Senate Minutes

USG Senate Meeting
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March 1, 2015- 7:30pm

Mental Health Week Update
President Ella Cheng introduced Robert Fogarty, who spoke about the DearWorld pre-shoot that would be used as advertising for the open shoot on Monday March 2.

Call to Order

Honor Committee Update
Chair of Honor Committee Jesse Fleck one new member to the Honor Committee. The Senate approved the member unanimously.

Truckfest Fund Request
Project Board co-chairs Naman Jain and Tyler Lawrence presented a fund request to the Senate in the amount of $2000 to cover entertainment expenses for the event. The goal of Trunkfest is to raise $50000, raise awareness of food insecurity in the local region, and to foster a relationship between the University and the local community. The Senate approved the fund request.

Ad-hoc Committee Updates

IT committee
IT Committee Chairs Zachary Liu and Akash Levy, presented seven new members for approval to the IT Committee. Liu and Levy defended the number of appointments by stating their goal of expanding the IT Committee. The Senate approved all seven members unanimously.

Student Groups Recognition Committee
Student Groups Committee Chair Paul Yang presented one new member for approval to the Student Groups Recognition Committee. Yang indicated that there are currently five people on the committee and that the committee will recruit more members if the workload presents itself to be unmanageable. The Senate approved the new member unanimously.

Projects Board appointments
Projects Board Committee Chair Naman Jain presented one returning and three new members for approval to the Projects Board Committee. Jain explained that he and co-Chair Tyler Lawrence wanted a smaller, more intimate committee and believed that six members would be sufficient. The Senate approved the members unanimously.

Academics Committee Appointments
Academics Committee Chair Ramie Fathy presented two returning members and two incoming members for approval to the Academics Committee. The Senate approved the members unanimously.
Open forum moved to next week.

**Student Groups Committee Update**
Student Groups Chair Paul Yang discussed recent student group activity including a new social rights blog titled “The Stripes”, the creation of the Health and Performance Psychology Initiative, Seniors and Youth, and Princeton Krav Maga. Class of 2016 Senator Deana Davoudiasl reminded new members that the Senate does not approve groups but may overrule them. The Senate discussed the sustainability of the new groups.

**President’s Report**
In the past week, President Ella Cheng met with Pulin Sanghvi from Career Services, Cynthia Cherry regarding sharing a list of projects, the CPUC Executive Committee, the Transparency and Policy Working Group, OIT, and the Honor Committee. This week Cheng will sit in on the Architects Task Force and USG/IT meeting.

**Budget Report**
President Ella Cheng briefly discussed the Senate’s current budget. Cheng discussed the remaining balance and mentioned that presented budget did not include funds that will be allocated for the Projects Board. Treasurer Hunter Dong will present a more detailed update next week. The projected funds remaining are $64000 for this semester.

**Communications Committee Update**
The Design team is in the process of purchasing a theme from Wordpress but must wait of Treasurer Hunter Dong to complete the purchase. The Public Engagement team is working on a major overhaul of the office in hopes of attracting more students to the USG office. The Media team updated the USG Facebook page. The committee is focusing on receiving and implementing student feedback.

**Elections Update**
Chief Elections Manager Grant Golub discussed implementing a speakers series, including nominations in the election process, canvassing to spread the word about USG, and generally making elections a year-long discussion within the student body. Golub also sought the help of the Communications committee with increasing awareness.

**Project Updates**
Vice President Aleksandra Czulak discussed reminded the Senate that project updates are due by Friday 5pm on a weekly basis. Czulak also discussed the implementation and accessibility of the Senate’s shared Google folder and encouraged members to utilize it as a resource. Lastly, Czulak mentioned using the USG office as a study space to bring new faces into the office and an upcoming all USG meeting.

There will be no Senate meeting the Sunday following Spring Break.

**Committee Updates**
University Student Life Committee- Chair Kathy Chow would like to do a coat drive using the USG office and donating the coats to a coat fund. The independent students list-serve is now live.

Social Committee- Chair Simon Wu stated that Thursday April 2nd will be the release date for lawnparties artists. Wu had a meeting with Doug Wallack to make a battle of the bands event. Jeff Levin is currently working on a speaker series.

Academic Committee- Chair Ramie Fathy is planning to meet with Registrar Polly Griffin about Tiger Hub updates and Syllabus updates. Fathy will meet with Dean Marsh and Dean Fowler. He is attempting to get in contact with the Carl A. Fields and Campus Club to host the Academic Exploration event in hopes that a smaller venue will lead students to interact with more Peer Academic Advisors.

Campus and Community Affairs- Chair Andrew Sun discussed the committee’s first meeting in which they focused on several different projects. In the coming week the committee will meet. Sun mentioned that while Communiversity and Truckfest are on the same day, Communiversity will be mostly during the day while Truckfest begins at 6pm. Lastly Sun is researching the possibility of stores on Nassau Street offering discounts and sales the times surrounding Lawnparties and formals.

IT Committee- Chairs Zachary Liu and Akash Levy received committee apps, met with their committee. In the past week, the IT committee aided the Mental Health Initiative with their website. The committee would like to get the template for the website by the end of the week and will work on putting up a roster of officers while the website is down.

**Agenda Setting**

In the coming week, the Senate will discuss an Open Forum for bathroom locks, February budget recap, Eating Club Accessibility Report, an update on Princeton2019, the Extended Leave Report, Princeton Public Works, and Real World Princeton.