



GSG Assembly Meeting
Jadwin 102
December 13, 2017 5:45pm

Meeting called to order 17.54

Approval of previous meeting's minutes

Motion to approve last month's meeting minutes passes by unanimity.

RESOLVED: Last month's meeting minutes approved.

Graduate Housing Policy Changes

Last June, a Graduate Housing Working Group started (after the Summit), these groups have discussed policy changes and survey.

Policy group discussed policy changes, supported by Director of Housing and Graduate School. Prioritizing this year, with idea of coming back to evaluate and improve changes. Very likely that if we pass these recommendations they will happen.

Four points we'd like to make as changes.

After Assembly votes on this, it will be sent back to the Working Group, then to Housing at Princeton.

1) Providing additional priority to enrolled students with children, above 1st year students (students that are currently G1).

- a) SCAPP money not enough (5K) to cover for rent.
- b) Right now 0.1 extra priority, so many students with children have to apply for hardship housing.
- c) This policy would be trialed this year and next.
- d) A lot of parents have moved out already, so adding retention isn't good enough.
- e) If children grow to 2 years old and you live in a one-bedroom apartment you break NJ law and you would be deprioritized.
- f) Original proposal included DCE students; this is softer version.
- g) Motion passes with 3 abstentions.

RESOLVED: Will propose a recommendation to the group to provide priority to enrolled students with children.

2) Providing the possibility to change pre-draw retention contracts until 5 days before room

draw.

- a) Right now if you need to make a change to pre-draw retention contracts after the date of submitting contract, you lose the contract and need to enter the draw.
 - b) Motion passes unanimously. RESOLVED: Will propose a recommendation to the group to making it possible to change pre-draw retention contracts until 5 days before room draw.
- 3) Cancellation policies. Change wording so that if you have an academic, medical, similar need, you will not be charged, in other cases talk to Housing.
- a) Current wording: Housing reserves right to charge 300\$ for cancelling contract. Usually doesn't happen, but would like to change language.
 - b) RESOLVED: Will propose a recommendation to the group to change wording of cancellation policies and explicitly state that there is no fee for cancelling contract for medical, academic or other similar needs.
- 4) Coalescing students with children together.
- a) Graduate students (and spouses) with children would like to be in an area with other families with children.
 - b) This is not a problem for housing.
 - c) The question is whether we should ask Housing to find particular locations that are more convenient for students with families, or just in general coalesce students.
 - d) Wouldn't affect retention.
 - e) Students that want to live close to something may lose those possibilities (although medical hardship and other similar situations occur before the draw)
 - f) RESOLVED: Will propose a recommendation to the group to coalesce students with children together at particular locations that are more convenient.

Sexual Misconduct Policy Proposals

Document proposal would be sent to faculty Sexual Misconduct committee which will send it in turn to faculty advisory committee on policy, then to CPUC rights and rules. This letter (which you can find in the e-mail for December's GSG Assembly Meeting) will be a small piece of all documentation sent. This document has been written by students, administrators, faculty, people from women's center.

- 1) Princeton has some good policies in regards to protection for victims but for some reason right now they are not easy to find. Princeton should make more public these policies so people feel safer.
- 2) Some policies are not so good. In 2014 Princeton was found in violation of Title IX regulation. Princeton committed to adopting a few changes but hasn't yet adopted them.
- 3) Document has proposal for changes in policies, want university to be aware and hear

graduate students voices.

- 4) Summary:
 - a) Consider any sexual advance from faculty to student harassment, unless the student makes it clear to the chair of the department that it is something they want.
 - b) More clarity on guidelines for punishment of certain events.
 - c) Make the punishment decided by a larger group of different stakeholders of university.
 - d) Tell victims what the penalties to the responsible individuals are.
 - e) Ask Princeton to publicly declare that they support students.
 - f) Require faculty to receive training in sexual misconduct and Title IX procedures. Especially DGS and department chairs.
 - g) Improve support for students that have received retaliation and make clear what are the punishments for retaliation of any case.
- 5) Right now University sends yearly reports to Dept. of Education; but seems that the Office of Civil Rights doesn't really investigate that these reports are correct.
- 6) Concern in regards to publicizing a professor's behavior and penalty: Backlash in terms of defamation, loss of privacy of the victim. A possible solution is aggregation of data.

Motion to send this to faculty-advisory committee.

RESOLVED: This will be the GSG's official recommendation to committee.

Point made: Change term guilty to responsible since there is no legal process involved.

OIT Advisory Board

- 1) OIT is willing to move to Gmail instead of Exchange.
 - a) Downside: Would have to download e-mails from Exchange and upload them to Gmail.
 - b) Reminder: If you are using personal e-mail account for certain Princeton issues you may be breaking the LAW.
- 2) Transitioning from princeton.edu to alumni.princeton.edu and forward all e-mails to princeton.edu to alumni.princeton.edu after graduation.
 - a) Not able to send from princeton.edu.
 - b) This would be useful for graduate students who author papers.

Motion to approve both of these changes as a package. RESOLVED: Motion passes and we will send message to Jay Dominick.

Adding an Exec Member

New member: Administrative VP, charged with providing internal support for GSG exec activities. Housing priority is assigned (barring approval of assembly, and waiting for Housing etc.)

- 1) Need to have someone keeping track of projects, committees, appointments.
- 2) Need to make amendment to bylaws to have an additional position elected in upcoming election.
- 3) Maybe change naming to VP of Campus / Internal relations.

Motion to amend bylaws to include a new GSG Exec position. Motion passes. RESOLVED: Will add GSG Exec position. As of now, suggestions for names of the position are accepted.

Election Plan

Need volunteers to join election committee. Will be helping to run GSG Exec elections. Not a significant responsibility, between mid Jan to mid March.

- Need to approve election plan by end of Jan.
- Update website.
- Explain Assembly how will it be done.
- Put it in action after approval. Accept nominations, inform nominees, run election, results will be brought on March.

CPUC positions election will be ran alongside.

Volunteers: Hendia Edmund, Nathan Ashe, Nancy Lu, Emily Kern.

GCHC Membership Poll

Right now membership for non-residents of GC is opt-in (25\$). This gives access to DBar, with some conditions (guests have to leave with you).

Last meeting with general council: Lack of compliance with regulations. Also big swings of attendance.

Proposal: Make every student who lives in graduate housing an opt-out D-bar member.

- 1) For students living in GHousing, doesn't make sense to be guests and have to be tied to host.
- 2) With the current format, students are required to have a 3 day waiting list for members, people want to go to an event and realize they can't.

Right now dues are 25\$ a year, dues would go down but don't have a number right now. Right now we don't know logistically how would that process look like. This is first step, administration hasn't made a decision.

Vote about referendum will be held next Assembly meeting.

Open Forum

- Can we get a STOP sign in Alexander and College? University loses her jurisdiction there. In Transportation advisory board it's been brought up and the answer is that it's Princeton Township's jurisdiction. May write letter to City Council.

RESOLVED: Next Assembly meeting in January.

Next meeting: January 10, 2018 5:45pm