevin Collins (POL) asked if there be short system alerts in the meantime before LED/GPS went online. Kim responded that there would be opt-in/opt-out systems will be available.

Ashley Thrall felt that students may be concerned for personal safety with waiting at stops between late night transfers, and wanted to know if a late express would be available. Kim responded that currently, the dinky is the proposed transfer stop. Later, the Arts center will become the major transfer service, much better lit than dinky station. In addition, there would be on-demand service available.

Jeff Dwoskin wanted to know more about how connected the graduate housing stops were to each other. Kim responded that the weekend shuttles connect them directly, while during the week, 1 transfer would be required.

Kevin Collins (POL) stated that he thought that every change that was made should be explained in detail to the grad students. He explained that a lot of students were angry about this, and explanations would help resolve things as we move forward. Kim

explained that the campus plan was the impetus for a lot of these changes, due to construction and parking issues, and the campus shuttle had to "beef" up.

Kim offered her contact via email (transportation@princeton.edu) for any questions.

VI. New Business

A. Charity Drive (Dan Raburn)

The Furniture Charity Drive will be held June 3-4, Tues-Wed. The undergrads move out, donate furniture to charities in Trenton, some of which we sell to graduate students with proceeds to charity. There will probably be 3 tents around Spellman, Pyne, Dodds/Brown, and possibly Scully. The Scully site is up for debate, since last year, of the \$3500 generated, only 100\$ came from the Scully site. Raja and Dan are running the Charity Drive this year.

Volunteers are needed for staff, move to campus. Volunteers earn 10\$ an hour in credit towards furniture, and have access to the best items. Drop-off/pickup service has been requested by graduate students, and Dan was hopeful that this could be done with more participation.

B. Goals of the GSG

A student at the Assembly meeting felt that the major issues faced by the graduate students and the GSG was not being communicated to the University as a whole. He said hoped that the GSG would define its position on major issues and set its goals more publicly. He added that while he appreciated global e-mails about social and campus events, he felt that there was a need for our voice in response. He felt that after revisiting the 2003 GSLI (Graduate student life initiative) report, he felt that the GSG was still resolving those same issues.

Kevin Collins (POL) argued that the GSG does not operate by taking a stance; rather the GSG first takes time to do research to gauge the students' need. In addition the GSG does not always perform the actual work; we are a body that petitions the people who have the power to do things. Sometimes we get responses sometimes we don't

Giri agreed that the GSG needed to take its temperature. He added the following:

- 1. He hopes that Assembly will keep the four newly appointed standing committee chairs appointed on their toes!
- 2. He wanted t know what the GSG was doing to update our website

LaTonya Trotter (SOC) suggested that there were important issues should be considered when revising the website: while the nitty-gritty of GSG documents is important, the website should also be a way of building community by highlighting what the GSG has been doing.

Christina Hultholm (Chair) added that the GSG should be thinking about using the website as an additional way of communicating within the GSG and with the student body.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

GRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSEMBLY MEETING *MAY 14TH 2008* ATTENDANCE LIST

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