



GSG Assembly Meeting

Digital

June 13, 2018

- I. Digital Assembly Meeting procedure (Mai)
 - A. Per our vote at the May GS Assembly meeting, we will be holding digital Assembly meetings in the months of June, July, and August. The procedure for these meetings is outlined below.
 - B. The GSG Executive Committee will draft a detailed agenda, which will be made available to the GS Assembly and the general graduate student population on the day we would typically have our in-person assembly meeting. Assembly members and graduate students will have two days to make comments or ask questions about any agenda items. The Executive Committee will respond to these comments by the following Sunday, and a summary of the discussion will be sent to the GS Assembly by the following Wednesday.
 - C. If any items require a vote, the vote will be conducted digitally by the Communications Director.

- II. Graduate mental health initiative (Mai)
 - A. A group of graduate students and the GSG have started a Graduate Mental Health Initiative to survey and promote mental health and wellness among the graduate population. This group is meeting monthly and will be focused on two major projects:
 1. A pre-registered, rigorous longitudinal survey of mental health among graduate students at Princeton that will assess the state of mental health among graduate student, stressors that contribute to mental health issues, and the effects of potential interventions.
 2. Simultaneously, we are working on a “Graduate Mental Health Week” sometime in the fall in order to open discussions about graduate mental health, reduce stigmatization, and promote campus resources.
 - B. If you are interested in joining the Graduate Mental Health Initiative, please contact Mai at mlnguyen@princeton.edu

- III. GS Assembly retreat (Bernat)
 - A. The Assembly retreat is currently planned for October 10th. Location TBD. It will

last a morning and part of afternoon (lunch included). Each department will send between 1-2 representatives to discuss the following topics: Department Environment, Relations with Professors, Relations with Administration, Mental Health, D&I, Involvement in Assembly, Professional Development. The meetings will be held in small groups, with notes available afterwards.

- B. The goal is to reactivate the involvement in assembly as well as having an opportunity to learn how different departments deal with the day-to-day issues that arise.
- C. Facilitators for the meetings are needed, please contact Bernat at bernatp@princeton.edu if you would like to help.

IV. Young graduate alumni trustee update (Noah)

- A. Every year, a graduating undergraduate senior is elected for a 4-year term as a [Young Alumni Trustee](#) (YAT). These YATs serve as full voting members on the University Board of Trustees, providing knowledge of current campus issues about which older trustees may not be aware.
- B. The GSG has long contended that there should be an analogous program for graduate students, because the youngest graduate alum on the Board of Trustees graduated in 1991.
- C. A proposal for Young Graduate Alumni Trustees (YGATs) was presented by the GSG Exec board to the CPUC in 2000. The proposal called for 2 active YGATs, elected for 4 year terms with staggered elections every other year. However, this proposal was rejected.
- D. We are currently working to determine why this previous proposal was unsuccessful, determining current interest in creating a YGAT program, and writing a new proposal for assembly review this fall

V. Safety Walk Update (Laura)

- A. The municipality has approved a plan to install a traffic light at the intersection of College Rd. and Alexander Rd. (road connecting Alexander to the Graduate College)

VI. McGraw Center and Graduate Writing Days Update (Suzie)

- A. McGraw Center has extended its academic support for graduate students. For instance, individual coaching, navigating the relationship with your advisor, studying for generals (how to study, how to retain large amounts of information etc.), designing a course or a syllabus for a course, acquiring fast-reading techniques and note taking skills, how to be productive over the Summer, ETC. As MGC is developing programming especially for graduate students, input from

graduate students is highly appreciated. Should you have ideas about types of support that would be beneficial to your own studying, working, learning processes and you think that more students could benefit from such support, please contact Suzie Hermán (johannah@princeton.edu) with a short description of what kind of support you think could contribute to academic growth.

- B. For the Graduate Writing Days (monday mornings 9 AM - 1 PM starting in September) we are looking for a coördinator. Should you be interested and would like to learn more about this position please do not hesitate to contact Suzie Hermán (johannah@princeton.edu).
- C. We are gauging interest for an English Academic Writing seminar, with a specific focus on writing in the Humanities. Are you a student, or do you know a student, who is interested in an English Academic Writing seminar? Please contact Suzie Hermán (johannah@princeton.edu).

What kind of summer programs

programming

academic support to graduate students

1. individual coaching, one-to-one processes, program schedules, navigate relationship with advisor
2. workshop 5th of may - over the summer be productive
3. opportunititeit challenges
4. input on this?

VII. Events Board call for members (Emily)

- A. The operating rules for the Events Board call for the participation of four members of the graduate student community—one for each of the academic divisions in the graduate school (i.e., humanities, social sciences, sciences, and engineering). Each student member is appointed by the GSG assembly and serves for at least one term of six months.
- B. That being said, the Events Board currently has **no** student members, so I am looking to recruit four students for the fall term. Note that this is a low time commitment but (potentially) high impact role. If you participate, then you can help us allocate \$20k directly to students. Please contact the Events Board (eboard@princeton.edu) or me (ecuddy@princeton.edu) for more information!

Next meeting: July 11, 2018 (digital)