



GSG Assembly Meeting
August 12, 2015 5:45pm

Joseph Henry Room, Jadwin Hall, Princeton University

The meeting is called to order at 6:03pm.

There are not enough representatives to approve the June and July 2015 minutes, these will be presented at the September Assembly Meeting along with the August minutes.

Creation of GSG Survey Procedures

- It was brought up that the process for holding a poll that occurred in the Spring was a bit adhoc, so we want to establish a procedure for polling in the future.
- Mircea (GSG Vice President) has been working with 5 or so Assembly Members to work on this document. (Mircea reviews the document)
- Liset (): It may be problematic that the Assembly can disapprove for ANY reason. Does not give clear regulations on disapproving a survey.
 - Julia (Facilities Chair): It is at the discretion of the Assembly to decide
 - Liset: Maybe we should outline all of the reasons why we might need to disapprove a survey
 - Mircea: Is the language that is there a complete list?
 - Angelina: Could have one of the points be that it is not approved of by $\frac{2}{3}$ majority. Makes it so that it seems like a group is determining the approval, rather than a single Assembly member
 - Julia: Everyone could come up with an inappropriate survey topic and see if the points we have created for disapproval cover all of the cases.
 - Genna: Move 1a to under 2a
 - Liset: These reasons already provide good reason to turn down proposals that are not relevant.
 - Mircea: The precedent of this is for instance being able to kick someone out of Assembly. The reasons are not outlined anywhere.
 - Michelle (AOS rep): When we vote on it, people don't have to say they reject it for a particular reason
 - Mircea will reword it and bring it back next month, since we can't vote on it now anyway without quorum
- Jean Nava (LGSA delegate): In 4a, What does "non-aggregate" mean?
 - Mircea: It means personally identifiable data. We can change the wording so that

is more clear.

- Liset: Will we ever ask for identifiable data?
 - Daniel (Academic Affairs Chair): If the data pool is small, we may be able to identify people that take the survey
 - Would we ever do that intentionally?
 - Jean: We could have a clause for anonymity.
 - Liset: Maybe add the clause: “The GSG will not intentionally publish identifiable data, and will take all measures to protect the anonymity of the information ”
 - Jean: Could additionally add: “If you decided to share anecdotes, you may be identifiable”
 - Liset: Should look the standards that the Institutional Review Board has for disclaimers
- Race (Mol Bio Guest): Another reason for disapproval should be for people that are interested in asking a poll for scientific reasons
- Jean: Or any survey that will need to have IRB approval.
- Jean: What if someone is interested in asking about information of a sensitive nature (drug use, sexual activity, etc.), would we need to get University approval?
 - Olivia Martel: The university hasn't encountered that before.
 - Mircea: That might be something we have to deal with if it happens
- Liset: The survey results cannot be disclosed to the Assembly until they have approved (switch points 7 and 8)
- Michelle: One concern is that this will take months to go through and in summer we may not reach quorum, is there some way of electronic voting?
 - Mircea: It may not need to be listed explicitly since the Assembly can always run electronic surveys
 - Michele: There are a lot of places in this document that state things need to be approved “at the assembly”.
 - Mircea: We can remove some of this wording and also
 - Daniel: The only concern with this is that we don't want the votes to be close together in time. There should be an appropriate length of time between votes.
 - Tori: We may want to just add the wording that “in case of no quorum, an electronic vote must be held immediately after the Assembly meeting”
- Jean: Why would we run a poll and not disclose the results (point 9)?
 - Mircea: There was a survey on transit, and it generated data about where people were residing. That information was only of interest to parking and transportation.
 - Genna: This is in the procedure agreed upon by the Assembly at the beginning of the survey.
 - Mircea: We can include this under the approval of the survey.

Systems to produce rank-ordering of candidates in CPUC Elections

- Mircea: We were approached by the CPUP to present recommendations for graduate student representatives to serve on the general council and committees of the CPUC. In the past the GSG has presented only single candidates. They would like to change this so that the GSG gives a rank ordered list of students to be recommended for the positions. Since the system we have codified now is to represent a single person, we need to change the procedures. We need to come up with a voting system to produce the list that we submit to the CPUC. The Mean-Based Range Voting is the voting system that seems to have made the most sense. Since we can't vote this meeting, let's have a discussion about this.
- Angelina: What happens if CPUC doesn't select the highest ranked candidate? Will the Assembly get a justification of why they selected a different candidate? Can we have that be required?
 - We can probably request that they do that, but we probably cannot mandate that they give their reasoning.
- Julia: Did we ever figure out from Ann whether the undergrads submit a rank ordered list or are they able to appoint people?
 - They cannot appoint their own candidates, and they do submit a list of students that is more than the number of available positions
 - In the eyes of the CPUC all that we give is a recommendation
- Michelle: The transparency would be good. If we don't know what they are looking for in a candidate, we may continue to recommend the wrong people.
- Katie: Has it ever been the case that the people we have chosen have not been appointed?
 - This has been something that occurred in the past. The representation of a person on the committee was not a good fit because the committee was made up of a majority of people from one field of study, and the committee wanted to diversify
- Mircea: We can add a clause that says if they do not accept the top candidate the Vice President of the GSG needs to ask the CPUC to give a reason for the selection (but they do not necessarily have to respond)
- Michelle: One objection to this system is that somebody can express very biased opinions by voting 1, 1, 9 vs. voting 7, 8, 9
 - Mircea: These sort of result would properly reflect the opinion of the assembly
 - Michelle: It is not that we need to change the system, but that the 1 - 9 is a large range. Wouldn't 1-3 work just as well.
 - Daniel: We discussed a 1-0 system that would be a discretization of the 1-9 system, but the 1-9 system allows people to be more specific in their preferences
 - Julia: I think this system could work just fine, we just have to remind people to think strategically.
 - Yuan: Agrees with Michelle that 1-9 is a very large range.

- Julia: We can just hold a vote for 1-5. We can't do this today, but we can vote on it at the next meeting

Grad Student Graduation Jackets (“Beer Jackets”)

- We were approached by Tara McCartney from APGA to see if the Grad Students would be interested in having these jackets as well as seniors.
- The price of the jackets increases the fewer the jackets that you order. Undergrads order 1300 each year so their price is below \$50. We were thinking about how to come up with an affordable jacket style.
- Jean: Do the grad students actually want jackets?
 - Interest has been established
- Olivia: The backstory to the jackets: These jackets are worn on class day. People want jackets typically to participate in a bigger tradition and give them have a feeling of school pride and cohesion
- Angelina: We could poll people at the beginning of the year to see how many people would buy them, and just order that many.
- Mike: The graduate student population is a much smaller pool. These jackets would provide a sense of pride. We don't have to follow the rules that undergraduates have. We can have the same design each year and modify them with patches (that are cheaper).
- Akil (): Right now you can get a short sleeve shirt, a vest, and a blazer.
 - Would this jacket be in competition to the blazers?
- Angelina: We should get a sense of how many people buy blazers. This might give us a sense of interest in the jackets.
- Lesit: The blazers are much more formal, so the jackets could be a casual item that could be worn on the day-to-day basis. The design should be something that can be worn everyday. The undergrad jackets are a bit silly.
- Angelina: In the survey, we should ask about the nature of what the jacket should look like.
- Mircea: These are all really great points. Please email the GSG to get more ideas about what should be on this survey.
- Quick count: 11 people were interested in personally buying a jacket

DCE and ET/DCC initiatives

- Daniel: We are looking for DCE ET/DCC students in the departments that are having any issues with the system that is in place, so please have them contact GSG/Daniel (Academic Affairs Chair) so we can address some of these issues.
- Akil: Look at humanities areas since their programs tend to last longer.
- Mircea: We have has some attendance issues with areas in the humanities

Open Forum

- Angelina: The terms of the embargo have been discussed before. Is this something that is still being looked into?
 - Daniel (Academic Affairs Chair) is still working on this. If anyone is having issues contact him.
- Angelina: Lakeside Issue: Can we include a weight room?
 - The issue is with liability and safety
 - Julia: If you want to do stuff with weights, there are building codes that have to be met. The gym was not built to have that.
- Angelina: Outdoor pool?
 - The boathouse has a pool, can we get access to that?

Daniel motions to adjourn the meeting, Angelina () seconds the motion; the meeting is adjourned 7:36pm.

Next meeting: September 9, 2015 5:45pm