



April 9, 2014
April Assembly Meeting
Jadwin Hall 102
5:55-7:04 pm

President Sean Edington calls the meeting to order at 5:55 pm. The 2014-2015 Executive Board members introduce themselves to the assembly.

Presentation of the 2014-2015 Graduate Community Initiative Document to assembly

- Is this document intended to be for assembly members, or is it a statement to the broader community?
 - Both. It reminds Exec Board members of our goals this term, and we would also like to have a short document that we can give to administrators detailing the goals of the GSG.
- Kyle Keller: Regarding the proposal for Graduate Student space in Campus Club: if Campus Club doesn't work as a space, do we have a backup space in mind?
 - Not really; we're going to try to use Campus Club as much as possible to show the Graduate School that we can make good use of the space.
 - The new Dean of the Graduate School likes the idea of having a graduate student space on campus. This may help us to make progress on this goal.
 - **Please [contact the GSG](#) if you run into problems when trying to schedule events at Campus Club.**
- Will students use a Graduate Lounge?
 - Baxter Oliphant (POL): I don't think students will use the space. I use my department's lounge space.
 - April Williams (Social Chair): Graduate Students are less likely to go out as they get older.
 - Several assembly members voice support for the idea of having priority booking for Graduate events at Campus Club.
 - Olivia Martel: Campus Club was donated back to University with the stipulation that one weekend per year, the Club must be available to those alums. Otherwise, the space should be available most of the time.
 - Another student suggests that they like the idea of having a space besides DBar where students can gather.
- The idea of a campus pub
 - This is something the University has been trying to do for the past 10 years with Cafe Viv. This would be a shared space, not a Grad Student only space. The

University hasn't been able to get a liquor license for the Cafe. There will be a presentation at the USLC meeting in May on the status of the Campus Pub in Cafe Viv.

- Won't liquor laws be a problem? For instance, DBar can't open before 10pm due to its Club licensing.
 - Mike Hepler (Special Events Officer): There may be ways around this.
- A student suggests that we instead try to see if it would be possible for the DBar to open earlier in the evening.
- Could we have a student-wide poll on the Campus Pub?
 - April Williams (Social Chair): We had a survey on this last year. There was minimal interest.
 - Pam Mueller (Health & Life Chair): People would use the space if there was a cultural change.
- Family with Dependents
 - Baxter Oliphant (POL): We should advocate to expand recognition that fathers are caretakers too, and that they may take longer to earn their degrees. Even students who aren't the primary caregiver are affected in their ability to earn their degree on time.
 - Is this a department-specific thing or a Graduate School thing?
- It is suggested that "GS" not be used in the document, because it's unclear whether it refers to the Graduate School or Graduate Students.

Approval of the March 2014 minutes: April Williams (Social Chair, QCB) motions to approve the minutes. The motion is seconded by Alexandra Pastino (MOL). The motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Presentation of the Housing Advocacy Letter to Assembly:

- Carolann Buff (MUS): Should we include something like, "we know this has to go hand-in-hand with improvements in transportation"?
 - Sean Edington (President): We want students to be able to live within walking distance from campus.
 - Rachael: We're discussing expanding transportation beyond campus.
- A student points out that the data on which the some of the assertions in the letter are based aren't presented in the housing letter. Can we include table with data on housing costs in nearby regions?
 - Andrew Edwards (Facilities Chair): We got that information out of census data and from the Graduate School.
 - Shilpa Nadimpalli (COS): We could include data in parenthetical clauses.
- Baxter Oliphant (POL): The letter both states that we should include DCE students in the housing numbers, but also talks about fighting the inflation of the time to degree. These two things seem to contradict each other.
- Princeton provided housing for up to 80% of graduate students in the past - does that figure include DCE students or not?

- That figure is from before DCE existed. (Secretary's note: DCE status was implemented in Fall 2002, according to our records).

GSG Website: Structural changes have been made to make the website easier to navigate

- Threads have been created in the [forums](#) for the main points in the Graduate Community Initiative document. We can continue our conversations about this document and the Housing Letter there.

CPUC Elections are coming up:

- The GSG nominates representatives to each of the following CPUC committees: Executive, Priorities, Judicial, Resources, Rights & Rules, and Governance. More information about the CPUC is available [here](#). An email will go out shortly, detailing which positions are available and the time commitment required for participation in each.
- Please [email Vice President Mircea Davidescu](#) to submit nominations for Graduate Student representatives to the CPUC committees. **Candidate statements are due three days before the May Assembly meeting.**
- Carolann Buff (MUS, Pricom): Served as a representative to Pricom this year. The Committee includes faculty, Graduate students and undergraduates and makes decisions about the University budget. Pricom meets twice a week during the Fall Semester.
- Kyle Keller: Has served on the Governance committee; it picks people to get honorary degrees and was a lot of fun.
- Baxter Oliphant (POL): Can we obtain records on who attended the CPUC meetings last year, so that we can decide whether we should elect them again?

Volunteers needed:

- Timeline Engine scheduling system: A committee is meeting to create a unified electronic system to collect information on student events. It will send out email notifications, create a personalized exportable calendar for students, etc. Sean is part of the committee, but they are looking for another committee member. The meetings are fairly infrequent.
- Communiversality: [Communiversality](#) is a street fair to be held April 27 from 1-6 pm. Organizers are looking for Graduate Students to put on research/science demonstrations. This is the first year that Graduate Students will be involved in Communiversality.
- The Davis International Center Advisory Board (DICAB) is planning a graduate/undergraduate joint dinner series. They are looking for Graduate Students to help them plan these dinners.
 - Lisa Yates (CHM) volunteers
- GSG Furniture Drive: To be held June 4-5. After Reunions, the graduating seniors move their unwanted belongings into tents. Graduate Students help to sell the leftover items. The charities we work with take the un-sold items and the money earned by the Drive is donated as well. There will be a google calendar/wiki-space where volunteers can

sign-up to help with the Drive. For every 1 hour you work, you get \$10 in merchandise credit.

- Kyle Keller: This is a great opportunity for students moving out of GC to pick up random items that they may need for their apartments.
- **Please forward the information on the Drive to your departments, and please let staff know about the Drive as well.**
- Events Board: Events Board is funded by GSG and also has outside funding; Graduate Student groups can apply to the Events Board for money to put on events. Joining the Events Board is a great way to get to hear about what's going on on campus. It meets every other week and lasts about an hour. The meetings are Thursday mornings at 11 am.
- SCORE re-write project: Redesigning the main page of SCORE
 - We are looking for a volunteer to attend meetings every other week with the company that is doing the programming.

Executive Committee Report:

- March 6: Timeline Engine meeting
- March 24: Sean did an [interview with the Princetonian](#) on the new Executive Board
- March 24: Communiversity planning meeting. Shuffle Mode and the Benchwarmers (Grad Student bands) will be performing.
- March 27: Meeting with Assistant Director of Career Services Amy Pszczolkowski. Career Services has the following new initiatives: Career and Life Vision workshops, and an "E-Harmony" web application to connect students with companies relevant to their interests. They also plan to focus on connecting graduate students to Princeton alumni. They are thinking of creating a Graduate Career Fellows program, in which Fellows can lead more discipline-specific career programming.
- March 28: SCORE re-write kickoff meeting
- March 28?: Meeting with Dean Kulkarni. 5 points he wants to look into 1) enhancing student life 2) improving diversity in the Graduate School 3) expanding professional development programs 4) enhancing alumni connections 5) looking at ways to enhance the academic experience in the academic departments.
- Housing Draw happened; pre-draw contracts should be out by early next week. The GHAB will meet next week. (Secretary's note: the GHAB meeting was postponed)
- April 16: Upcoming meeting with University Services (Public Safety, Parking, Dining Services, Transportation & Parking, Housing, etc.) These meetings allow us to learn what are the best way to achieve our goals.

Dima Gorenshteyn (Lawrence): The Lawrence Committee requests a shuttle to the gym during the evenings and a shuttle to campus on the weekends.

The Executive Board is very interested in hearing your feedback on the documents presented to assembly today and encourages Assembly members to continue to discuss their content with us via the [GSG forum](#) or by [email](#).

At 7:04 pm, Carolann Buff (MUS) motions to adjourn the meeting. Baxter Oliphant (POL) seconds the motion. The meeting is adjourned.