Formal Minutes

USG Senate Meeting
Frist MPR B
February 22\textsuperscript{th}, 2015 - 7:30pm

Princeton Perspectives Project Committee Update
The Senate approved the appointment of all of the new members to the Princeton Perspectives Project Committee.

Campus and Community Affairs Committee Update
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President’s Report
President Ella Cheng discussed her meeting with President Eisgruber and Vice President Aleksandra Czulak, in which she touched on the topic of winter break and transparency in the strategic planning process. Cheng stressed the importance of student inclusion. Cheng also met with Executive Vice President Williams to discuss strategic planning and student involvement in campus planning.

Treasurer Report
Treasurer Hunter Dong reinforced protocol surrounding the practice of lending the USG credit card to Senate members. He reminded members that this practice was prohibited and that all USG purchases could be made through him. Lastly, Dong reminded members that purchases that are over $1000 require a fund request at least two weeks in advance and under $1000 at least one week in advance,

Mental Health Week Fund Request
U-Councilor Naimah Hakim discussed the upcoming Mental Health Week. Hakim introduced the Dear World Project, a project used to counter negative stigma associated with mental illness. In her request, Hakim requested $3000 for the completion of the project. The Senate approved the fund request.

Social Committee Fund Request
Social Committee Chair Simon Wu discussed the social committee’s plans to subsidize student trips into New York City for an OkayGo concert and a Chainsmokers concert. Both of which will take place is April 2015. Wu explained that following students purchase of tickets USG expenses would total $1567. The fund request would reduce the cost of tickets to $36.65 per student, including transportation. The Senate approved the fund request.

USLC Free Fitness Classes Fund Request
University Student Life Chair Kathy Chow requested USG funds to subsidize student classes at Dillon Gym. The request resembled the request for a similar project from the prior academic year. The updated requested added five free classes from the prior year. President Ella Cheng
stressed that the total USG expenditure would hover around $1300. The Senate approved the request.

**Mental Health Week Initiative Update**
U-Councilor Naimah Hakim discussed the plans surrounding the upcoming Mental Health Week, addressing in particular student involvement and advertising. Hakim emphasized that mental illness has a negative stigma and hopes to alleviate the bad connotation through the work of Mental Health Week and the DearWorld Project.

**Princeton 2019 Update**
Senator Kristen Coke discussed the Princeton 2019 project. Coke addressed the use of the Facebook page and the possibility of making a welcome video for the incoming class. Lastly, Coke mentioned that Princeton Preview would remain a one–day event.

**Committee Updates**
University Student Life Committee- Chair Kathy Chow met with her committee, Dean Dunne, discussed the lock-out policy with students and is preparing a follow-up survey, and discussed the idea of Frist Campus Center changing hours of operation.

Social Committee- Chair Simon Wu discussed the premiere of a Lawn Parties brunch, dining services hired for the brunch, and the location of the brunch.

Academic Committee- Chair Ramie Fathy met with Dean Smith and discussed the academic calendar. Fathy reported that it was unlikely that the calendar would change for the 2015-2016 academic year but would remain a topic of discussion in future meetings.

IT Committee- Chairs Zachary Liu and Akash Levy received committee apps, met with their committee and met with Timeline supervisors to go through wireframes.

Campus and Community Affairs- Chair Andrew Sun discussed the continued planning of Communiversity. U-Council Chair Zhan Okuda-Lim suggested following the model of the Taste of Princeton.

**Agenda Setting**
In the coming week, the Senate will discuss a February budget report, elections update, communications committee update, committee approvals, the eating club accessibility report update, a PPW update and an open forum on bathroom locks.
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Call to order: began at 7:32

- Aleksandra Czulak: I just wanted to comment on a few things before we got started on the agenda. In Ella’s email this week there is “This Week at Princeton”, which is an attachment that student groups can submit in order to be on that list. It will be in the weekly email. Please share this with friends and student groups as well. We will send out an email for those of you who missed one-on-ones this week. There is a vacancy in the honor committee as well, please share that information with others so that we can get as diverse an applicant pool as possible. We will start off with PPP committee updates, approval of new members. Because PPP is an ad-hoc committee we don’t have the authority to approve their members, just to overturn members. Are there any questions or any objections?
- Dallas Nan: I was wondering if you thought the turnout for how many applied was lower?
- Paul Draper: I think PPP is a pretty big deal, I don’t know if it was higher in the fall but I think more than 9 would apply.
- Ella Chen: I tried to maximize the amount of responses by having an all committee app and we did it again in the spring. I think that the timing was just bad for more people the first week. Looks like the apps were longer than we wanted but we got good members.
- Zhan Okuda-Lim: From experience, applications for committees in the fall usually have more applicants because more people are trying to figure out what activities they are actually doing.
- Aleksandra Czulak: I am trying to bring in Mary Heath in the next two weeks to talk about their project. Are there any objections to members?
- PPP Committee Update
  - All members approved
- Andrew Sun- CCA already had about 14 members last semester and three of them stepped down because of obligations and one of them is now studying abroad. I am looking for two new members for the committee. On the application there were a lot of people who started the application but didn’t finish. The people that did finish the application were quality applicants.
- CCA Committee members
  - Motioned to approve members
  - All members approved

President’s Report
- Ella Cheng- Thanks for all your feedback during the one-on-one. I was told I speak too fast and not loud enough so thank you for that. We had one-on-ones and the bonding dinner, and a ton of administrative meetings this week. I met with President
Eisgruber with Aleks. We talked about and received feedback on general organizational structure that USG had in the fall. We also talked about winter break and I urged him to have more transparency in the strategic planning process. Same goes for Dean Valerie Smith. Ramie and Jimmy had a meeting with her and we will hear more in Ramie’s Academic committee update. They also mentioned the strategic planning process and winter break referendum. Also met with Executive Vice President Williams, where I also talked about strategic planning and our involvement in campus planning.

- Aleksandra Czulak and Kathy Chow met with Amanda Zeltner about office supplies
- I was interviewed for the
- Bubble tea with two students
- Several meetings coming up this week
  - CPCU ExCom
  - University Architecture moved to March 2
  - Path to Princeton
  - Honor Committee Selection Process
  - Does anyone have any questions?

**Treasurer Report**

- Hunter Dong: This is not really a report, I just want to talk about the process. Access to the fund request form is on the Google drive. If the fund request is above $1000 I absolutely need it two weeks before. I also need an itemized budget and I ask that you keep the cost per student between $5-$10. If it is under $1000, then I still need it a week before and still ask for an itemized agenda. As for asking for the credit card, please avoid it if you can. Do not ask me for the card as the first thing you do because that is something I can’t do. I can not give it out to you.
- Jacob Cannon: If your not going to need the credit card what do you do?
- Hunter Dong: I still need to see the fund request and an itemized budget and that you tried to find the cheapest price possible. When you are not using the credit card that means that you are going to purchase it.
- Ella Cheng: That’s a different process, either you purchase it with Hunter or through Concur.
- Katherine: Don’t reimburse if you don’t have to.
- Hunter Dong: To clarify: Do not ask me to take the credit card, try to make it so that I can order it for you. If it is a small amount I still do need an itemized budget. The budgets are actually available to the public but I want to make them as available as possible so the public does know how we are spending.
- Aleksandra Czulak: Whenever anyone wants to buy anything you have to email Hunter, Ella and I. We will have a one pager for any other questions. There is also a sample fund request in the Google Drive.

**Mental Health Week Fund Request**

- Naimah Hakim: So our fund request is mostly concerning the DearWorld Project which is outlined here. The last two years we had the WouldIBe photographer. The DearWorld Project is getting at much of the same things as the WouldIBe Project. It is a campaign that is going to be attention-grabbing Sunday through Monday, early on
so people know that it is Mental Health Week. As far as the cost goes we are looking to fund Dr. Robert Fograty’s airfare, and two days at a hotel. We are requesting about $3000. We need to get some art supplies. There are some potential increases in lodging because we are booking later than we planned to. We are asking for more from USG but will pay it back as we get funding from other projects. We have already applied for funding from the Psych department and I have a list of sources that we were able to secure funding from last year.

- Ella Cheng: Just to clarify, DearWorld is a larger version of WouldIBe and will be available to the entire student body.
- Zhan Okuda-Lim: DearWorld is a project run by Dr. Robert Fograty kind of similar to WouldIBe where participants write something on their arm but the theme is more on positive stories and stories of a better day, while WouldIBe focused on exposing insecurities and vulnerabilities. The feedback that we received was that a lot of students like the photography aspect but wanted something with a more positive aspect. He has done the project for quite some time now.
- Ella Cheng: I also want to mention that we got $6000 from VP Cherrie’s office, making this project very affordable for us. Currently the request being made is about $3000 but is likely to be less as we hear back from other departments. This is actually less than last year and the project is going to be a lot larger.
- Katherine: How many student do you think the photographer can actually see?
- Zhan Okuda-Lim: On the low end, possible 200, on the high end 500. The board will be working with Robert to determine what hours they are going to be open and closed.
- Dallas Nan: Would it be sufficient to only give $2500?
- Ella Cheng: $500 in the large scheme of the budget is quite a lot. I think that it is always better in general to vote for fund request on the high end.
- Dallas Nan: I know there are a lot of streams flowing into the project, I’m wondering if it would be okay to be conservative.
- Jacob Cannon: Allowing the extra money would be good for incidentals that may occur and any money that isn’t used is returned to us.
- Zhan Okuda-Lim: Just to be clear as Naimah mentioned, we will only spend first money that we received from external forces and then will dip into the Senate funding.
- Deana Davoudiasl: Motion to approve
- Grant Golub: How does the photography campaign contribute to positive mental health? How does it reduce stigma that may prevent students from seeking mental help?
- Zhan Okuda-Lim: Seeing students share their stories and their insecurities has helped students mental health has opened up other students. Having the photography project shown some students that there are students on campus who are facing mental health and it is something that they don’t have to be ashamed to talk about or ashamed to be going through.
- Ella Cheng: I think something that is even more important than the social aspect is that students get the chance to speak with the photographers themselves who are very much so like counselors themselves.
• Naimah Hakim: In a post mental health week 2013 project, 49% of students responded that WouldIBe was the most helpful part of mental health week for them. I don’t know if that speaks to your question but hopefully we see an increase in participation.
• Jacob Cannon: I also found that photography is efficient, I think it’s a cool way for students to get involved.
• Ella Cheng: Also there are other events that will be happening that week that we haven’t talked about.
• Zhan Okuda-Lim: As mentioned before, about 200 students will be able to participate. As opposed to the past, it’s an open photo shoot where people are able to go, write what they want to say, and take the photos and share them on social media.

23 voted in favor
Fund Request Passed

Social Committee Fund request

• Simon Wu: Students would be buying tickets on their own and we will just be providing transportation there and back. We tried to pick concerts that avoid dates like midterms and stuff so one is on Friday and the other is on Saturday. It is Okay Go and the Chainsmokers, two very different genre wise. We just wanted to send one bus for each. That 56 can draw from all four classes. We are thinking one bus can fill easily with the amount of variability and popularity and the pricing model.
• Ella Cheng: Can you please explain the pricing model?
• Simon Wu: Students will be paying $36.65 and we are requesting a total that is paying for both the tickets and the busses beforehand and we will be receiving $4140 of that back in ticket sales so that our total expenditure is $1567 and under Hunter’s model that leaves us at about $13 per student.
• Deana Davoudiasl: Have the tickets already been bought already?
• Ella Cheng: No that’s why he bought the funding request so early.
• Deana Davoudiasl: So this is in response to student demand for more easy access to New York?
• Simon Wu: It’s kinda that and that upperclassmen have upperclassmen don’t have res college trips like underclassmen.
• Kathy Chow: I was wondering what the rationale was for doing two concerts as the pilot.
• Simon Wu: Essentially we were looking at the pricing and found that it was manageable to do two and we thought that if we did two and one didn’t work in terms of ticketing or something because we still haven’t bought the tickets then we would still have the other one to work with.
• Richard Chang: What happens if we don’t sell all of the tickets or it doesn’t go as planned?
• Simon Wu: We are taking a chance on this and hoping that out of the 5000 undergraduates here that something would like to scalp it out at the very least because $36.65 for tickets and transportation should be enough incentive for some students.
• Dan Mozley: I really like the project but I do think that gauging interest may have been important so that we don’t end up eating a lot of the cost
• Dallas Nan: Because this is a pilot, I think that we should give it a chance. I also think
that it would be a good idea to pilot two different genres to gauge whether they like
one and not the other one. I’d also like to see that we specify that a certain number of
these tickets do go to upperclassmen because they don’t have these opportunities.
• Jacob Cannon: Would it be possible if the first one doesn’t go well, that we then
consider not doing the second show?
• Simon Wu: I’m not sure that it is entirely flexible just because of how many tickets
we are trying to buy. April 24th and April 11th are not that far away in terms of buying
the concert tickets. So we are thinking that we may have to buy both under this
model.
• Jacob Cannon: If we do have trouble eating cost on the first one it may make sense to
have more than one event that people can take the same bus into the city for.
• Deana Davoudiasl: How did you come up with the number 56?
• Simon Wu: It’s the size of the bus.
• Zhan Okuda-Lim: How can we make sure that people who drop closer to the event,
the cost won’t have to be incurred by the Senate
• Simon Wu: They have to pay upfront so it’s on them if they drop the event.
• Motion to approve
• Fund request is approved

USLC Free Fitness Classes Fund Request
• Kathy Chow: This is basically a fund request including the glow party. These are
basically all classes that we did last year except for the countdown to spring break.
This is actually five more classes than we normally do. The countdown to spring
break would be classes everyday for ten days leading up to spring break where as last
year we did about five classes around spring break that served as midterm study
breaks.
• Ella Cheng: this is a project that is kind of tradition at this point and has been so since
my predecessor. This is USG push for more free classes in general. As a first measure
we are funding it on a semester-by-semester basis and this is not out of the range for
what we have done.
• Dan Mozley: So last year it was very similar to this?
• Ella Cheng: Yeah it was pretty much the exact same the thing. It usually ends up at
about $1300 by the end of the year but we do the fund request for the upper-end.
• Dan Mozley: How many people came last year?
• Kathy Chow: A little over 100 for the glow party and I’m not sure for the others but it
was a good turnout. It’s all up to us as USG and the Senate to do good advertising.
• Ella Cheng: CampusRec also does advertising and from what I have been told classes
usually fill up. I think the cost for student lands at max $10.
• Zhan Okuda-Lim: Might there be consideration for Campus Rec to start funding these
things?
• Kathy Chow: CampusRec can’t actually just give us free classes because they are a
business and simply can’t function like that so it’s on us to subsidize that. We are
working on doing free fitness classes in general but we are running into a lot of
problems with that. But, we are still working on it.
• Ella Cheng: A few years ago it was brought to CampusRec to subsidize classes and it was rejected. We don’t want to make that request too soon after that.
• Motion to approve fund request
• Fund request approved

Aleksandra Czulak: Tabled PPW update for next week.

Mental Health Week Update
• Naimah Hakim: This year we are really working towards collaborative projects. This year we are really focusing on mental health and mental illness. I would like to point out To write love on her arm, we talked about DearWorld. It’s about being able to respond to friends and peers about stress. YouToo Monologue is a new performing arts initiative. It will be premiering that Saturday. The board is primarily working to revamp the website that went up last year. we have meetings Monday and Tuesday next week with IT, advertising and working with the academic board to support funding. If there are any questions or thoughts, I’d love to hear them.
• Dallas Nan: I would like to suggest for the Garden theater movie Silver Linings Playbook.
• Hunter Dong: I got a request for reimbursement from the domain for website. What should I do, I’m just confused.
• Ella Cheng: I would say just talk to Regina.
• Nick Horvath: I hear two things; advertise options for those who are going through mental illness issues and educate students on mental health. Is there one central message that you are hoping student take away?
• Naimah Hakim: I don’t know that we do have one because those two work in tandem. I think eating disorders is something that I don’t think has been discussed as much in the past as it should be. As far as mental illness goes, I think that there are students who think that CPS might not be for them but that is why it should be emphasized that this is a campus wide initiative even if you don’t identify with mental illness it could be your roommate or teammate. I’m open to suggestions for how to spin the message.
• Jacob Cannon: I think in the past there has been a big “Mental Health Week” blanket, I think that we should have ideas and conversations about gratitude included in dialogue.
• Richard Chang: Just focusing more on the gratitude of being at Princeton. You mentioned that mental health peaked at the passing of Audrey, I was wondering if there was ever an investigation done by the University to evaluate what we could have done to prevent this from happening?
• Naimah Hakim: I know that prevention is a hard topic. I included this bullet point because I think that this mental health week is coming at a crucial time so as we move from programming to policy I would like to come back to that.
• Richard Chang: has there been an investigation
• Ella Cheng: We don’t know.
• Aleksandra Czulak: There was also a mention of this at the last CPUC meeting about how students found out about Audrey’s passing and you can talk to Zhan about this if you have any questions.
• Grant Golub: I know that many students have been scared by the university to go to CPS and I know that this is a very pervasive feeling that is not addressed. I don’t know what could be done, but I don’t think that it has been adequately addressed and I would be willing to help with this
• Zhan Okuda-Lim: I think that with that in mind the board was working on the policy side of things. I have had those concerns myself. On the policy side of things we work extensively with Dean Fowler and Oden to bring transparency to the FAQ document for questions regarding withdrawing from the school for mental health reasons. I think the discussion about policy is an important part of the conversation and I know that student’s perception of the policy may shape whether they are willing to help and how the administration responds.

Princeton2019
• Kristen Coke: This is just an update of what we have been doing. Facebook page has about 800 people, which includes perspective students and current students. I have seen a lot of great interactions there. Getting in contact with IT Chairs for new website where Princeton class is able to look through logistical things about Princeton. The current website is not very user-friendly and we would like to revamp that. Princeton Preview will once again be a one-day project due to concerns about the passing of meningitis but will hopefully end the following year and the program will return to being three days. We are going to be creating a board about Preview, hopefully with freshmen who experienced last years one-day event. I would like to create a “Congrats! You’re in video to put some names to faces with deans and USGers and just to connect them to campus.
• Deana Davoudiasl: What is the overlap between this and the University’s path to Princeton?
• Kristen Coke: I don't think that we have ever done an assessment of the overlap. We want to work on making this website more useful and making sure that there is a difference between the websites making both useful for students without overlap.
• Ella Cheng: The website has a different timeline from PTP and the Princeton preview board is a new idea.
• Mallory Banks: A good song in the background of the welcome song would be great because I remember crying when I watched the video when I got in.

Committee Updates
Kathy Chow, University Student Life Committee
• USLC meeting was held
• Bathroom code is moving forward with two students making a follow-up survey
• Talked about lock-out policy
  ○ We have 24 hours to return temporary keys and keys can be returned to Frist
• 24hr Frist
  ○ The idea is not a question of finances but instead the administration is not in favor of it because they want students to sleep
• Met with Dean Dunne as well
• Jacob Cannon: Just a thing about equity moving forward, I urge you to check in with disability services about the lock-out policy.
• Kathy Chow: We brought up that concern but they replied that students with disabilities actually prefer to have the same policy as other students
• Jacob Cannon: I love the idea about the napping pods in the USG office
• Kathy Chow: I also raised napping concerns so we discussed a pilot program in the USG office possibly test run during midterms.
• Zhan Okuda-Lim: Do they have data on how many lockouts have occurred
• Kathy Chow: There is data online from the past.
• Hunter Dong: How do we keep nap pods hygienic?
• Kathy Chow: We are thinking about having leather beanbags that we could wipe down.
• Mallory Banks: I don’t think that nap pods are good ideas for night hours.
• Nick Horvath: Are you going to pushback on the response to why Frist is not 24 hours?
• Kathy Chow: What do you all think?
• Jacob Cannon: I think it really depends on what the student body thinks.
• Nick Horvath: I think that there is a lot of space for some give and take on this issue.
• Dean Dunne: Frist in particular is an extremely expensive place to keep up. A broad based survey of what places are open 24 hours on campus would be a good place to start. It has happened in the past where we did a pilot and spent money staffing libraries for extended hours and then students didn’t use them.
• Mallory Banks: I understand that “because people need to sleep” is a fair response because asking the staff or students to stay here [Frist] is a struggle on the day-to-day basis.
• Ella Cheng: I’d also like to mention that We have an extended hours committee that will be looking into extended hours for places on campus.

Simon Wu, Social Committee
• We have three hours for lawn parties
• Lawn parties brunch- We are working with dining services for it to be institutionalized in future years so we don’t have to pay for it every year
• Student band
• Dan: Where would the brunch be?
• Simon: They are thinking outside of Robertson.
• Ramie: What if it rains?
• Simon: We will have the brunch inside of the Friend Center

Ramie Fathy, Academic Committee
• We met with Dean Smith as Ella said
• OA contracts have been made
• Made an interesting point about labor day saying that their children’s school days don’t start until after labor day
• Meeting with the registrar to find out which changes can occur and which cannot
• Dallas Nan: Do we have a timeline for the grade deflation analysis?
• Ramie Fathy: They are looking at last semester and this semester
• Danny Johnson: I have realized that advising is an eternal point, are we doing anything to address this?
• Ramie Fathy: We have an event coming up in March connecting students with PAA for sophomore to have help in choosing their majors.

Andrew, Campus and Community Affairs

• Thank you for approving members because now we have a full committee. For Communiversity the administrator in charge is currently out of town. Because of how institutionalized it is there is a lot of experience in the group so we don’t have to worry about that much.
• Zhan Okuda-Lim: The USG Senate used to do Taste of Prospect that became Taste of Princeton. If we would like we can revisit that for programming ideas.

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Agenda Setting
• USG February Budget Report
• Elections update
• Communications committee update
• Committee approvals
• Eating Club Accessibility Report Update
• PPW Update
• Open Forum: Bathroom locks
• Danny Johnson: USG will have an representative to discuss smoking on campus
• Update- Kathy Chow
• Rohan Patlolla: If an outside group would like USG to vote on something how would they do it?
• Ella Cheng: Please just loop Aleks and I in on the conversation and we will discuss it virtually.

Executive Session
• Aleksandra Czulak: As Ramie mentioned it is very unlikely for the calendar to be changed for next year and we really want students to know about it. So what we want to do this year is to have more press releases. So, thank so much Nick and Ramie and Jimmy and a few others. This was just decided today. So we’ll go to Ella or Nick before we go into questions.
• Nick Horvath: I think one thing that we should discuss as a group is whether the update should come from Ella or from the entire Senate and secondly any important word changes that are necessary in the letter if we do decide that it is something that is better coming from the entire Senate.
• Zhan Okuda-Lim: I’d just like to remind everyone that whatever is said in executive sessions stays in executive session. With that in mind, I am so happy that we are doing this because in the past Senate has talked about doing press releases and more direct messaging.
• Aleksandra Czulak: I’d like to open it up again for questions.
• Omid Abrishamchian: Is there any thought of using this as a watershed moment to likelihood of opening up this discussion to change the whole academic calendar?
• Ella Cheng: Yes, that’s actually why we are doing this now.
• Deana Davoudiasl: I think this letter doesn’t communicate who is in charge, like who has the power to make the faculty vote or not and did we talk to those people. Did we talk to the faculty or did we talk to the administration?
• Ramie: I think that it is a little clearer to us because we were in the meeting. That is a good point.
• Ella Cheng: Ramie is trying to find out who is the new chair person of the committee of the faculty on voting.
• Aleksandra Czulak: We will send out a copy of this letter to you guys tonight and you will be able to edit and send it back.
• Ella Cheng: The goal is to send it out sometimes this week.
• Deana Davoudiasl: So did we talk to the person in charge of making the faculty vote or not.
• Ella Cheng: We just found out that the person who was in charge is no longer her so what Ramie is trying to figure out is who the new person is. Essentially President Eisgruber and Dean Valerie Smith speak on behalf of a lot of the faculty and none of the faculty would like to vote on another calendar. And also a lot of OA and CA things are already in order for this year so it won’t change for that.
• Nick Horvath: He was as close as he could be, to being openly hostile so we should give him some time.
• Grant Golub: I would emphasize that USG is really going to push the faculty on this matter.
• Mallory: I am a little concerned near the end of the third paragraph, because I don’t think that we have talked about having finals before break or after break enough for it to be included in this paragraph on my behalf.
• Nick Horvath: Would you feel comfortable if we are revisiting the calendar on a range of issues including finals after or before winter break?
• Mallory Banks: I think that the vote is representative about whether or not break should be two or three weeks but not about finals.
• Kathy Chow: Can we not talk about finals after break in this letter?
• Nick Horvath: Can you explain what you mean about the pedagogy being a point of conversation?
• Ella Cheng: One way to take this is to consider the calendar as a larger issue outside of finals and winter break.
• Paul Draper: I think that it is better if it probably comes from all of us just to show the unity of USG. I personally have spoken to a lot of students who like the way that the schedule is now and thinks it is more beneficial. If the labor day thing is the reason
• Nick Horvath: When pushed on the OA and CA reasoning, they didn’t seem to push back that hard. Ramie countered with the freshmen class hasn’t even been accepted yet and they could always just push OA and CA back a week. They would always fall back to the faculty would not support coming back before labor day.
• Deana: Would pushing it back one week put us coming back before Labor Day? There’s no way.
• Zhan Okuda-Lim: Three questions. Have you talked to any or all of these people; Dean W. Printus, Registrar Polly Griffin or Rick Curtis, Director of OA? Just so we can show students that we are covering all of our bases.
• Ramie Fathy: We are going to meet with the registrar Polly Griffin but we haven’t made meetings with the other two.
• Ella Cheng: The reason why I put this on the table now is because I am getting emails from international students asking about booking a flight
• Omid Abrishamchian: Instead of saying we are going to take steps to explore these broad options, why don’t we just say what the option is realistically?
• Paul Draper: This is very ambivalent in terms of our opinion of the matter. It almost seems in a way that we are agreeing with why they are doing this. If we as a Senate disagree with that we should differentiate what they are saying from how we feel.
• Deana Davoudiasl: So the entire faculty eventually votes on this and there is one woman or one guy who convenes the faculty to vote, if this person has a email address I think we should invite the students, low-income and international to send their letter and concerns to this person. They are obligated to get emails. Or they can send them to Ella in one of her emails.
• Aleksandra Czulak: From this conversation about this we can tell that there needs to be more clarity about this. We will send out more information of how the calendar gets going or who we need to contact later on. Also we will send you guys this letter so you can comment on it. I think this is going to be over a week long item. Ella will send out anything that she would put out in the weekly email. We just want to make sure that we cover all of our bases before emails are sent out.

Adjourned at 9:03