Meeting called to order 5:50pm

Approval of previous meeting’s minutes

Motion to approve last month’s meeting minutes passes by unanimity.
RESOLVED: Last month’s meeting minutes approved.

Events board - Graduate Improv group presentation

- The graduate improv comedy group would like to hire an instructor for the spring semester
- In previous semesters, the group’s expenses were covered by personal contributions from 2 members of the group, but they would like events board funding for this spring
- It is capped at 16 people because it is hard to learn improv in larger groups

Concerns about referendum:
- One of the requirements of the Events Board is that it has to be open to the whole student body. How do you select the participants?
  - They are more than happy to make the membership random instead of FCFS if that’s necessary
- Where do you hold the classes?
  - In the second floor room in Green Hall that used to be the GSG space
- Did you ever think about holding it in the GC?
  - Yes, they held a few events over the summer with the GC. They would like to have GSG/Events Board funding for the semester and then GC funding for the summer
- So will they be professionally led or student led?
  - Both, there will be 2 meetings a week, one led by the professional and one led by the students
- Could you half the session length and therefore you could have 32 people take the classes?
Yes, they are willing to do this to give more people the chance to be involved

What does the Events Board budget look like for this year?
- Emily will give a whole presentation later

Have you tried to find other funding sources besides Events Board
- They considered this last semester, but the Events Board is the best funding sources for this type of group

What was the arrangement for members to give a deposit?
- Members gave $50 at the beginning and got the deposit back at the end of the sessions if they attended them all

Events Board Report:
- Budget is $21,000 for this year. Allocated 31% of the budget so far
- Of the $6500 allocated, $5500 has been spent, the rest is because the even hasn’t been held yet or some events were underspent
- The Improv group came to Events Board a few weeks ago to present
- The Events Board recommends that they get funded at $500 (instead of the $1450) because there are only 16 students involved.
- Events Board thinks that they should have some of the students in the group help contribute and also reach out to the GC again for additional funding.
- Question: Does the majority of the Events Board budget come from student fees.
  - No, about $10,000 (slightly less than half) comes from the GSG (and therefore from student fees
- Question: can we put criteria on the event (e.g. ask that they open the program to 32 students instead of 16)
  - Comment: If we do, we should make sure that all the slots still get used even if they can’t find 32 people
- We should encourage them to advertise the show more, which would increase participation
- Nicole: Most of the groups funded by the events board are smaller
- Perhaps we should leave it up to the group to decide how to split the sessions because theater groups often benefit from more
- Do groups normally ask for money twice a year?
  - Typically yes

Options:
- Fund at full $1450
- Fund at $950, then they can get the rest from GCHC
- Fund at $750, then they can get $550 from GCHC and the remaining money from ticket sales
○ Fund at $550 as recommended by Events Board

Motion to recommend that the group conduct two 4-week sessions to maximize the number of people who can attend
RESOLVED: Motion FAILS (7 yes, 11 no, 2 abstain)

Motion to recommend that the Improv Club select participants at random from those who express interest
RESOLVED: Motion PASSES (15 yes, 2 no, 3 abstain)

Motion to fund the Graduate Improv Group at $950 from Events Board budget.
RESOLVED: Motion FAILS (yes 2, 18 no, 1 abstain)

Motion to fund the Graduate Improv Group at $750 from Events Board budget.
RESOLVED: Motion PASSES (many yes, 2 no, 1 abstain)

**Princeton Women in STEM Leadership Council Report**

- The Princeton Women in STEM Leadership Council is conducting data collection about representativeness, harassment, microaggressions, and other issues surrounding women and LGBTQ individuals in STEM departments
- This data indicates improvements that should be made by the Graduate School, academic departments, and other offices
- The GSG can reach out to students to get them to request that their departments mandate trainings
- The data collection initiatives should also be raised at the Ivy+ Summit fall to encourage similar actions at peer schools

**Temperatures in Lawrence Apartments**

- There are legal temperature minimums for apartments without temperature controls in NJ
- There has been a longstanding issue in Lawrence where the temperatures are too cold
- The GSG is now collecting data about the temperatures in Lawrence
- Lawrence Rep: Mike Hebditch asks that people who have this issue fill out an online request form on the facilities portal (you can CC the GSG so we get a copy too)
  ○ Also residents can still get the plastic window sealing for free from housing
- The problem now is that people who have the thermometers aren’t actually recording the temperatures - this data is necessary for things to change
GSG Endowment update

- The GSG has $17,000 in the endowment before our contribution last year
- We get 5.1% of the return back for spending each year

Election Update

- No questions have been submitted for the candidates yet
- Representatives should reach out to their constituents and ask them to read the candidate statements, submit questions, and vote at the end of the month
- This is one of the most contested elections in recent years
- No “Meet the Candidates” event this year

Questions:
- Is there a template of list of links that should definitely be included
  - A link to the statements and the questions for candidates document
- What about gift cards or something to increase voter turnout?
  - This could be a problem

Xiyue Wang Day of Action

- Day of action will occur next week on behalf of Xiyue Wang (Feb 20)
  - Call-a-thon and writing representatives in Campus Club library followed by a rally at 5p

Open Forum

- If you’re an AI and have been approved, but the class gets cut or the precepts get cut, your department can say that you haven’t fulfilled your teaching requirement
  - This can lead to excessive teaching requirements in successive semesters
  - Want to work with the graduate school to prevent this from happening
  - Mai: Cole and others in the grad school would be interested in this

- With the new graduate housing development being planned, is there a version of the graduate housing project that’s currently active?
  - Yes, there are also students on the lake campus planning committee

- Issues about due process for Ph.D. student termination in Comp Lit Dept
  - Mai: the student should speak with Nicole or other admin from the Graduate School
● It seems like the housing survey might “sleepwalk” students into higher rents
  ○ Karina: The grad student reps tried to have the wording changed, but to little avail
  ○ Jonathan (COS Rep): In the Lakeside process, there was a survey that was used to justify the higher rents
  ○ A lot of people don’t like ACC, but the decision has been made to contract with an external
  ○ Maybe the University should get involved at the level of how much it’s responsible for people to spend per month on rent
  ○ The responses to the housing survey will dictate the direction of the Lake Campus
  ○ Could we have more time to complete the survey?
    ■ The committee is pressed for time to complete the drawings, so the survey will probably only go through this week.
  ○ Everyone should encourage their departments to fill out the survey

● When are GSG reps updated on the website?
  ○ When anyone emails Karina

Meeting Conclusion
Motion to close meeting passes.
RESOLVED: Meeting closed at 7:22
Next meeting: March 13, 2019 5:45pm