



GSG Assembly Meeting
Jadwin 102
January 9, 2019 5:45pm

Meeting called to order 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.

Discretionary Spending Report

- No discretionary funds spent

GSG Election Plan

- Election plan
- Key dates of Election Plan:
 - Sat, Jan 12 - info will be sent about the election & students can submit nominations
 - Jan 27 - deadlines for nominations
 - Feb 3 - deadline for accepting nominations and submitting candidate statements
 - No longer than 400 words. Must follow University RRR
 - Will open for submitting questions to candidates
 - Feb 7 - Considering having a "Meet the Candidates" night in Campus Club or DBar
 - Feb 8 - Closed for question submission
 - Feb 14 - Candidates submit responses
 - Feb 28 - Open for voting
 - Mar 6 - Voting closes
- All GSG & CPUC positions open for election
- There will be referendum on GSG constitution to allow housing reps to vote
 - Need someone to write Pro/Con information as well as the actual text changes to the constitution

- Are there any opinions on whether the names of nominees are posted immediately or wait until Jan 27
 - Will Smith: There don't seem to be any problems with the current system
- The election plan will place an asterisk by incumbents
- Any graduate student is eligible to run as long as they have paid the student fee
- If we approve the plan today, we will send an email to all grad students on Saturday
- Assembly will need to approve the list of nominees by email on Feb 4
- Assembly will certify the election results on March 13
 - Positions not filled in election will be filled by appointment by Assembly on March 13
- All communications with the Election Committee must go through the gsselect@ email list so they are recorded
- Election Committee requests that Execs not email the constituency about election issues

Motion to approve Election Committee passes by unanimity

RESOLVED: Election Committee approved

Motion to approve Election Plan passes by unanimity

RESOLVED: Election Plan approved

Discussion of GS Assembly Quorum

- We've had trouble reaching quorum recently
- We could reduce the threshold for quorum from 50% of departments with active representatives to 30%
- Adam can look back at the historical attendance data to see what percentage would be appropriate
- The GSG elections only require 10% quorum

Concerns about referendum:

- Will: what about taking people off of active status more quickly?
 - Adam: with the current 3 month timeout, some people come every other month or every third month, which keeps them active
- Karina:
 - When tracking people down, we found that people would send a proxy on the following month
- Would changing quorum change the results of the votes?
 - We haven't had any truly close votes in the past year, plus people should show up if they want their vote to count

- Would decreasing quorum cause even fewer to show up?
 - Adam: I don't think that anyone comes to Assembly just to help fill quorum

Executive Board Updates

- **President**
 - **Grad mental health survey**
 - Longitudinal study of the state of mental health on campus
 - Hope to better account for sampling bias b/c people who are more depressed may be less likely to respond
 - Project with the Graduate Mental Health Initiative, faculty advisers, UHS, CPS
 - **Xiyue Wang campaign**
 - Xiyue has been imprisoned in Iran for 2 years
 - Xiyue's wife would like us to help raise awareness and reach out to government and media contacts
 - We will be organizing a calling/letter-writing event with our peer institutions
- **Treasurer - Events Board**
 - The Events Board has been reformed with new students
- **Secretary - Gmail conversion, OIT Printer, Ivy+ Planning**
 - Gmail conversion
 - New students will be on Gmail this fall
 - Current students will be automatically converted to Gmail with an opt-out option
 - Current students' existing email will not be automatically transferred, but there will be a one-button option to transfer all existing emails
 - Upon graduation, forwarding will be automatically set up to @alumni.princeton.edu
 - OIT Printer in East Pyne
 - The printers in Firestone will be moved from the basement to the lobby (right inside the bag check). This is < 200 (ft/m?) from East Pyne, so OIT doesn't want to add a new one without hearing directly from the Humanities students who want it.
- **Social - Grad nights at Campus Club**
 - Trying to create more spaces for graduate students
 - If we just schedule more events at Campus Club, we can basically make the taproom our space

- On Friday nights (5-8p or 6-8p before DBar), we will have 3 hours where GSG books the space and has some programming
 - Would be nice to have input from Assembly
 - 5p might conflict with department happy hours, but as long as the event is long enough, people can drop in and out
 - We could have a potluck, especially in the summer when it's warm out
- **Health & Life - Health resources brochures**
 - Working on a series of health resources brochures with information about health resources on campus and in the surrounding areas
 - Would be nice to know what sorts of things you don't need a referral for
- **Academic Affairs**
 - Looking into what the other Ivy schools do in terms of course evaluations
 - Working with Dean Hill about programming on academic writing in English

Open Forum

- Gabe: The European Heritage Organization is hosting a march on Saturday, Jan 12. Multiple student groups (including from Princeton High School) will be doing a counter-protest
 - Forum Comment: How do we get action that is positive and de-emphasizing their message? If anyone has ideas on what they want to have happen. The organization has been decentralized so far
 - Exec is planning on adding this to a global email
- Suzie: Amy Pzcolowski want to bring a conference to our attention about "Curating Your Human Community: Mentorship Matters" (9a-3:30p) There are still some attendance spots open. Keynote speaker from University of Georgia on "Science of Mentorship"
- Mai: Request from the Lake campus planning committee to talk to students who live off campus. Let us know if
- Torrie Liu: UAF on Community Engaged Scholarship: Is there a need for institutional support for research with broader impact? If you are interested in helping out or chatting, there will be a meeting the second week of classes next semester.
- Is there a date for the spring party set?
 - We are currently thinking March 9.

Meeting Conclusion

Motion to close meeting passes.

RESOLVED: Meeting closed at 6:45pm

Next meeting: Feb 13, 2018 5:45pm