

## Chet Markwalter: CPUC – Priorities Committee



Hello, I'm Chet Markwalter and I'm seeking a position on the Priorities Committee. Now that I am in my fourth year as a graduate student in Chemical and Biological Engineering, I feel that I have experienced many of the wonderful parts of studying at Princeton. There are exciting changes to come – from Lake Campus to new engineering facilities and more. But those changes need input and guidance from a variety of graduate students to ensure that our needs are met. To that end, I want to play a small part by representing the interests of current and future graduate students on the CPUC Priorities committee.

The committee “considers issues that arise in the course of the preparation of that budget and reviews plans for the development of the University.” I want to serve as a grad student voice in the room when the committee considers these weighty topics. While I haven't served with GSG during my time at Princeton, I have sought to do my part in providing student input on new initiatives, including sitting on a focus group for Lake Campus housing.

Before Princeton, I worked as an engineer for a pharmaceutical company for three years. In that role, I was responsible for translating drug syntheses from the lab to manufacturing. This demanded careful planning, a comfort with uncertainty, and an analytical mind. While working, I honed these traits and they would serve me well in a role on the Priorities Committee. Those years were a time of maturation for me, but they also have imparted a broader perspective beyond academia that supplements and informs my views on university development. I'd be honored if you'd trust me to represent your interests on the committee!