



AGENDA

GSG Assembly Meeting

September 9, 2015 5:45pm

Joseph Henry Room, Jadwin Hall, Princeton University

The meeting is called to order at 5:57 PM.

Joshua Wallace (Astrophysical Science) motions to approve the June, July, and August Assembly Meeting Minutes. Alexandra Pastino (Molecular Biology) seconds. The motion passes.

CPUC election procedures

- Mircea Davidescu (VP): Last December, we were asked to produce a rank-ordered list of recommendations for CPUC, so that they can appropriately fill the positions to balance representation.
- Julia Wittes (Facilities Chair): Let's take a moment so people can read and ask questions.
- David Walsh (sub for R. Spiegel): How will this help to balance? We have no control over who runs.
- Mircea: Rather than providing only one person, we can now produce a list and the Secretary of the CPUC decides.
- Ellie Green (English rep): So we are really just providing recommendations?
- Mircea: Yes, we have no direct control, but this is our form of input. We just happen to have an election.
- Daniel Vitek (Academic Affairs Chair): To clarify, we will request reasons for why our first choice not selected.
- Joshua motions to pass the CPUC election procedures. Michelle Frazer (AOS rep) seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

Amendments on surveying

- Mircea: This results from the poll on divestment with which we were approached earlier this year. One concern is how relevant it is to GSG and how much time it takes. New amendments outline what would be considered irrelevant, procedures for oversight, details for how to release results - in general resolves a lot of issues.
- Akshay Mehra (President): This also provides a structured timeline. We'll allow a few

minutes to read and then questions.

- Joshua: With reasons for disapproval, for example, the one we had this past year, maybe we should elaborate to prevent bias.
- Mircea: We will draft, and then Assembly will approve/revise, in order to create an unbiased survey. Rather than have an external group.
- Daniel: One of the problems we ran into were seen as somewhat biased by some people. This new procedure gives Assembly a lot more control over what we run, what it looks like. It will slow down process, but that's a good thing. But is this a mandate that everything that Exec does to go through global, it has to pass through Assembly? Or is this just for formal things?
- Mircea: We don't do a lot of surveys, and we should formalize it so we prevent over-surveying.
- Daniel: But for example, jackets survey. Do we need to follow procedure? That will generate a large delay. What do members of Assembly think?
- Mircea: The amendment does address this in the sense that there are different Exec procedures, but still needs
- David Walsh (sub for R. Spiegel): What if we send out a list of survey topics that Exec wants to do, and then if there is concern for one, we can flag it and go through procedure?
- Mircea: This could be a good idea.
- Ellie: But what if administrators want us to run a survey? Does that count as internal or external?
- Mircea: Probably would count as internal, and go through flag process, since we're elected to directly interact with admin.
- Kay Gabriel (Health Chair): Proposal to rewrite 1.3.
- Tori Luu (Communications Director): Also note the difference between coming from another student/student group versus administrators.
- Genna Gliner (Social Chair): Also, e.g. Jacket Survey, if Exec completely drafts it on its own, not given a survey.
- Michelle: If one Assembly member flags it, does it go through process?
- Mircea: Yes?
- Tori: We will define a period of time that we will wait for objection.
- Jonathan (Computer Science): There should still be more defined transparency issues.
- Genna: We decide on and approve of a survey plan, which specifies where data are going.
- Akshay: But what about Exec surveys? Are we still obligated to publish?
- Julia: It's more that surveys with sensitive or nonrepresentative information may not be made public.

Proposed policy changes for child care accommodation and adoption policy

- Kay: Basic policies available online (paid leave, financial assistance to primary caregiver, etc), but certain cases came up where the policies were not appropriate in specific situations. New proposals: 1) relax definitions of primary caregiver and 2) encourage students to contact the Graduate School if anything happens that will force you to become a primary caregiver with a smaller time window than policy states (3 months). Any questions? No.

ET/DCC students and health insurance

- Daniel: As it stands, you have so many years of funding and then some years with DCC status, so you're still technically enrolled. If you still don't finish dissertation then you pass on to ET/DCC status (enrollment terminated). A lot of things change when that status is assumed, and notification is missing. For example, all enrolled students get an email in the spring to remind you to sign up for health insurance. However, ET/DCC status kicks in Sept 1 and you do not qualify for that health insurance anymore. Change will be to include language in that email that states if you are to be ET/DCC, you will not be eligible for student health insurance.
- Kay: We also learned positives - everyone who has tried to apply for Special Enrollment Period through Affordable Care Act has been successful, if you lose health insurance you can apply at any time. But we did learn that nobody received messages that explicitly said "You will not have health insurance through the university when you enter ET/DCC". Please find out from departments what issues people have had because there are a lot of changes, e.g. library access, visa permits, etc.
- Daniel: Year of entry varies from department to department. In math, can be as early as year 6.

Lakeside move in and elections

- Julia: October 7 at 7PM election for Lakeside Committee. Any other questions?
- Akshay: If you have friends or you live in Lakeside and you have issues, please let us know. We're addressing some now.

GSG pub night

- Genna: Mamoun's at DBar 8-10

Wine and Cheese night October 8 from 6:30-10:30

- Liz: Any volunteers?

Announcements

- Akshay: UServices Meeting tomorrow, happen every two months!

Open forum (your ideas for future policy, initiatives, guest speakers, feedback, ...)

- Michelle: Does the new bus schedule reflect recommendations?
- Julia: We have to assume they do, but the results from the survey were not reported.
- Michelle: AOS problem with shuttle. Can we talk about it?
- Julia: We can talk to Kim Jackson tomorrow at UServices.
- Mircea: We only know there are poor east-west connections.

Joshua motions to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourns at 6:44 PM.

Next meeting: October 14, 2015 5:45pm