



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

Meeting called to order 5:52pm

Approval of previous meeting's minutes

No quorum for vote.

Approval of GSG Elections Committee

- Committee will be chaired by Bernat (VP Internal Affair)
- 4 volunteers so far. We can proceed with 4, we would like 1 additional volunteer
 - Only restriction is that you can't be on the election committee if you are planning to run in the election
- Committee will present election plan at January meeting then open exec and CPUC positions for nominations
- Nominees will then be able to accept their nominations and submit a candidate statement
- Statements will be available for 2 weeks and then voting will open
- The committee will present the results in March

No quorum for vote.

Discussion of discretionary budget proposals

- Option 0 (independent of 1-4): Limit discretionary to larger of 5k or 10% of budget (x)
- Option 1: 5% rule on first 5k, need approval to unlock next xk
- Option 2: 5% rule on first 5k, 2% on next 5k
- Option 3: 5% rule on first half, 3% on the second half
- Option 4: No change

Concerns about referendum:

- Concern that embezzlement is more often many small purchases instead of one large purchase

- Maybe we should have reporting of discretionary purchases to Assembly, e.g. in monthly or tri-monthly emails
- No one can remember a time when the exec made a discretionary purchase over the 5% limit for Assembly approval. Does this mean that these proposed rules would not actually be effective?
- Rather than require a vote to unlock more money, it seems to make more sense to leave it up to Assembly to vote to restrict continued spending to censure Exec if reported spending is deemed inappropriate
- Since purchases don't happen every month, exec could just send a list of the purchases with the assembly email on the months where purchases occur
- What about somewhat controversial purchases?
 - The fact that Exec will be thinking "Will this be controversial?" is a good thing
- Does the exec know about discretionary purchases more than a month in advance?
 - Not usually. The events that are planned long in advance are usually line items

Summary

- Limiting the total amount of discretionary (to either 5k or 10%) is off the table
- Exec can start reporting discretionary expenses starting next month
- Next month we will vote on whether reporting will occur 1) through an email attachment, 2) as a discussion in Assembly, or 3) both

No quorum for vote.

Discussion of food options at Frist

- The changes to Frist have resulted in some complaints and they are looking for feedback
 - E.g. Cafe Vivian used to have better/more food options
- The previous Health and Life Officer was working on improving diversity and health of food at Frist
- Various comments about quesadillas and salads
- Appreciation of kosher and halal foods at the equad cafe
- Equad doesn't have a number to text for feedback
 - We can let them know about that
- The Equad workers are very nice

Call for Volunteers

- Housing Workshop is coming up
 - There were 4 working groups the year before

- Housing Survey Group: They want to administer the housing survey again and want graduate student involvement - this is a good way to have high impact with relatively little time commitment
- Housing Policy Group: They want to talk about various policies, such as medical leave. It's a pretty high-efficacy group if there's something specific that you want to change. They want to anticipate how housing policy will have to change with the Lake Campus

Open Forum

- Student health plan during medical leave
 - Currently students on medical leave can extend the student health insurance for 3 months.
 - There are discussions underway about extending this for much longer than 3 months
- More compostable and sustainable options for GSG events (esp. parties and assembly meetings)
 - Karina is working with the sustainability office to make a checklist for improving sustainability at events
 - Re: compostable food containers, this is mostly the purview of dining and there is more work to be done
 - At CPUC, the university has a goal of being carbon neutral by 2030

Meeting Conclusion

Motion to close meeting passes.

RESOLVED: Meeting closed at 6:50

Next meeting: January 9, 2019 5:45pm