

November Assembly Meeting Minutes
of the
Graduate Student Government

I. Call to Order

Quorum was met.

II. Approval of Minutes – October 2011

Minutes approved.

III. Special Presentations

A. Paul Breitman, Assistant Vice President of University Service

1. Discounts

Presented on and provided paper materials of services available to Princeton University students including coupons and discounts at Labrynth books.

2. Parking and Transportation

a. Shuttles to Stansworth

Limited service began on Monday in the mornings and afternoons.

Full service is planned next year.

b Saturday Shopper shuttle

c. Parking

Brookes requested commuter parking privileges for Stansworth residents to compensate for the lack of shuttles and pointed out that as Housing reduces on campus forcing more students off campus, parking needs will increase. Parking is expected to continue to be overcrowded without plans for new parking spaces for 5-10 years from now. The seeming lack of communication between Housing and Transportation and between Housing and students. A meeting will be set up with Brookes and other graduate students to discuss these issues.

d. Digital Print Center

Provided a brief description of this service.

B. Amy Pszczolkowski, Assistant Director of Office of Career Services

1. Overview of Career Services

a. One-on-one appointments are available to students and spouses/partners

b. Departments work with Career Services, but often have more money than Career Services

c. More graduate student services would be available, but only 50% of her time is devoted to graduate students. Alumni services are also available.

IV. Executive Committee Report

A. President's Report

1. Upcoming CPUC meeting

Agenda includes local Borough/Township updates, finances, and healthcare.

2. Ivy Summit

The attendees (Kevin Smith and Kjell Wangensteen) attended the 2011 Summit at Ivy MIT. Written reports will be provided.

Verbally reported that

- Attendees said they enjoyed Princeton's hosting last year and termed it a "gold standard".
- Most participating universities sent 5-6 representatives. Princeton sent two.
- The cost to host was usually \$8-10 thousand dollars, and that most school administrations covered the cost in full.
- The Summit plans to follow the same schedule for hosting that it has since 2003, and details are available on University of Pennsylvania's website.
- It is unclear that by attending a school is bound to host in the future.

Discussion about Princeton's future involvement in the Ivy Summit/hosting
Olivia Martel informed the GSG that we could not commit to hosting in eight years as we will have a new dean at that time.

B. Vice-President's Report

Tim has been working with Brookes on the Housing situation with Stanworth, and wants to generate some solutions before the next PriComm meeting in January.

He might send out a GSG global email in the near future to help with this issue.

C. Secretary's Report

Absent. Provided a written report read by President Kevin Smith.

The Graduate Writing Days program is half-way over. It has been successful so far, but the current coordinator does not plan on continuing.

D. Treasurer's Report

Absent.

E. Academic Affairs's Report

Reported that the Graduate School is considering revising their policy about Honorific Fellowships for DCE students.

F. Facilities Chair's Report

Reported (during the Stanworth discussion) that she is working to resolve the Stanworth issues and will be meeting with administrators.

G. Social Chair's Report

Requested feedback on the food she brings to Assembly.

H. Communications Director's Report

Will be attending the next CPUC meeting.

I. Health & Life Chair's Report

Absent. Provided written report read by President Smith.

Working with UHS to clarify and improve the SHP documentation. The primary concern is to correct misleading information about the exact start and end dates of student coverage.

V. Discussion Items

A. Executive Committee Meeting Transparency

Discussion about whether Executive Committee meeting minutes and whether Assembly members could attend was discussed. The Constitution is ambiguous. President Smith said that it would be discussed, but that these meetings are closed and private.

VI. Meeting Adjourned