

Daniel Cooney: CPUC – Rights and Rules Committee



My name is Daniel Cooney, and I am a fourth-year graduate student in applied mathematics. I am running for a position representing graduate students on the CPUC Rights and Rules Committee because I am interested in learning about and contributing to efforts to include the students' perspectives in shaping university-wide policy. For the past two academic years, I have served as a representative of the graduate school on the university's Ad-Hoc Committee on Campus Recreation, meeting alongside with members of the faculty, administration, undergraduate students and the Campus Recreation Department to discuss policy and initiatives for athletics and fitness opportunities and the management of Dillon Gym. This has been an interesting and rewarding experience in which I have been able to learn more about the management and planning of one aspect of Princeton University, and has spurred my interest in increased involvement in committee service and contribution to the broader university community.

In my time at Princeton, I have had experience with many different parts of the graduate and undergraduate community, exploring research and coursework in a variety of academic departments, and having a variety of teaching experiences ranging from grading response papers in an ecology seminar to teaching problem sessions in a mechanical engineering course. In particular, I have had rewarding opportunities to contribute to the extracurricular opportunities for the student body by mentoring undergraduate research projects and by serving as an officer of the club baseball team. I believe that these experiences as a student, teacher, mentor, and researcher have provided me with useful perspective on the way that undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, faculty, and staff interface with the university community, and would like to use my accumulated experience to help support the Rights and Rules Committee shape university possible as well as possible.