

Formal Minutes

USG Senate Meeting

April 28th, 2013

Frist 309, 8:00pm.

Meeting called to order at 8:02pm.

President's Report

- Shawon Jackson acknowledges the CCA Committee for organizing Communiversities. Mr. Jackson notes that Shirleypalooza was a success. He and Carmina Mancenon visited the new Princeton hospital to which the University donated money. Mr. Jackson acknowledges newly elected members of USG.

Academics Committee Update

- Dillon Sharp informs the Senate of the Academics Committee's preparations to present at a meeting in October of the Committee on Academics and Standing. They will be sending a survey to students and faculty, and holding focus groups. Mr. Sharp leads a discussion on topics the survey should cover, strategies for getting feedback, and what other resources the Committee might be able to use.

Dean's Date Fund Request

- Mallory Banks, substituting for Carla Javier, presents a fund request for the Social Committee for Dean's Date events. The funding request passes unanimously.

COMBO IV

- Farrah Bui and Zhan Okuda-Lim present the progress of the COMBO IV, including how it will be analyzed and incentivized. The Senate encourages them to consider the timing of other surveys before they send COMBO IV out.

CCA Update on SHARE Relations

- Trap Yates presents an update on CCA-SHARE relations, including progress on a sexual health video, sexual health surveys, and a possible sexual health male mentorship program.

Princeton 2017

- Katherine Clifton and Paul Riley present on "princeton2017.com" and the "Princeton 2017+" Facebook page, and the "Path to Princeton" site. They ask for feedback on how to transition to a 2017-only Facebook page. The Senate discusses the ethical problems of the admissions office running the "2018+" Facebook page, and gives feedback on the "princeton2017.com" site.

Agenda Setting

- Shawon Jackson takes suggestions for agenda items for the next meeting, which will be the last of the semester, including an elections update, Communiversity update, J-term proposal idea, summer storage update, CPUC recap, Frist ad-hoc committee update, and an internal selection of CPUC Executive Representatives.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

Informal Minutes

Meeting called to order at 8:02pm.

Substitutes: Mallory Banks subbing for Carla Javier, Jameil Brown subbing for Gavin Cook, Danny subbing for Yifan.

President's Report

- Shawon Jackson: Acknowledges Trap and CCA for organizing Communiversity. Shirleypalooza was a success. He and Carmina visited the new Princeton hospital to which the University donated money. They showed the relationship between the town and university. Acknowledges newly elected members of USG.

Academics Committee Update

- Dillon Sharp: The Academics Committee is preparing for a meeting with the Committee on Academics and Standing in October which will reevaluate examinations at Princeton. A survey will be given to students after the exam period and professors will be surveyed in person. In the fall, focus groups will be held with students on exam issues. What are some mechanisms of additional feedback?
- Farrah Bui: Why did they start doing the exam period this way? What do other schools do? At some schools, students decide when to take their test.
- Zhan Okuda-Lim: I've heard from students that they'd like to be able to re-schedule exams if you have 2 in 24 hours.
- Dillon Sharp: That might be part of what we address with this meeting in October.
- Elan Kugelmass: ALTA started a comprehensive survey of what other schools do.
- Trap Yates: You may want to look at course reviews for additional feedback.
- Greg Smith: How out of date are the ICE reviews?
- Richard Lu: Are there reasons against the change in policy? What are the counterarguments?
- Dillon Sharp: Moving exams is a challenge for the Registrar's Office and this proposal would need to go through different committees. The faculty might tell us we already have it pretty good, and should suck it up.
- Zhan Okuda-Lim: If we were to send this survey out, hopefully students would respond.
- Dillon Sharp : We want this done by exam period so that people can take the survey while the exam period is fresh in their mind.

Dean's Date Fund Request

- Mallory Banks: We are partnering with the Student Events Committee and would like additional funds for food trucks.
- Dillon Sharp: What companies are we using?

- Mallory Banks: There will be three different companies.
- Zach Ogle: Part of this is funded through SEC.
- *Fund Request approved with 20 in favor, 0 abstentions, 0 against.*

COMBO IV

- Farrah Bui: Firestone is completing the data analysis free of charge, everything is set on time. COMBO will be sent out once Mental Health survey is over. We'll be giving out three iPad Minis as prizes. Our goal is to be done by the end of the semester. How do we best advertise the survey? The Prince is doing a series on COMBO III, but we want their analysis on COMBO IV to be soon after.
- Shawon Jackson: Will 2014 also be receiving the survey?
- Zhan Oluda-Lim: Yes, we'll have data from those three classes.
- Shawon Jackson: An alumni wondered if it was possible to add another question?
- Farrah Bui: Email me after the meeting.
- Elan Kugelmass: The Academics Survey should be timed around this.
- Zhan Okuda-Lim: COMBO is spread over a long period of time.
- Elan Kugelmass: When COMBO III ran, Yaro graphed the response rate over time. There were almost no additional responses after reminder emails.
- Zhan Okuda-Lim: They will be able to send individual emails to students who haven't responded.

CCA Update on SHARE Relations

- Trap Yates: I met with Jackie from SHARE and we have some items on the table. We have an idea to send out a survey on sexual health experiences to figure out what kind of programs are necessary. Arizona State University has a great video on sexual health and we should create a similar video. We may make a mentorship program out of a newly formed men's sexual health program. Any other ideas?
- Elan Kugelmass: Who is behind the cisgender campaign? They might want to help with this.
- Jameil Brown: It might be the Princeton Equality Project.
- Dillon Sharp: What's the "hookup phase"?
- Trap Yates: We don't need another campaign on the hookup culture, so one idea is that upperclassmen tend to phase out of the hookup culture, so it's more of a "phase." We could encourage upperclassmen to show that it's a limited phase. While our culture is similar to the other Ivies, there are things that happen at Princeton that happen nowhere else.

- Paul Riley: We went live on April 17th! Admissions and ODUS will add a link to their Website. There are about 2100 members of the 2017+ page. How do we transition into a 2017-only group? There's a post-approval system and we've had problems with trolls on the site. Who should be admins of the group?
- Katherine Clifton: The admissions office won't run it. It's overwhelming to be an admin, so there should be a wider base of admins.
- Shawon Jackson: The 2017 only group should be a separate page and will use their netIDs. More administrators are in the group, and it's been more manageable. The Dean of Admissions is interested in cross-referencing the page for the future.
- Elan Kugelmass: The website looks good. We should get out of this business as soon as possible. We don't need to regulate them.
- Dillon Sharp: It's strange that admissions offices at other schools run these Facebook groups. We should let these students make the group themselves. There are some problems but it's an open student group. This is all silly, Facebook isn't a big deal.
- Paul Riley: The confusion comes in as to who is planting the group. We'll remove ourselves from the group after students are added.
- Katherine Clifton: The admissions officers are already on the group. Since they're part of it anyway they can regulate. There have been some inappropriate comments.
- Elan Kugelmass: This problem will disappear after May 1st.

Agenda Setting:

- Shawon Jackson: I'd like Rachel to give an elections overview and give feedback on voting stations. Trap, would you like to speak on Communiversity? And the J-term proposal idea?
- Haebin Kim: Summer Storage will present.
- Ella Cheng: Frist committee will recap survey results
- Elektra Alivisatos: There will be a CPUC recap
- Zhan Okuda-Lim: We have to pick CPUC Executive Representatives.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.