



June 11, 2014  
June Assembly Meeting  
Jadwin Hall 102  
6:01-7:03 pm

The meeting is called to order at 6:01 pm.

Paul Ominsky and Stephanie Karp from Public Safety address the Assembly:

- Paul and Stephanie offer to speak regularly with the GSG Assembly to address graduate student concerns.
- The Public Safety Department has 97 employees and 4-5 major divisions: the Princeton University Art Museum, Firestone Library, Patrol, Dispatch and the Fire Marshalls. They are not an armed force.
- Public Safety offers programs for students and employees. They offer a popular RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) course, and coordinated a car safety workshop with the USG (on how to fix a car) in January.
- Public Safety has new technology to help recover stolen electronic devices if they reconnect to the Princeton network.
- An upcoming “lighting walk” around main campus and to the apartment complexes will check that all walkways on campus conform to University lighting standards.

Open Forum:

- Lizette Taguchi: As a member of the GCHC, Lizette wants clarification about what they can tell students about crimes/disturbances at the GC. Recently there were two break-ins to change machines at the GC, and a non-student has tried repeatedly to gain access to the GC. It is unclear whether the GCHC is able to share this kind of information with residents. Can we notify residents by email?
  - Paul: I believe in transparency.
  - Stephanie: If you have thefts, it's important that you share the information. If you see a person trying to gain improper access to the GC, they can be “PNGed”. This means they can't come to campus, and if they do come, they can be arrested.
- Lizette: The DBar employees were sent a suspect picture but they were told not to send it around.
  - Paul: Sending pictures around about a person who hasn't been convicted is legally problematic.
- Julia Wittes (Secretary): I find the RAD course name off-putting and haven't signed up for that reason. Can the name be changed?

- Paul: We can hold other self-defense workshops. However, RAD is the name of a national organization.
- Julia Wittes (Secretary): Are men welcome at RAD?
  - There are separate classes for men and women.
- Carolann Buff (MUS rep): How does the University deal with off-campus crimes (ie. muggings)? Is it considered a University problem?
  - Paul: We do an evaluation - is there a risk to the community? We were notified of the incident this week [in which a graduate student was mugged near campus] by the Princeton PD. We decided to make a “timely report” because we thought the campus community should know about what had happened. Technically we’re only responsible for the campus, but we try to keep an eye on things that happen elsewhere in the community.
- Stephanie Karp: What’s the best way for Public Safety to contact graduate students? Is email, text or phone message best?
  - Students express interest in finding a way for individuals to each choose how they would like to be contacted.
  - One issue with phone calls is that some places on campus have no cell phone service.
  - Sean Edington (President): This really depends on the type of emergency. For a snow emergency, a text or an email might be sufficient.
    - Julia Wittes (Secretary): In the event of a life-or-death emergency, I’d like you to try to reach me as many ways as possible, including by phone.
  - Paul and Stephanie: the PTENS system may be modified. They are looking at new systems with more features; for instance, the ability to notify students of emergencies via pop-ups on their computer screens.
- Pam Mueller (Health and Life Chair): There isn’t a Dinky to meet the last train from Princeton Junction. The last train arrives after 2 am, but the Dinky stops running at 2 am.
  - Paul: If you email me, I can pass the information on to Kim Jackson.
  - Julia Wittes: If student is stranded at Princeton Junction or needs transport to/from the hospital, is calling Public Safety an option?
    - Paul: We don’t currently run to Princeton Junction, but if student does have a problem they can call us and we’ll try to help.
- Genna Gilner (GCHC): Would it be possible to have CPR classes?
  - Paul: Yes

#### Establishing a GSG Service Committee:

- There has been a suggestion to start a Service Committee, headed by a Service Chair and an Underchair. The Service Chair would be in charge of organizing a service event or trip at least once a month. These events would be pre-packaged and easy to participate in. The University wants to make service a bigger part of Princeton’s culture, and our Service Committee would be in line with this ideal. The Pace Center would share some of their resources with us.

- Next month we could elect a Service Chair. Kelly La Rue has expressed interest in being Chair.
- Olivia Martel: From a Grad School perspective, we love this idea. We want our Community Associates to get more involved with the Pace Center as well.
- Genna Gilner (GCHC): I think this is a great idea. I currently work for an organization that needs more volunteers, but we don't know how to recruit them.
- Sean Edington: It takes a while to learn how to do this well. That's the point of the Underchair: they can take over the position the next year after they've been trained.
- A student asks how the partnership with the Pace Center might work.
  - The Pace Center has vehicles in Lot 20 for student groups. The Pace Center can also help students figure out how to organize service events.
- Lizette Taguchi: I think a Service Committee is a really good idea. We should try to strike a balance between one-day events (which make participants feel better but don't necessarily accomplish much) and longer projects.
  - Sean Edington (President): We might want to start with smaller events and transition into larger ones as it grows.
  - Olivia Martel: The Pace Center follows a similar scheme for getting students involved in volunteering. There are long-term service trips. Graduate students would be perfect as advisors for these trips.
- Lizette Taguchi: Would the events be exclusive to graduate students or open?
  - Olivia & Sean: probably a mix

#### Lakeside art selection process: Andrew Edwards

- The Lakeside Art Committee is selecting art for Building 4 of Lakeside. They are hoping to draw art contributions from the graduate community. One idea is to use images from the Art of Science competition. They will shortly begin to solicit artwork (photography only, at least at this time) directly from graduate students via a web portal.
- Reps are asked to speak to friends about submitting their work and to contact Andrew if they have any other ideas for Lakeside artwork.
- Lizette Taguchi: Artwork is often displayed in the basement of the Woodrow Wilson School. Maybe ask them?
- Olivia: The photos should represent the four divisions of the graduate school (humanities, natural sciences, social sciences, applied sciences).
- Marissa Smith: Is photography taken off-campus or in other countries (ie. Mozambique) acceptable?
  - Andrew: yes
- Olivia: We're trying to pick pieces of art that will be timeless. There may be one space where different works of art work will be rotated in.
- Geeta Persad (AOS rep): Butler College holds photography competitions. There are RGSes in all colleges, so they may have entries from graduate students.
- A student suggests that we contact students who have contacted the GSG Events Board to fund art events.
- Julia Wittes (Secretary): What size/ resolution is required?

- Sean Edington (President): It might be good to include examples of high resolution images on the website for submitting images.

#### Volunteers Needed:

- Career Services is putting together a graduate student advisory board. They want a strong student voice as they reorganize the department. We are helping them to find volunteers. Please [email us](#) if you're interested. Dean Secora has already sent an email about the search for advisory board members via email. The board will meet for two hours, approximately once a month.
- The U Store has a board of trustees; two graduate student representatives sit on that board and they need one new representative. Would anyone be interested? They need a new board member by the end of July.
  - Baxter Oliphant: What's the time commitment? It's been an issue in the past that you don't provide this information when you're looking for volunteers.
    - Sean Edington: Once a month at most
- If the Assembly approves the new Service Committee next month, we will be looking for volunteers for that committee. Kelly La Rue will probably come to assembly next month to make a pitch for volunteers.
- SCORE is being renamed. The Exec Board's current favorite is CLAWS: Course Listing and Web Services. Please contact the GSG if you have any suggestions for renaming SCORE!

#### Executive Committee Report:

- Julia Wittes (Secretary): At our meeting with Cheri Lawson and Lisa Schreyer, GSG Exec members watched modules from the "Not Anymore" online training program. Although I generally dislike online training programs and was skeptical coming into the meeting, I thought the content was really well presented and seriously considered, and the topics addressed are important. The Graduate School is still trying to figure out how to implement the program, which content to include, and whether to make it mandatory.
- Rachael Barry: The modules were a mix of scripted scenarios and offering definitions of important terms. The GSG Exec members have access to the modules if anyone is interested in seeing them. The Graduate School would like the GSG's approval of their use of "Not Anymore".
- Lizette Taguchi: I think this is an incredibly important issue. There are few cases of sexual assault/harassment here, but those I know of suggest a lack of education. Could Cheri Lawson give a brief presentation on "Not Anymore" to Assembly? Also, from my perspective, it's a good idea for the training to be mandatory for all enrolled students.
- Carolann Buff (MUS rep): Graduate students have multiple roles: we are students, employees of the university, and we have supervisory roles. Do the modules address this?
  - Rachael: This vendor in particular has a set of modules more geared toward graduate students. We watched one (sexual harassment) that had situations relevant to graduate students (advisor/advisee sexual harassment) and vice

versa (TA/student relationships). Some peer/peer scenarios are considered as well, and actors of varying ages are used.

- Will be talking to Kim Jackson about making commuting less expensive, and the future of parking and transportation. We will solicit her ideas on what we can do to make the current transport systems more useful. We will ask that she try to get buses to run on a more accurate timetable.
  - A student says that the people who staff the desk at Parking and Transportation Services provide incorrect information or conflicting information; and yell at students. They have also been told different things when they speak with staff by phone vs. in person. Furthermore, they haven't adequately notified students about changes in the parking lots.
    - Rachael Barry (Treasurer): We've brought this up with Kim Jackson in the past. But I think it's a huge problem and it's hard to find someone who hasn't had one of these experiences.
- Another student states that Parking and Transportation is inconsistent with the rules. They've been ticketed and then told that the tickets were incorrect only when they contested the ticket. A representative states that she has had the same issue.

Carolann Buff (MUS rep) motions to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm. Geeta Persad (COS rep) seconds the motion. The meeting is adjourned.