GRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

GSG April Assembly Meeting
July 8, 2015
Joseph Henry Room, Jadwin Hall, Princeton University
6:00 - 6:41pm

The meeting is called to order at 6:00pm.

There are not enough representatives to approve the June 2015 minutes.

Announcements
Summer party
- Liz Davison (Special Events): Summer party will be on August 7, please ask people about volunteering

Campus Dining Advisory Board call
- Akshay Mehra (President): There is a call for Campus Dining Advisory Board
- Mircea Davidescu (Vice President): Got off the phone with Smitha today. They have 5 undergrads, looking for a grad student as well. Looking at food as a subject of critical inquiry (e.g. if there are departments that study food production, consumption,etc., how can dining services help?) AND wellness/healthy eating and improving campus/Frist sustainability and offerings. 4 hours/month commitment for the full academic year (August-May)
- Akshay: We've been asked to nominate someone.
- Melissa Verhey (French and Italian rep): If we have a person in our department not in Assembly who wants to participate, can they? → Yes
- Mircea: Grad rep will be able to work on an individual project.

CPUC
- Mircea: not worth talking about yet if we don't have quorum.
- Akshay: gist is that there are some slight language and structural changes.

Executive Committee Updates
Lakeside transition (Julia)
- Julia Wittes (Facilities): Housing Committees can be super helpful if students have ideas to improve living at grad housing. Provisional committee has started meeting. In the future, idea is that people who attend the meeting will vote. Julia has built a website, calling for anything else that people think should be included. Apartments are largely completed - still some work to be done. Some things still left in landscaping. ACC staff

have been responsive. If anyone is living in Lakeside, please bring up any issues that they're aware of.
- Michelle Frazer (AOS rep): How are packages going to be delivered? Told that it would be at the office and people would sign for it. But a lot of packages have been left at doorsteps, outside buildings, or outside mailbox.
- Jose Ferreira (Applied Math rep): USPS has been leaving packages at mailbox, UPS has been leaving packages outside.
- Michelle: When Lakeside Committee is formally started, will there be meetings on another night? Time conflict. → can decide on another time (Julia)

Bus routes
- Zander (guest, Electrical Engineering): It may be a problem in the winter that buses could get overcrowded, and only one bus goes to Lawrence, GC, and Lakeside → we can talk to Transit later on, they should be aware and monitoring.
- Julia: Weekend circulator! Same route as summer circulator. Woohoo!

Back to CPUC (extra time)
- Mircea:
  First Change - decouples being on individual committees and being on the General Council; this way, GSG has some say in who is on each (as people may not want to be on both de facto), instead of administration voting on General Council.
  Second Change - produce a rank-ordered list of candidates to indicate preference, instead of just one recommendation per position, because sometimes that one recommendation gets ignored; this also helps
- Julia: The way that we've stated the changes is the way that we ran it this year.
- Michelle: But this year, we had everyone run for all positions they wanted to, but procedures looks like only one.
- Mircea: Yes, that's true. We just did not adhere to that this year, overlooked it. But in the future, we will have people only run for one.
- Rachael Barry: It might be worth adding something to the rank-ordered list, like a disapproved candidate option. Not that someone really terrible would run, but just in case.
- Mircea: We can add that, but how to implement…
- Rachael: We can probably do something similar to the officers election, where there is some disapproval option.
- Akshay: What does it mean that the person with the least number of votes be ranked last and votes transferred to the second preference?
- Rachael: That's from the old method of voting to avoid runoffs.
- Mircea: People would produce rank-ordered list. We would count first rank votes. Then the person who had the least first ranks would be eliminated, and then the votes reallocated according to the second preference.
- Rachael: It might make more sense to do a point-based system.
- Michelle: Yes, transferable only makes sense to get to top one.

- Jose: This is a big debate in a lot of voting systems, and it might make more sense to stick with what we've done in the past. Thinks it has a lot of merit, and would be consistent with what we've done in the past.
- Mircea: For next Assembly Meeting, will look at different outcomes using the two methods to see which is better for the purpose of creating a rank-ordered list. Maybe three options for voting.
- Michelle: If there are multiple transferable votes, then it could easily skew perspective if there is one favorite and all others tie, versus others are actually significantly ranked by people.
- Josh Wallace (Astrophysical Sciences rep): If we have three voting options to vote on, what voting method are we going to use to vote? Haha
- Michelle: We could vote all three ways and compare haha.
- Julia: Maybe there are apps that are already written so that we can vote digitally rather than write on paper and collect things, manually calculating.

Open Forum
Polling Committee
- Alta Fang (MAE rep): To follow up, are people helping with the polling issue?
- Mircea: Committee just formed last week. Also gathering help from former exec members:
- Tori Luu (Geo rep; Communications): There are currently 3-4 responses.

Michelle motions to adjourn the meeting, Alexandra Pastino (Mol Bio rep) seconds the motion; the meeting is adjourned 6:41pm.