Formal Meeting Minutes

USG Senate Meeting
Lewis Library Bowl 120
Sunday, October 22nd, 2017 7:30pm

Campus and Community Affairs Committee Update

All of the members of the Campus and Community Affairs Committee are returning members except for Grace Lee. Only one person was selected as a new member because the Campus and Community Affairs Committee only lost one senior. There were three applications. Grace Lee was approved for a one year term with 19 members of the Senate voting in favor, 1 member abstaining, and 0 members opposing.

Restaurant Week will take place January 8th-January 15th, which is the week before Dean’s Date. The Campus and Community Affairs Committee is trying to recruit more dessert and coffee stores. Students are interested in buying low-cost goods one at a time rather than buying a more pricey ticket. CCA is still looking into how to count how many students attend Restaurant Week. Clickers are too cumbersome for counting the number of students who participate.

University of Student Life Committee

There were about 10 to 12 applications and four new members were selected from the pile. New members Taylor Mills, Allie Spensley, Arika Harrison, and Dorothy Zhao were approved with 20 voting in favor, 0 abstaining, and 0 opposing. Some of the initiatives that these new members are interested in pursuing include having talent-showcasing opportunities open to the entire Princeton community and making Dining Dollars available for students on their prox.

The USLC hopes to modify the USLC Charter. It has been found that the USLC hasn’t been following what was originally written in the USLC Charter. Hopefully, this difference in what is being practiced and what is advised in the USLC Charter can be bridged.

The ULSC hopes to continue interacting with students, a move which has turned out to be very productive last year. For example, the committee reached out to the Princeton Muslim Students Association and the number of Halal options has been expanded as a result.

Even though the Lewis Center for the Arts has been opened, dance groups are not allowed access to the studio rooms. The USLC hopes to help dance groups gain access to more studio rooms so that their rehearsals can end earlier and occur at more reasonable times. The USLC intends to
partner with the Diversity and Equity Committee. Another goal of the USLC is to make sure that all six residential colleges are represented in the committee.

Ancillary Team

The Ancillary Team hopes to take this first step in what will be an ongoing conversation with the Honor Committee. Since USG confirms Honor Committee members, it is partially the responsibility of USG to ensure that the members are as diverse as possible. Other recommendations that USG hopes to pass on to the Honor Committee include the following:

- Providing demographic information on applications
- Reaching out to Directors of SIFP, FSI, Women’s Center, CAF Center, and the LGBT Center
- Reaching out to Questbridge Community, Princeton Hidden Minority Council
- Presentations at meetings of PLA, BSU, AASA, and other affinity groups
- Reaching out directly to leadership of affinity groups and asking them to personally pass on applications to students
- Sending emails to every professor in science and engineering departments, asking them to personally pass on applications to students they would recommend
  - Target specific introductory classes: CHEM201, COS126, MOL, etc.
- Include images and short bios on the Honor Committee website

Overall, the idea is to collaborate with the Honor Committee to expand the base of applicants. A lot of these suggestions are things that the Recruitment coordinator has been doing already. Some Honor Committee members have already done these tasks in the past.

Some of the STEM classes (lecture) are very large, so preceptors and the professors of large classes should make these recommendations. The Honor Committee should extend this effort to reaching out to STEM-related groups on campus.

Perhaps USG members should undergo Diversity & Equity training if members of the Honor Committee are required to this training. The member’s position should be taken into consideration when it comes to whether Diversity & Equity training should be required. Honor Committee members should have Diversity & Equity training because they are not just interacting with students, but they have power over students.
Mental Health Initiative Members

The new members selected for the Mental Health Initiative hope to bring light to the concerns of the first-generation, racial, diversity, and cultural issues on campus. These new members were confirmed with 18 members of the Senate voting in favor, 2 abstaining, and 0 opposing.