



GSG Assembly Meeting
Jadwin 102
September 12, 2018 5:45pm

Meeting called to order 5:54pm

Opening

- Welcome to new representatives
- Reminder to find proxies if representatives can't attend
 - Three absences might result in being removed from assembly
- Overview of voting procedure

McGraw Center (Laura Murray) presentation and Q&A

- McGraw has had programming for graduate student pedagogy training
- New program: "Graduate Student Learning Program"
 - Focusing on learning **in** graduate school to develop skills and strategies to learn more effectively, be more productive, and flourish
 - To promote **academic thriving** among Princeton's doctoral and master's students
 - Addressing the fact that many skills necessary to flourish at Princeton remain untaught - the "hidden curriculum"
- This new program will involve many components
 - Department visits
 - 1:1 consultations
 - Workshop series
 - First workshop: "Grad School: It's Different" for new first year students (Thurs 9/27)
 - In October: "How to Give, Receive, and Elicit Helpful Feedback"
- Will distribute an online survey through GSG about students' needs and ideas for programming
- Focus groups
 - Students from across disciplines to learn expectations and requirements

Comments:

- Thanks to McGraw center for centralizing and creating programming specific for graduate students
- Would be nice to have a workshop about saying no to opportunities in order to maintain time management goals
- Would be nice to have a workshop about managing and working with undergraduates in research settings
- Regarding international students, there is a need for programming about navigating U.S. classrooms, esp. for students with some U.S. experience but desire more fluency in social and academic situations
- Would like a workshop about public speaking, e.g. for conference presentations & job talks - specifically for the full day or all weekend job talk events
- Programing about mental health, mindfulness, dealing with stress

Vote to support Childbirth and Adoption Accommodation changes

- GSG has been working to support grad students with families
- Last year we put together a proposal with 2 main changes
 - Eligibility for child leave and enrollment extension to both parents
 - Eligibility for child leave to DCC students
- Graduate School wants to redefine “primary caregiver”
 - If you will spend 30 hours caring for a child, then you will be considered a primary caregiver
 - Both partners can take primary caregiver at the same time or sequentially
 - If you are funded by the University (i.e. regular enrollment or DCC) you can take the child care leave
 - These proposals meet and/or exceed the proposals by the GSG
- Changes need to be approved by faculty, so the Graduate School wants a vote of support from the GSG

Concerns about referendum:

- Document says that leave needs to be within 1 year period. Both partners can take consecutive 12 week periods or simultaneous 12 week periods, but must be within 1 year of childbirth

RESOLVED: Motion to “issue a statement approving the Graduate School’s proposed policy changes” passes unanimously.

Young Grad Alumni Trustee proposal

- YGAT proposal sent to Assembly before meeting

Concerns about referendum:

- Conditions if no one decides to run
- Support for 2-year term so more people get to run and so current students are familiar with the students who are running

Health & Life Officer change

- Elia Miller is stepping down as Health and Life Officer
- Mai has appointed Sarah Marie as the acting Health and Life Officer
- GSG Assembly has to elect a new Health and Life Officer (in October or November)

Call for volunteers

- Off-campus representative for Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee
 - Sarah Marie
- Faculty-Student Committee on Sexual Misconduct
 - Should email Mai with statement of interest and CV to express interest
- Lake Campus planning committee
- Financial Literacy Day
 - Planned by Grad School, email Mai with interest
- McGraw BSE IW workshops
 - Contact Noah

Approval of previous meeting's minutes

Motions to approve June, July, and August meeting minutes pass by unanimity.

RESOLVED: June, July, and August meeting minutes approved.

Open Forum

- Any updates on gmail migration (including @alumni.princeton.edu upon graduation)?
 - OIT has been saying that it will happen this fall, but no updates to exact date
- Proposal to make Lakeside & Lawrence reps voting members

- Will be on agenda in October
- Questions from CEE constituents
 - Why do students have to buy their own computers for research?
 - This is department specific
 - CEE has 2 offices, one recently renovated, and there was concern about how which students get assigned to sit where
 - There is no University policy on office space (and many humanities students do not have an office space)

Meeting Conclusion

Motion to close meeting passes.

RESOLVED: Meeting closed at 7:08pm

Next meeting: October 10, 2018 5:45pm