



GSG Assembly Meeting
Jadwin 102
February 14, 2018 5:45pm

Meeting called to order at 5.55.

Approval of previous meeting's minutes

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

RESOLVED: Last month's meeting minutes approved.

GCHC Membership Referendum Approval

Pro and Con list for referendum is written. No vote required. Feedback welcome until Feb 18, then referendum will be sent in election.

GSG Exec Candidates List Approval

Motion to approve list of candidates passes by unanimity.

RESOLVED: List of candidates approved.

Akshay Mehra, current VP who is running unopposed for Judicial CPUC, has offered help with technical questions of the software of the election. Assembly consents and sees no problem with it.

USG-GSG USLC Charter Changes

Facilities Officer of executive board has usually been co-chair of USLC (University Student Life Committee). Traditionally, USG has had an USLC charter that was called "USG GSG USLC" in which the Graduate Students have never participated. Student chair of USG GSG USLC wants to change it, make it only USG committee. Administrative chair of faculty USLC (VP Calhoun) assures us that GS participation in USLC would continue to have 5 grad student voting members and have an officer co-chair. USG and GSG also work on different causes usually.

USG already passed a motion to modify, but they can't without consent from GSG. The question is whether GSG should provide USG assent to have GSG removed from USG GSG committee.

Problem: Until the wording has been changed in the faculty charter, Graduate Students wouldn't have an official voice. Suggestion: Wait until March, have that change made officially in the USLC Faculty charter and then change USG GSG USLC. Answer: The Faculty charter is run by Dean of Faculty, not clear what the procedure is, seems like all faculty will have to vote on the change, so it may take more time than just until March.

Suggestion: Declaration that what was considered USG GSG USLC is now split and GSG exec will take the charge of the GSG part.

Tania Bore (USLC Chair of the USG): We haven't been following the provisions of the charter of the committee. These changes are made to have a renewed commitment to that charter, and we (USG) need structure for incoming chairs. Other reasons to change in e-mail and document sent to Assembly. VP Calhoun mentioned they will change the language of the document, but they haven't already. The change is basically not asking that we meet weekly any longer.

Problem: If it is a hard change it is possible it never changes, and if for some reason the VP changes and a new one comes, that individual guarantee would be moot. Suggestion: Why can't we modify the charter to be able to have a smaller, more amenable commitment? Tania: We'd be open to it.

Problem: But if we vote to split now, we wouldn't have the voice to make that change later.

Point for changing: It is unrealistic and counterproductive to keep this work together if it hasn't worked until now.

Question: Why isn't there a unified committee? Tania: The Faculty USLC is an opportunity to meet on a monthly basis, while in the USG USLC we work on issues more central to the undergraduate life.

Tania: There is not really a rush, it would be OK to spend another month to work on another statement, we (USG) thought it would be easier. The only urgency is that we want to follow what we wrote down.

Point: Maybe this should be a larger conversation between Grad Students and Undergrad Students.

Noah Apthorpe, Bernat Guillen, Elia Miller, Mai Nguyen, William Smith volunteer to form a committee to work with USG on the appropriate wording of USLC charter.

There is a proposal from the GSG to move the co-chair of USLC from Facilities to VP of Internal Affairs. Motion to make an amendment to the bylaws so that VP of Internal Affairs becomes co-chair of USLC passes unanimously.

RESOLVED: VP of Internal Affairs will be the co-chair of USLC Faculty chapter.

Housing Policy Updates

Groups that formed in last June's Housing Work session have proposed policy updates that can be changed this year. In January Assembly the proposed changes were approved, these were put forward to Director of Housing and Dean of Graduate School.

Director of Housing and Dean of Graduate School agreed to:

- Introduce a 2 year pilot to give priority to graduate students with children, as well as pre-retention forms. Priority between exec and 1st year (so highest). Priority increases by number of children.
- Removing of Random Roommate option. It was not a very successful system and it is gone. There will be facebook groups to allow students to meet other students.
- Allowing grad students to change retention and pre-draw groups until 5 days before deadline.
- Housing Contract Cancellation policy to reflect the way it is now, waving fee for certain circumstances.

Spring Safety Walks

Public Safety traditionally has one annual safety walk. They'll do one in early spring. We need students in that walk (one of them incumbent Facilities Officer), we also need problem areas on campus.

- Do problems like Alexander and College count ? Or alexander near station? Hoagie haven?
- Lights on Lakeside Roundabout? Bush on Lakeside Roundabout?
- Washington Road: Jaywalkers, cars just running...
- Lawrence: Sidewalk isn't in the right place? Put more lights in Lawrence?
- Princeton vehicles speed through campus.
- Are there enough blue lights?
- PPPL and Forrestal Campus, people put nails on the towpath to disrupt bikers.

Open Forum

PCS is doing an event “Science and Intersectionality Workshop”.

Motion to close meeting passes. RESOLVED: Meeting closed at 18:49.

Next meeting: March 14, 2018 5:45pm