



GSG Assembly Meeting
Aaron Burr 219
November 13, 2019 6:00pm

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm

Approval of previous meeting's minutes

Motion to approve the October meeting minutes passes by unanimity.

RESOLVED: September meeting minutes were approved by Abby N. & Will S.

Discretionary Spending Report

No new expenses this month.

Sarah Marie Bruno - Graduate Student Mental Health Awareness Month

- Week 1 of mental health month was a great success, over 100 people attended the therapy puppies and CPS meet and greet at Campus Club.
- Next week's big events include: Movies 4 Mental Health - a series of short films focused on mental health with a panel discussion to follow; Keynote address given by author Sejal Shah titled "Even if You Can't See it: Invisible Disability and Neurodiversity."
 - Sarah Marie brought posters to be distributed to Assembly and hung around campus
- A graduate student mental health survey was distributed Nov 4, to all graduate students, to collect representative data to better inform how mental health is viewed and treated at Princeton. As of today, a little over 100 students have responded (this is only ~5% of graduate students), please complete the survey if you haven't already.

Mai Nguyen - Title IX Report Discussion

- In response to protests on campus for policies around Title IX, the University issued two responses.
 1. Report from an external review conducted by a non-university affiliated group.
 2. Report written by joint efforts from Princeton University committees and VP

Rochelle Calhoun, graduate student representatives: Mai Nguyen and Abby Novick, and an undergraduate representative, to assess non-confidential reports and information on Princeton's Title IX process.

- a. These committees met 20+ times over the past summer to discuss and review Title IX policies, how it compares to other universities and working groups. They met with various student groups and academic offices to hold focus group sessions.
 - b. These meetings resulted in a report of recommendations on how to improve Title IX processes, which is available on the website:
<https://sexualmisconduct.princeton.edu/reports>
- In sum, the following resources, support, and alternative modes of remediation were recommended:
 - Expand the Sexual Harassment/Assault Advising Resources & Education (SHARE) center (i.e., knowledge about resources, broaden reach to students).
 - Expand and coordinate support networks on campus: Women's center, Deans of the Graduate School, and Departmental support.
 - Increase scope of training for Title IX reporters.
 - Restructure the Title IX office to increase procedural transparency.
 - Creation of two new working groups: Restorative Practices Working Group; Emergency Funding Allocation for Mental Health Group - the Office of Campus Life will assess the need for expansion of funding pools for mental health support.
 - Make the Faculty Student Committee on Sexual Misconduct a subcommittee within the Council of the Princeton University Committee (CPUC) umbrella.
 - Need for off-campus reporting processes for students who travel as a part of their graduate studies (i.e., conferences, field work, workshops, invited talks, etc.).
 - Questions
 - How is the University addressing the concern made about not having a gender studies department?
 - The committee spoke about this issue, and unfortunately, establishing a department is not a demand that this committee can meet. A faculty-lead initiative is required to establish a new department.
 - Will the University update the incoming graduate student video training modules? They are dated and don't include education about gender identities, sexuality, or inclusion.
 - The SHARE program is working on building a new training program.

Removal of Joint Degree Program as Representative Body in Assembly

- The departments that are represented within the Joint Degree Program, already have representatives on Assembly. To prevent overrepresentation a motion was made to vote

to remove this position.

- **APPROVED** 21
- Opposed 0
- Abstain 0

Break Out Session - Sustainability Initiatives

- Collecting ideas from assembly representatives on how to best use our sustainability initiative funding (\$3000).
- Ideas from each group were e-mailed to VP Karina Alventosa.
- Comment:
 - In a recent sustainability effort led by Susanne Killian, a group visited TerraCycle and learned that biodegradable plates do not biodegrade in landfill. Biodegradable products must be sent to a special biodegradable processing plant.

Open Forum

- Allowing public event parking in lots 20 + 21 reduces availability for graduate student commuters that need to park there.
 - Facilities and Transportation Officer Laura Bustamante will bring this complaint to the next facilities meeting.
- Tiger card expiration stickers weren't sent out to some students.
 - Please go to the TigerCard office in the New South Building to obtain your sticker
- **Q:** from the geosciences department "Are graduated graduate students allowed to take their data/information/work with them when they leave?"
 - Nicole Barkley will bring this question back to her group, and report back at the next assembly meeting.
- Comment from Nicole Barkley about Ivy+ Graduate Student Government Summit - Her office received so many compliments about the event. Great job Princeton GSG! MIT will hold next year's summit.

Motion to close Jessica + Will

Meeting Conclusion

Motion to close meeting passes; approved by Jessica Wilson and Will Smith.

RESOLVED: Meeting closed at 7:04 pm

Next meeting: December 11, 6:00 pm, Aaron Burr 219