

October 12, 2011

Assembly Meeting

6:00-7:00pm

President Kevin Smith called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Quorum was met.

I. Minutes

Bart moved to accept the minutes, Brooke seconded, approved unanimously.

II. Executive Committee Reports

A. President Kevin Smith's Report

1. Met with the Alumni Council Executive Committee, which held a workshop on inclusiveness.

2. Attended a talk by the PAWS.

3. Attended an APGA meeting. The focus of the meeting was on grants for alumni.

The APGA also amended the constitution to reduce the board size. This was due to a reduction in participation. The sense of the APGA board is that graduate schools have taken over many of the responsibilities previously taken by the APGA, which affects participation and committees. The APGA hosts events, e.g. Reunions, and encourages Graduate students to feel strong affiliation with the university. The APGA also has offered small dinners in cities around the country fostering a community of graduate student alumni (information added by Olivia Martell.) The APGA also hosts social and active events such as sports teams and career mixers (information added by Daniell Rowles.)

Brookes Brown addressed the need to work with the APGA as one of their foci is to advocate on behalf of current graduate student so they have feel a connection to the university after graduation.

4. Attended a CPUC meeting as a member in which the committee adopted changes to the rights, rules, and responsibilities regarding sexual misconduct. The language is now explicit and terms are defined. (The new language will be sent to assembly.)

B. Vice President Tim Brandt's Report

Absent/no report

C. Secretary Brooke Macnamara's Report

Updated the assembly on Graduate Writing Days. The event has been successful so far. Most tables have a person sitting at it. Feedback has been good and people are coming back.

D. Treasurer Pablo Mosteiro's Report

Absent/no report

E. Academic Affairs Chair Bart McGuyer's Report

The university adopted open access policy last month. Open access is the ability to make scholarly work freely available to all and is required in some field, often costing thousands of dollars. Now, written into the faculty contract, the Board of Trustees will own a copyright to any scholarly publication in which a faculty member is an author (unless the faculty member waives this). The university will be able to post articles online and cannot earn money from the publication. Mudd Library will also begin posting dissertations online for open access.

F. Facilities Chair Brookes Brown's Report

Will report during the Discussion Items portion of the meeting.

G. Communication Director Kjell Wangensteen's Report

Has emailed administration about a graduate student web portal and will report to Assembly once they respond.

H. Social Chair Daniell Rowles' Report

1. GSG sponsored the screenings of the PhD movie. Both screenings were sold out. GSG provided refreshments. The venue has many potential future uses.

2. The Wine and Cheese event, the largest event of the year, was successful. Most events typically have 300-450 in attendance. The Wine and Cheese event typically has around 600 attendees. There are no other events planned until 2012.

I. Health and Life Chair Kelly Kearney's Report

Not in attendance, via Kevin Smith: Responses for the Committee on Students Health were forwarded to Janet Finney.

J. Other Reports – Committee on Discipline, Daniell Rowles

The policy of the committee has changed: graduate student offenses will be handled separately from undergraduate offenses. No undergraduates will be on a committee

if a graduate student is being tried. Sexual misconduct charges go to a sub-committee. The CPUC Judicial Committee only hears cases if there is an appeal.

II. Voting Items

A. 2012 Budget

1. Ivy Summit Line Item

Whether or not we should continue to allocate funds for the Ivy Summit was extensively discussed. Discussion about the value of attending was raised and debated. Note: continuing membership in the Ivy Summit commits the GSG for 10 years, including hosting an Ivy Summit.

Summary of arguments for continuing Ivy Summit membership: we are part of the Ivy League and a greater community; Graduate School administrators have their own "Ivy Summit" and expect the GSG to attend; removing our membership separates future GSG boards from the Ivy Summit and could preclude them from attending since the previous GSG budgets would not have been saving for travel and hosting.

Summary of arguments for not continuing Ivy Summit membership: we have substantially fewer funds than any of the other Ivies creating a burden when we host the Ivy Summit; past attendees have not found attendance to be helpful since the other Ivies differ from Princeton (e.g. addition of professional schools); budgeted money entertains fewer people and mostly not our own constituents; continuing our membership commits future GSG boards to host the Ivy Summit.

N.B., whether or not we would continue our membership in the Ivy Summit was not a voting item.

The voting item was whether or not we should continue to have an Ivy Summit line item and continue to allocate funds for the Ivy Summit.

Daniell Rowles moved that a line item "discretionary funds" be added to the budget, and the full amount currently allocated under "Ivy Summit" be moved to "discretionary funds. Seconded by Bart McGuyer.

Rationale: Keeping the line item "Ivy Summit" allows the GSG to transfer funds from the discretionary funds if we choose to continue our membership.

Discussion continued until the question was called and seconded ("calling the question" immediately ceases debate and calls for the vote.)

Motion passed (15 in favor, 2 opposed).

Note: The GSG will further discuss with the Ivy Summit the exact requirements of membership as well as whether we can secure additional funding from the Graduate School for the Ivy Summit before voting on whether or not to continue our

membership. The GSG has tried to increase the graduate student membership fee, but quorum of the graduate student body could not be met.

2. 2012 Budget

Bart McGuyer moved to approve the 2012 budget as amended, Kyle Keller seconded (16 in favor, 1 opposed). Motion passes.

III. Discussion Items

A. GS Representative for the Hibben-Magie Project

No volunteers for the committee among the Assembly. Members were asked to bring this information back to their respective departments to seek interest there.

B. GSG Communication

Kjell Wangensteen, Kevin Smith, and Kyle Sampterton will form a work group to compose a/periodic global email. The purpose of the email is to make the graduate student body more aware of the GSG.

C. Stanworth and Transportation

1. Stansworth

Facilities Chair Brookes Brown met with Kim Jackson in Transportation. Kim Jackson did not know that students were going to be housed in Stansworth until she began receiving emails from students living there. There is no shuttle service to Stansworth. The Borough has restrictions on buses traveling the streets. Kim Jackson is looking into several options such as limited service (one morning and one evening) shuttles, using smaller vans, and adding limited Saturday Shopper service to Stansworth.

Stansworth also does not have access to PU Wireless so are the only on-campus students having to pay for their own internet.

As units become available at Stansworth, emails will be sent to Hibben-Magie residents offering earlier move in dates so that not everyone will be moving on May 31st.

2. On-demand shuttle

The on-call shuttle will service Stansworth (available after 9:00pm), although many graduate students do not know about the on-demand shuttle. The on-demand shuttle will pick up multiple people with multiple destinations, the caller must inform the dispatcher at the time of the request. Brookes will ask Kim Jackson about the on-demand shuttle beginning at an earlier time, but this may be difficult to fund.

3. Dinky/Gym shuttles

There is currently not a shuttle that stops at the dinky/gym area. Brookes is looking into times in which some shuttles could stop there.

4. U-bikes program

The U-bikes program is mostly oriented to undergraduates. Brookes will look into the university making efforts to reach graduate students for this program.

5. Shuttle line usage

A concern about certain shuttle lines not being used often surfaced. Brookes investigated these lines with Kim Jackson and was shown that not all lines are used equally, but are used often enough to be worthy of continuing.

6. We Car

A We Car is now available at the Lawrence apartments.

IV. New Business

1. Princeton Research Symposium

Voting on funding the Princeton Research Symposium occurred through email last month. Majority approved. Motion passed.

V. The next assembly meeting will be Wednesday November 9th.

VI. Adjournment

Pablo Moistero motioned to adjourn the meeting, Kyle Keller seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

Attendance

Executive Committee:

Kevin Smith (President)

Brooke Macnamara (Secretary)

Daniell Rowles (Social Chair)

Brookes Brown (Facilities Chair)

Bart McGuyer (Academic Affairs Chair)

Kelly Kearney (Health and Life Chair)

Assembly Members:

Kevin Smith (WWS)

Bart McGuyer, proxy (PHY)

Elisa Chisari, proxy (AST)

Kyle Keller (PSY)

Daniell Rowles (MOL)

Brookes Brown (POL)

Carol Ann Buff (MUS)

James Casey (HIS)

Kyle Samperton (GEO)

Mike Campanell (PPLRep/Butler Rep)

Peng Sun (COS)

Adam Pellegrini (EEB)

Suzanna Weygandt (SLV)

Patrick De Oliveira (HOS)

Kathleen Balthrop-Lewis (REL)

Kityan Choi (AOS)

Nicole Berger (ANT)

Guests:

Albert Kao

Frederike Funk

Olivia Martel (Community Programs Coordinator)