Formal Minutes

USG Senate Meeting
Frist MPR B
Sunday, February 8th, 2015 11:30 pm

President’s Report
President Ella Cheng discusses the passing of the spring 2015 Lawnparties fund request, upcoming projects and USG’s current and future relationship with the Daily Princetonian. Upcoming projects focused mainly on revitalizing USG’s media and student outreach approach under the leadership of the Director of Communications, Nick Horvath. The Senate discusses how to approach faculty and administrators about changing the 2015-2016 academic calendar to include a three-week winter recess instead of a two-week recess.

Approval of Appointed Members
The Senate approvals all of the new appointed and elected USG 2015-2016 members. Approved members include Jeremy Burton (Executive Secretary), Kristen Coke (’16 Senator), Deana Davoudiasl (’16 Senator), Grant Golub (Chief Elections Manager), Andrew Sun (Campus and Community Affairs Chair), Zachary Liu and Akask Levy (IT Chairs), Nick Horvath (Director of Communications), Jianing (Media Chair), William Aung and Lavinia Liang (Chief Designers) and Katherine Cion and Omid Abrishamchian (Public Engagement Chairs).

Agenda Setting
Agenda setting postponed until later time.
Informal Minutes

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Call to Order
• Called to order at 11:35 by Aleksandra Czulak

President’s Report
• Ella Cheng passed lawn parties fund request
• Upcoming meetings with administrators
• projects in the works
  o new website
  o social media relaunch
  o Nick Horvath will be helping
  o committee app has been released
  o bathroom locks committee
• Jacob Cannon asked about committee deadlines and moving forward from bathroom locks
  o Feb.17 at midnight committee apps due
• Mallory Banks asked for clarification on the most recent updates to the change in the 2015-2016 academic calendar in regards to winter recess
• Ella Cheng: Suggest putting it up for a faculty vote
• Zhan Okuda-Lim recommends asking faculty why it is too late to change winter recess length
• Katherine Cion mentions that it is unprecedented
• Mallory Banks asks about future meetings with new Daily Princetonian Editor-in-Chief
  o Response: One Prince member will be assigned to cover all USG Senate meetings and The Prince and USG have goals to increase communication

Approval of Appointed members
• Aleksandra Czulak began the voting process at 11:40
• Appointed voting members cannot vote until approved
• Zhan Okuda-Lim motions to approval exec. Secretary
• Jeremy Burton, motioned and approved, Executive Secretary
• Hunter Dong motioned and approved, Treasurer
• Andrew Sun, motioned and approved UCLA Chair
• Deanna and Kristen approved, 2016 senator
• Zhan ask what are the different roles in the communication committee
• Aleksandra Czulak replies that many students had issues with communication and hopes that Nick and his members will aid in alleviating these communication issues
• Nick Horvath states that this is a crucial moment for USG in terms of communication, led to restructuring of communications team; additional members
• Dallas Nan asks for clarification of multiple members in the same role
• Aleksandra Czulak responds that training will take place outside of retreat for member but that members who share a position have a workload reasonable for the amount of people working
  o all of communications committee motioned and approved
• Zachary Liu and Akash Levy, will both work as IT chairs
• Dallas ask if we still have a manager for IT
• Ella Cheng responds that Aleks, Jeremy and herself will work on populating the website
• Kathy Chow responds to Dallas that she believes that multiple chairs is a good decision because of the amount of work
• Zhan Okuda-Lim clarifies : IT committee handles the backend
• Communications handles posting things on it
• communication chairs motioned and approved
• Grant Golub, motioned for Chief Elections Officer
• Kathy Chow ask for clarification of how Grant will work with the Prince and USG
• Aleksandra Czulak responds that during interviews with Grant it was made clear that there is a division between
• Ella Cheng responds that Grant may be interviewed by the Prince but should not be their first and only source; Grant can also decide when to grant the Prince information
• Dallas Nan states that he does see a conflict of interest in Grant being involved in USG and on the Prince
• Aleksandra Czulak responds that the situation has been presented in the past and that there is an ethics document that includes a clause that states that as Chief Elections Manager there is a protocol that must be followed
• Ella Cheng reiterates a point made by Grant Golub, that he is the source of last resort when it comes to sources for the Prince during election season
• Grant Golub approved
• Aleksandra Czulak moves to Paul Yang and Julia Chong SGC Chair approval
• Zhan Okuda-Lim moved to approve Yang and Chong
  no objections; appointed as SGC Chairs
• Mental health initiative board motioned and approved
• Zhan Okuda-Lim asks about the Equity and Diversity committee’s plans as USG moves forward
• Ella Cheng responds that we will reach out to groups that have expressed issues in the past and have a role promoting the role of different centers
• Kathy Chow recommends that clarification of different committees for new members
• Zhan Okuda-Lim clarifies that we have different types of committee, standing, ad hoc (must be reestablished when new senates come in)
• Dallas Nan states that with the CPUC and independent organizations working on diversity and equity on campus that if moving forward we must encourage working collaboratively with other groups on campus
• Ella Cheng seconds the points made by Dallas and would like to avoid overlap with Task Force
• Naimah Hakim asks what’s the difference between CPUC and diversity and equity committee have been the past
• Ella Cheng responds that the role of the diversity and equity board will be “How can we as USG promote the work of other centers and organizations?”
• Aleksandra Czulak responds that it is not just race and socio-economic diversity but also works with
• Deanna Davoudiasl motions to approve Equity and Diversity Committee
  • Committee approved

**Agenda Setting**
• Postponed

**Meeting adjourned at 12:04 by Ms.Czulak**