



GRADUATE STUDENT
GOVERNMENT

GSG Assembly Meeting: Virtual Updates

July 8th, 2020

I. Discretionary spending report

A. None to report

II. Updates from Exec

A. **Orientation -- Call for Volunteers**: We would love Assembly representatives to be involved with 2 events during orientation (Message Karina with any questions! On slack or kmla@princeton.edu)

1. A Toast to the New Graduate Student Class (joint with Alumni from APGA)

a) This event will be a collection of alumni and GSG executive board and Assembly reps in an informal “toast” to the studies of the new students this year. Please join even if just to show support to students or share a story or piece of advice for incoming students! Email gsg@princeton.edu if you are interested -- or there will be a comment in the slack group that you can start a thread on

2. Virtual Tours of Campus

a) We had the idea of assisting ODGS with tours that are not based on Department. We want to collect various hobby/interest information from the exec board and the Assembly reps so the tours can be more personalized and help students to meet others outside their departments. We will place our working list into the slack channel and feel free to update if you have a chance to volunteer! These tours will most likely be our volunteers walking through campus

using phone to “tour” the new students via Zoom. However, if possible, small groups will allowed to walk around together

- B. *Meeting with ADI* was successful and the team enjoyed hearing all of your ideas, as well as discussing ways we can best work together for the future! We have set up monthly meetings with the ADI team and will continue to work on these priorities that we established over the past few months. Please keep us updated if you have any questions or ideas! We would love to hear from you. Some actions you can encourage your departments to take:
1. Participate in the pre-doctoral fellowship program
<https://graddiversity.princeton.edu/pre-doctoral-fellowship-initiative>
 2. Eliminate GRE general and subject test admission requirements
 3. Encourage starting a seminar series focusing on speakers of underrepresented groups
 4. Propose methods of increasing diversity in the academic pipeline, such as K-12 outreach and allowing undergraduate research for work study.
- C. *Mental Health Month* in November 2020 will be virtual. Email Sarah Marie at smbruno@princeton.edu if you are interested in getting involved and/or have ideas for an engaging virtual month of programming. The Graduate Mental Health Initiative will meet next week.
- D. *Virtual Programming*: Exec is meeting bi-weekly with the Office of Wintersession and Campus Engagement (see <https://winter.princeton.edu/virtual>) about the kinds of virtual programming and events that grad students would benefit from throughout the summer and into the next year. Clubs seeking funding are encouraged to register their virtual events (<https://gradschool.princeton.edu/forms/event-registration-form>), and apply for money via SAFE (<https://studentfunding.princeton.edu>). If you have feedback or suggestions around virtual programming, please include them in Section IV.
1. Some examples of recent programming that GSG Exec has organized are listed below:
 - a) Intro to Sourdough (which will have its third biweekly meeting on July 13th!)
 - b) Mental Health & Wellness events
 - c) Advocacy Day series in collaboration with the Princeton Citizen Scientists
- E. *Teaching Loads under COVID*: We’ve put out a call for statements from graduate student AIs who taught last semester and dealt with the transition to online learning, to document instances where an AI saw their teaching load increase as a direct result of virtual and pandemic-related challenges. We are currently

organizing these statements for presentation to the Office of the Dean of the Graduate School.

- F. University Services would like to become more engaged with Assembly, so we are arranging a bi-monthly meeting with the ODGS and University Services team that we would like to welcome ALL Assembly representatives to attend! This is a wonderful opportunity to meet administrators and become engaged with events, activities and plans for campus. This is the first time that we have been able to invite the Assembly, I am so fortunate to have such a group committed to service and enthusiasm!

III. Open Assembly Positions: We are looking to fill these positions for the coming academic year. If you know a graduate student in this department/group who would be well-suited to the role, please connect them to us in Exec!

- A. Departments currently vacant
 - 1. Anthropology
 - 2. Architecture
 - 3. Computer Science
 - 4. Electrical Engineering
 - 5. French and Italian
 - 6. Philosophy
 - 7. Slavic Languages
 - 8. Princeton School of Public and International Affairs
- B. Departments that will be vacant in Fall 2020
 - 1. Germanic Languages
 - 2. Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
 - 3. Spanish and Portuguese Languages
- C. Interest Groups currently vacant
 - 1. African Graduate Student Network
 - 2. Black Graduate Caucus
 - 3. IQI (Intersecting Queer Identities)
 - 4. Latino Graduate Students Association
- D. Interest Groups that will be vacant in Fall 2020
 - 1. Off Campus
 - 2. Tigers With Cubs

IV. Open Forum: Feedback, Concerns, and Suggestions for the Fall Re-Opening Plan

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