

Formal Minutes

USG SENATE MEETING

March 31st, 2013

Frist 309, 7:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 7:31pm.

President's Report

- Shawon Jackson and Carmina Mancenon have accepted applications for the Priorities Committee and will be making nominations to the committee soon. Mr. Jackson and Richard Lu will be putting out a USG Q&A video soon. Current USG members should encourage new people to run in the upcoming April elections.

Presentation on SHARE

- Isabelle, the president of SHARE, presents on the current work being done to improve the culture of sexual health on campus. She is joined by Shreya and Kelly, who recently propagated a petition regarding sexual health. The guests lead a discussion on the culture of sexual health on campus, and brainstorm programming to improve continuing discussions on sexual health.

SGRC Constitutional Changes

- The Senate reviews constitutional changes proposed by the Student Groups Recognition Committee to reconcile differences between the SGRC charter and the USG constitution. The senate does not approve constitutional changes but have made changes to the SGRC charter.

SGRC Update

- SGRC Chair Benny Wagstaff introduces the new student group "Thaigers," which will be open to all students and assist people travelling to Thailand with their trip and for meeting up with alumni in Thailand.

Spring 2013 Elections

- Chief Elections Manager Rachel Nam updates the Senate on the upcoming April elections for Class Government and U-Council. The Senate receives clarification about the elections timeline, and are encouraged to spread the word about elections to current non-USG members.

Projects Board Funding

- Projects Board Co-Chair Jared Peterson presents a fund request to the Senate for the Night Market event during Preview Weekend. The Senate approves \$2,000 for the Projects Board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.

Informal Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:31pm.

Substitutes: Camille Lin for Farrah Bui, Matt Saunders for Zach Ogle, Richard Lu for Sarah Wiley, Molly Stoneman for John McNamara, Jameel Freeman for Deana Davoudiasl. Guests include sexual health representatives Shreya and Kelly, SHARE President Isabelle, and Projects Board Co-Chair Jared Peterson.

President's Report

- Shawon Jackson: He and Carmina Mancenon received applications for the Priorities Committee, which they will review and make nominations to the Priorities Committee. Richard Lu and Shawon Jackson are working on the Q & A video, and sending it to the school in the near future. Elections are coming up soon, and USG members should encourage interested friends to run. Shawon Jackson met with the director of SHARE, Jackie Deitch-Stackhouse, and based on emails and questions, students are interested in how USG will act. The president of SHARE will present during this meeting, and 2 students are here who have advocated on campus.

Presentation on SHARE

- Isabelle: Most of SHARE's activities have been in the background, and the student body doesn't get to see the progress made on sexual health. Jackie Deitch-Stackhouse was hired last January, and the focus of SHARE has been based on prevention -- particularly by-stander prevention. At the administrative level, SHARE has been hiring a new staff member to be the Prevention Coordinator to work with Jackie on programming and prevention strategies, as well as improve men's programming on campus. As of now, SHARE is focused on victim and survivor support. The two finalists have been interviewed and by the summer SHARE will have someone hired to fill the position. SHARE is also preparing a by-stander intervention workshop called "Stand Up," directed toward athletic health advisors, to eventually be brought to "zee groups" and other sports teams. The program has been revised many times over, and we're excited to present it this Tuesday evening. "The Way You Move" is presented to the incoming freshmen class during orientation week, and continued revisions have been taking place all year. There will also be a pre-orientation online program required during matriculation (similar to AlcoholEdu). This program addresses stalking, sexual assault, and violence. SHARE is vetting multiple programs, and have a focus group helping to determine which is best. There are also SHARE liaisons in most eating clubs, and SHARE has been trying to expand into residential colleges. We've also been thinking of adding a

USG liaison to update the Senate throughout the year (which may be the Campus and Community Affairs Chair).

- Shawon Jackson: Can the Senate provide ideas and feedback? Any initial thoughts from Shreya/Kelly?
- Shreya: We're very supportive of all of the work that SHARE has been doing, and after we put out a petition for a sexual health survey we have been working a lot with SHARE and the women's center. We think it would be useful to have a "refresher course" between sophomore and junior year, since the mental states between being a freshman and a junior are extremely different. We want these ideas to stay in peoples' minds.
- Kelly: We also want to restart "Speak Out," a sexual health awareness group. Our focus would be to get students who don't normally think about sexual health involved, and we're looking for underclassmen support.
- Zhan Okuda-Lim: It is important to find the right online program which is engaging, especially if that were to be offered later on for the refresher course. Regarding the petition that was put out, when you met with administration, my understanding is that they said they would go by the National College Health Assessment. Is administration planning on releasing those numbers, and what are the next steps?
- Isabelle: Yes, the current statistic is that 1 in 8 students at Princeton have experienced power-based sexual assault, and the new statistic is coming out soon. The statistics hold for four years, and we would like it to be continually updated every four years.
- Dillon Sharp: There was a fundamental problem with how questions from the survey were formed. Will the new surveys utilize better questions?
- Isabelle: The main Prince article used a different survey than the one we're going by, and we hope that the problem will be addressed in the next survey.

SGRC Constitutional Changes

- Carmina Mancenon: The first vote is to strike mandatory attendance of executive officers of SGRC meetings, and they will not be on the SGRC committee. The second vote (discussion question 3) will remove limits to the committee.
- Benny Wagstaff: The current charter says that the committee has 7 members, 5 from USG, and this has never been the case in practice. The changes will allow members to be non-USG officers.
- Shawon Jackson: We're only voting on changes to the constitution which were approved from the last meeting.
- Dillon Sharp: So, if we do not approve this change, executive officers will continue to ignore their responsibilities?

- Elan Kugelmass: The charter says that no members can be removed from the SGRC, and that the executive officers do not need to attend. However, since they aren't going, the committee officially never reaches quorum.
- Benny Wagstaff: This would allow executive officers to be removed from office for not attending.
- Elan Kugelmass: The constitution says that members can be called for removal based on attendance of certain meetings.
- Benny Wagstaff: Under these changes, executive officers are welcome to attend the meetings as non-voting members.
- Eduardo Lima: So their voting privileges would be removed?
- Carmina Mancenon: Yes, they would no longer be part of the committee.
- Richard Lu: We just want the current charter to reflect the constitution.
- Haebin Kim: Why haven't executive members been going? Is it by practice? Will there be a need to go in the future?
- Shawon Jackson: The President, VP, or Treasurer do not need to attend these meetings. If there is ever a discrepancy, the SGRC will come to the Senate and then the executive members would give their input.
- *Vote to adopt the amendment: 14 in favor, 5 against, 2 abstentions. The changes pass.*
 - *For clarification, nothing from the constitution has changed, while many things in the SGRC charter have changed.*

SGRC Update

- Benny Wagstaff: "Thaigers" is a new student group which has a lot of great new ideas. They want to be open to all students and assist people travelling to Thailand with their trip and for meeting up with alumni in Thailand.
- Matt Saunders: Do they fill a void that is lacking in Princeton, or could one argue that one of the other Asian student associations are already serving this role?
- Benny Wagstaff: There haven't been promotions of Thai culture, only of Thai heritage.

Spring 2013 Elections

- Rachel Nam: A lot of students view USG as self-contained, and some students want to know how it relates to career paths and what the culture within USG is. Rachel asked alumni for their opinions. Could we anticipate any changes in registration from the changes to the start date questions?
 - Elan Kugelmass: The USG President does *not* write the email that goes out, and Rachel will be drafting the email. In the timeline, the announcement happens on a Monday, why has it been moved to Sunday?
- Rachel Nam: This would give the elections managers more time to review candidates'

registration forms. Many alumni responses talked about their general experiences rather than specific roles. Their responses will be published on the USG site.

- Charissa Shen: You should highlight U-Councilor and Class Officer roles in particular since those elections are coming up. In the future questions should be written to exclude broad language.
- Rachel Nam: Would setting up voting stations increase voter turnout?
Elan Kugelmass: The constitution says that no supporters can run a voting station, and anyone who endorses a candidate would be excluded, including USG.
- Haebin Kim: If there's something set up in Frist, it would remind people to vote. The booth would be worked by elections managers.

Projects Board Funding

- Jared Peterson: He is requesting \$2,000 for the Night Market. The full total is closer to \$4,000 but USG is only sponsoring half of it. A lot of the Asian groups on campus set up stands and sell food for tickets. USG gives the groups money, which will be reimbursed to Projects Board through a ticket rationing system, about \$1,000 in total to the USG fund.
- Dillon Sharp: Is all of the ticket money going back to USG?
- Jared Peterson: Yes.
- Charissa Shen: Of the money that's not coming from USG, what is it being spent on?
- Jared Peterson: Various costs, including electricians and building costs.
- Zhan Okuda-Lim: How much money came from USG last year?
- Jared Peterson: Nothing has changed regarding USG, although the total has lessened.
- *Vote to approve: 19 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions.*

Agenda Setting

- Shawon Jackson: Is the COMBO IV committee ready for an update?
- Zhan Okuda-Lim: We haven't met in a while, so let me talk to the committee members.
- Shawon Jackson: And food project? Also, what about the Summer Storage Project?
- Haebin Kim: Summer Storage Project can give an update.
- Shawon Jackson: Committee chairs?
- Eduardo Lima: I would like to discuss mattress rentals.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.