



May 14, 2014
May Assembly Meeting
Jadwin Hall 102
5:55-7:10 pm

President Sean Edington calls the meeting to order at 5:55 pm

Garden Theatre Committee Report: Hannes Mandel

- The [Princeton Garden Theatre](#) is owned by the University and will have a new non-profit operator beginning in June.
- The new operator wants to have more show times, more shows, and to show more art-house films. They are planning special events as well, such as Q&A sessions and seminars, and are open to hosting events for graduate students.
- **Assembly members are asked to spread the word that students can schedule student-only film screenings at the theatre.**
- **Contact Hannes with ideas at: hmandel@princeton.edu**
- Andrew Edwards (HIS rep): Is a film festival/series a possibility?
 - Hannes: Yes, they want to have kids' events, opera events, and more.

Approval of the April 2014 minutes: April Williams (QCB rep) motions to approve the minutes. Andrew Edwards (HIS rep) seconds the motion; the motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

CPUC Elections:

- Candidates for each position introduce themselves for two minutes
- Priorities Committee: George Khoury and Loan T. Le
- Executive Committee: Arvind Ravikumar
- Governance Committee: Kyle Keller
- Judicial Committee: Christian Moser (absent) and Denis Zhernokleyev (absent) - their statements are read by Communications Director Tom Morrell
- Resources Committee: no candidates
- Rights and Rules Committee: Carolann Buff
- 24 votes were submitted. Christian Moser was elected to the Judicial Committee and the rest of the candidates were approved by written ballot.
- Congratulations to our new CPUC delegates!

Approval of the GSG Housing Letter:

- Andrew Edwards (HIS rep) motions to approve the housing letter. The motion is seconded by Angelina Sylvain (NEU rep) and passes by unanimous voice vote.

- The USG may also endorse this document.

Vacation of inactive seats:

- According to the GSG Constitution, Assembly seats become inactive when a representative fails to attend monthly meetings or send a proxy in her place for three consecutive months. Once inactive seats have been vacated, GSG Vice President Mircea Davidescu will reach out to Academic Departments to find new representatives to the Assembly.
- April Williams (QCB rep) motions to vacate the inactive seats; Alexandra Pastino (MOL rep) seconds the motion. The motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Volunteers needed for the GSG Furniture Drive, June 3-4:

- The GSG Furniture Drive will take place following reunions. There will be 4 tents staffed by volunteers. The proceeds are donated to charities and the leftover items are donated to the charities as well. Assembly members are asked to forward a flyer along to their departments.
- Volunteers are needed to help staff the tents. They will receive \$10 in items for every hour that you work. We prefer two volunteers per tent at a given time.

Summer Cookout Series: June 18 - August ?

- Wednesday nights - \$10 all you can eat meals, buffet-style
- We already have some musical groups that have offered to play, but please contact the GSG if you know of other graduate student groups that would be willing to perform.

Career Services is establishing a graduate advisory board:

- They are looking for 8 graduate students from different areas of study and in different class years. The meeting time will be largely up to the group. They plan to meet about once a month.

Volunteers are needed for the SCORE rename committee: email Cagin at cararat@princeton.edu if you are willing to participate. They will only meet once or twice.

Executive Committee Report

- Lakeside Transition: Tom Morrell
 - The GSG has asked for students who have not been accommodated by Graduate Housing to contact us. Currently, we are being told that Lakeside will open in September.
 - The University will accommodate students whose move is delayed by 1) waiving 2 months' rent (the last month's rent in the old apartment and the first month's rent in the new apartment) and 2) providing moving assistance, by either hiring professional movers or by reimbursing students for their moving costs.
 - It seems as though students who will have the greatest difficulties in the transition to Lakeside (73 bed spaces) are students moving from off-campus to Lakeside.

- Incoming students have been encouraged to not apply for Lakeside as their first choice as this will make their move much more difficult.
- Jim Poole is very open to feedback. He encourages students moving to Lakeside to come meet with him (5th floor, New South building) between 9 am and 1 pm every morning to discuss their concerns.
- The Graduate Student Appreciation Reception on April 10 was well-received.
- Sean attended a productive meeting with VP of Campus Life Cynthia Cherrey on April 11. VP Cherrey supports many of our goals. She would like to have better numbers on how many graduate students have children. Additionally, the two discussed finding ways to make DICAB, the Pace Center, and other campus organizations more responsive to graduate student needs.
- Career Services: Pulin Sanghvi, the new Executive Director of Career Services, has begun a series of Career Life Vision workshops, which Sean and Mircea attended and found worthwhile. Career Services is looking into ways to engage students through their departments.
- Grad student swag? The Graduate School and GSG Executive Board are discussing the possibility of having better “swag” for incoming graduate students, such as customized sweaters, to increase the visibility of graduate students on campus.
- Transportation update: Issues related to transportation were discussed at the April 16 University Services meeting. Briefly, we discussed why the overflow parking spaces in Lot 21 were never paved; this was judged no longer necessary because the repaving of Lot 21 resulted in the creation of a sufficient number of new parking spaces in the new lot. Secondly, the Exec Board learned that the University is hoping to work toward a new transportation scheme, in which students and employees would park on the outskirts of campus and take buses and follow walkways to the interior of campus.
- CommuniversiTY: Graduate Students more involved than they’ve ever been before. There were four graduate student-led science demonstrations and two graduate bands performed.
- SCORE Redesign Project: The project will be complete in the next 1-2 months.
- CPUC General Meeting: Discussion of divestment from stocks based on fossil fuels (looks as though University will not be divesting). Also a discussion of Emergency management. Rights Rules and Responsibilities has been changed by Office of the General Council to better comply with Federal legislation.
- Healthier Princeton Advisory Board: Sean spoke to combating sense of isolation in the Graduate Student community.
- GSG End of Year Party: The party was a success, with 320 party guests. The party was \$700 under budget and did not run out of beer.
- Paul Ominsky and Stef Karp may come to our June Assembly meeting. Lakeside will come under jurisdiction of public safety. There will be a lighting tour.
- Angelina Sylvain (NEU rep): Can more lighting be installed along the routes to off-campus housing?
 - Probably not - this is under the jurisdiction of the town, not the University, and the town is very concerned about “light pollution.”

Open forum:

- Angelina Sylvain (NEU rep): What is the status of the campus pub?
 - A great deal of planning has gone into the campus pub. The limiting step seems to be that the University has not been able to procure a liquor license for the pub. There are few in Mercer County, and there is a long waiting list for these licenses.
- Are all students invited to film screenings at the Garden Theatre? If so, perhaps the name can be changed to “student screenings” instead of being called “undergraduate screenings.”
 - Generally, yes

Alexandra Pastino (MOL rep) motions to adjourn the meeting; Angelina Sylvain (NEU rep) seconds the motion. The meeting is adjourned at 7:10 pm.