Senate Minutes

USG Senate Meeting
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March 8, 2015- 7:30pm

Call to Order

Diversity and Equity Committee Update
Diversity and Equity Committee Chair Shawon Jackson presented a recap to the Senate of the 2015 LEAD Summit. Summit participants attended a two-day Summit at the Pocono Environmental Center in Pennsylvania. While there, participants attended panels led by recent Princeton alums and other activist on topics of race, gender and sexuality, class, communication, leadership and vision and mission planning. The committee believe that the program benefitted from being held off campus and hopes to either increase the number of participants from this year’s forty-five to a group between seventy-five and a hundred. The committee is also in the process of receiving feedback from this year’s participants but the responses thus far have been overwhelming positive.

Student Groups Committee Update
Student Groups Committee Chairs Paul Yang and Julie Chong presented to the Senate new student groups. They addressed the addition of the Princeton Muslim Advocates for Social Justice (MASJID) and the Princeton Historical Review.

Open Forum: Bathroom Lock Reform
USLC Chair Kathy Chow will be meeting with administrators after Spring Break to discuss preliminary survey responses to Bathroom Lock Survey. Options being explored include requiring prox access or access codes for all bathrooms, requiring prox access or codes for only women’s restrooms, or not requiring codes for any of the bathrooms. A more comprehensive survey will be presented to students in the near future.

President’s Report
President Ella Cheng met with Urban Strategies to discuss campus planning, Polly Griffin of the Registrar’s Office and Academics Chair Ramie Fathy to discuss the winter break referendum and TigerHub and course offerings. President Cheng is approaching the last of her arranged administrative meetings and requested that the Senate notify her of any meetings that they believe should be made in the near future.

February Budget Report
Treasurer Hunter Dong presented the spring budget for approval to the Senate and postponed the recap of February expenses. The Senate discussed the allotted funds for projects. The Senate approved the budget.

Eating Club Accessibility Report Update
Vice President Aleksandra Czulak recapped the USG project that examined undergraduate interaction with the Eating Clubs. Following the results of the project, Czulak recommended a
push to greater inform undergraduates of the funds required by Eating Clubs and to increase visibility of the InterClub Council (ICC). The Senate also discussed the possibility of bringing back the Taste of Prospect to introduce underclassmen to the Eating Clubs.

**Princeton 2019 Update**
2016 Senator Kristen Coke discussed the USG project Princeton 2019. Coke requested help from a couple of Senate or USG members to manage the Princeton 2019 Facebook page. Coke also discussed the production of a welcome video for the Class of 2019. Lastly, the senator discussed working with the administration to differentiate between the Path to Princeton website and the USG 2019 website.

**Princeton Public Works Update**
2017 Senator Chris Shin reported on the USG project Princeton Public Works. The project aims to raise awareness on the arts committee on campus, particularly student art and to help further build the community and make stronger the community, and lastly to encourage the production of art pieces.

**Real World Princeton Update**
2017 Senator Kishawn Bhatt reported on the USG project Real World Princeton. The project will create workshops that will equip students with life skills. Bhatt reported that the project’s committee has researched programs at other institutions and hopes to work with the 2015 Class Council. A proposed workshop is one on submitting taxes.

**Committee Updates**
USLC Chair, Kathy Chow- The USLC is working on a campaign to combat social disorder. USLC Chair asked Senate to share their thoughts on the campaign

Academic Chair, Ramie Fathy- Campus Club was reserved for the Academic Exploration Expo. Discussions regarding revising the PDF policy will likely be postponed

Social Chair, Simon Wu- The Committee in the works of organizing Battle of the Bands. The prize is the chance to perform at Lawn Parties. The location of Battle of the Bands is still to be determined

CCA Chair, Andrew Sun- This year will be Taste of Princeton’s 45th anniversary. The committee is still seeking shopping discounts for students on Nassau Street around lawn parties.

IT Chairs, Akash Levy, Zachary Liu- The committee has started to roll out the new USG website. Theme for the website will be purchased for $50. USLC.usgprinceton.com is the website for USCL

**Agenda Setting**
In the coming week, the Senate will discuss the extended hours project, the extended leave project, a communications update, an elections update, a February budget recap, a CPUC update and Mental health week recap.