## USG SENATE MEETING

April 30, 2017, 5:00pm  
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**Total Time** 55 min
President’s Report
Sunday, April 30th, 2017

◆ Updates:
  ➢ Meeting with Dean Dunne
  ➢ Meeting for Honor Committee member reconfirmation
  ➢ Honor Committee Interview/Selection begins tonight
    ■ Total of 3 Senate members will be participating in process
      ● Academic’s Chair Patrick Flanigan
      ● U-Council Chair Pooja Patel
  ➢ Meeting with Class Government

◆ Reminders:
  ➢ Next CPUC Meeting: Monday, May 1st (tomorrow) at 4:30pm in Friend 101
  ➢ Lawnparties: Sunday, May 7th

❖ Action Items:
  ➢ Meeting with Chad Klaus

◆ Suggested Reading:
Get Yourself Tested Event

Project Leader: Pooja Patel
Project Team Members: Nick Wu, Nate Lambert, Wendy Zhao
Date: May 1, 2017

Overview

- Partnering with Princeton Students for Reproductive Justice
- Event: Monday, May 1st, 8-10pm in Frist Silver Chair area behind Witherspoon
- Polaroids, boba, infographics with McCosh info, testimonials from STI survey posted around the area, showing students how to schedule testing appointments from their phone
CCA Committee Update

Project Leader: Christine Jeong
Project Team Members: 
Date: April 30, 2017

I. Communiiversity Update (Happening right now, so updates are “real-time”)
   • Attendance
   • Tabling/Student Groups
   • Local Vendors
   • Performance Group Participation
   • Publicity

II. Restaurant Week
   May 8th ~ 12th: During Reading Period

   Reached out to 44 restaurants
   As of now, we have 5 restaurants who have finalized their deals with us, and in conversation with 4 more.
   During the Fall, we get anywhere from 15~25 restaurants participating, while in the Spring, we had 7 restaurants participate last year.
   The list will likely be finalized by May 3rd.

III. Beginning Bag Drive Initiative Project in conjunction with Jules Thin Crust Pizza
The Other Side of Me Photo Campaign

- About
  - The Other Side of Me is a photo initiative that seeks to provide an open and encouraging platform for students to engage in thoughtful reflection on the experiences, struggles, people, and ideas that have most defined or changed who they are and how they think.

- Purpose
  - On a campus where identity is so often associated with current commitments, future goals, and visible achievements “The Other Side of Me” hopes to remind us all that everyone has another side to their lives, further catalyzing deeper discussion and fostering empathy in our daily interactions with one another.

- What we need from USG
  - Support and participation for publicity and marketing
    - Asking for assistance from all USG members. Please
      - advocate the campaign within your social and media networks,
      - reach out to share your personal stories,
      - and if possible change your facebook profile pictures temporarily.
Resolution

Amending the Senate Constitution as it relates to the deliberation and confirmation votes on nominees to the Honor Committee and Faculty-Student Committee on Discipline, and as it relates to the threshold of votes required to confirm these nominees.

Summary:

One of the most important responsibilities of the USG is its role in selecting and confirming student members to the Student-Faculty Committee on Discipline and the Honor Committee. Currently the bar for confirming a member to either committee is a simple majority, but given the immense responsibilities and power that come with being a student member of either of these committees and the USG’s interest in ensuring these students are extremely qualified, the bar for confirmation should be set at ⅔ of voting members present.

Additionally, given the need to be able to speak and vote freely and without fear of retribution from either committee, deliberations in an open meeting should be followed by further deliberations in an executive session. Any votes on these prospective members should be taken in the executive session. The tally (but not individual votes) will be made public as recorded by the Vice President.

Digest:

- **Section 1** of the amendment adds language for making the confirmation threshold ⅔ for appointments to the Honor Committee and the Faculty-Student Committee on Discipline. Additionally, it requires that the deliberations in an opening meeting shall be followed by an executive session, during which there will be further deliberations and the vote on these members, with only the recorded vote tally being made public afterwards.

- **Sections 2, 3, and 4** all make technical changes correcting references to section 303(d) to its new form 303(e) where appropriate.

EXPLANATION—Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter with **strikethrough** is material to be omitted.

Resolved by the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Government (two-thirds of the Senate concurring),
SECTION 1. Article III Section 303 of the Senate Constitution is amended to read as follows:

§ 303. U-Councilors on CPUC Executive Committee; Appointments

(a) U-COUNCILORS ON CPUC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—After the spring U-Councilor election and before the end of the academic year, the Senate shall appoint 2 newly elected U-Councilors to serve on the CPUC Executive Committee by the system of the single transferable vote in accordance with section 4.4 of the CPUC Charter.¹

(2) U-COUNCIL CHAIR.—

(A) PRESIDENT SHALL SELECT.—The President shall select one of the U-Councilors appointed to serve on the CPUC Executive Committee under paragraph (1) to serve as the U-Council Chair.

(B) SENATE MAY OVERTURN SELECTION.—The Senate may overturn the selection by a majority vote.

(3) DUTIES.—

(A) U-COUNCIL CHAIR.—The U-Council Chair shall coordinate the—

(i) CPUC-related efforts of the U-Councilors; and

(ii) reporting of CPUC actions to the Senate.

(B) CPUC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE.—The CPUC Executive Committee Representative shall assist the U-Council Chair in the duties of the U-Council Chair.

(b) NONVOTING SENATE MEMBER.—As described in section 202(c), the Senate may confirm an undergraduate as a nonvoting Senate member by a majority vote.

(c) VACANCIES.—As described in section 205(c)(2), the Senate may confirm an undergraduate to a vacant office by a majority vote, except as provided for in section 303(d).

(d) HONOR COMMITTEE AND FACULTY-STUDENT COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE.—The Senate may by a ⅔ vote confirm an undergraduate to serve on—

(1) the Honor Committee; or

(2) the Faculty-Student Committee on Discipline.

Confirmation deliberations conducted under this section (303(d)) must take place first during an open meeting, followed by further deliberations in an executive session. All confirmation votes conducted under this section (303(d)) must take place in an executive session, where only the final vote tally (but not individual votes) will be made public as certified by the Vice President.

(4) (e) OTHER COMMITTEES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in section 305(b), the Senate may by a majority vote confirm an undergraduate to serve on—

(A) The Honor Committee;
(B) The Faculty-Student Committee on Discipline;
(C) a Core Committee or a subcommittee thereof; or
(D) a University committee for which the Senate is responsible for appointing a member.

(2) BEGINNING OF TERM.—Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution or in applicable University policy, an undergraduate appointed under this section to serve as a member of a committee shall begin the term of office upon Senate confirmation as described in paragraph (1).

[Art. III, §§ C, G.]

SECTION 2. Article V Section 503(a)(2) of the Senate Constitution is amended to read as follows:

(2) CORE COMMITTEE CHAIR APPOINTMENTS.—In accordance with section 703 and subject to Senate confirmation in accordance with section 303(d)(e), each Core Committee Chair shall appoint each undergraduate member of the corresponding committee.

SECTION 3. Article V Section 503(c) of the Senate Constitution is amended to read as follows:

(c) ACADEMICS COMMITTEE CHAIR; APPOINTMENTS.—Subject to Senate confirmation in accordance with section 303(d)(e), the Academics Committee Chair shall appoint each undergraduate member of each subcommittee of the Academics Committee.

SECTION 4. Article VII Section 703(g)(3) of the Senate Constitution is amended to read as follows:

(3) SENATE CONFIRMATION.—An undergraduate appointed by the Student Selection Committee to serve as a member of a University committee shall begin the term of office upon Senate confirmation as provided in section 303(d)(e).

Approved April __, 2017.

With __ Voting Members of the Senate present and
By a Vote of __ In Favor, __ Against, and __ In Abstention

DANIEL QIAN ’19,
Vice President of the Undergraduate Student Government and
Presiding Officer of the Senate.
Attest:

TRACI MATHIEU ‘20,
Executive Secretary of the Senate.
Amendment 6

Senate Resolution 4-2017
Senate Constitution Amendment No. 6
Submitted by PATRICK FLANIGAN ‘18, Academics Chair and ANDREW MA ‘19, Senator (on behalf of the USG Senate)

Resolution
Amending the Senate Constitution as it relates to the turnout threshold required for a referendum to pass, and the number of signatures required for a petition for referendum.

Summary:
Under the current system, the turnout threshold for a referendum to pass is based on the total number of undergraduate students who vote in the referendum. Specifically, a referendum result is binding on the Senate if at least ⅓ of undergraduates vote in the referendum. The exception to this is for a referendum seeking to amend the USG Constitution or Projects Board Charter, which requires at least ⅙ of undergraduates to vote in the referendum.

This amendment changes the turnout threshold for a referendum to pass from being based on the total number of votes, to being based on the total number of yes votes. The amendment makes the turnout threshold for all referenda (including referenda seeking to amend the USG Constitution or Projects Board Charter), equal to ⅙ of undergraduates casting a yes vote. The requirement that a majority of total votes cast in a standard referendum must be in the affirmative, and that ⅗ of total votes cast in a referendum seeking to amend the USG Constitution or Projects Board Charter be in the affirmative, shall remain unchanged.

There are three justifications for this change. First, the current system disincentivizes students who want a referendum to fail from voting at all, as it is possible for a referendum to fail because not enough students vote no. For example, under the current system, if 30% of students vote yes and 10% vote no, a referendum would pass; however, if 30% of students vote yes and 0% vote no, a referendum would fail. Under the amended system, both would pass. Second, the total number of yes votes is a more reflective indicator of campus support than the total number of yes and no votes. Third, the amendment would make the turnout threshold for the two types of referenda self-consistent.

Additionally, in order to make the referenda process more accessible, the minimum number of petition signatures required for a proposed referendum to get on the ballot is lowered from 10% of undergraduates to 200 undergraduates.

Digest:
- **Section 1:** Amends section 1003. The turnout threshold for a standard referendum is changed from ⅓ of undergraduates casting a vote to ⅙ of undergraduates casting a yes
vote. The turnout threshold for a referendum seeking to amend the USG Constitution or Projects Board Charter is changed from \( \frac{1}{6} \) of undergraduates casting a vote to \( \frac{1}{6} \) of undergraduates casting a yes vote. The section also adds a note clarifying the distinction between the two types of referenda.

- **Section 2:** Amends section 1001(a). The number of signatures required for a referendum question to appear on the ballot is lowered from 10% of undergraduates to 200 undergraduates.

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Resolved by the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Government (two-thirds of the Senate concurring),

SECTION 1. Article X Section 1003 of the Senate Constitution is amended to read as follows:

§ 1003. Referendum Result

(a) RESULT BINDING ON SENATE.—A referendum result shall be binding on the Senate if—

(1) at least \( \frac{1}{3} \) of the undergraduates vote \( \frac{1}{6} \) of the undergraduates vote yes in the referendum; and

(2) a majority of votes cast in the referendum are in the affirmative, except as provided for in Section 1003(b)(2).

(b) RESULT FOR CONSTITUTION OR PROJECTS BOARD CHARTER.—A referendum result shall amend this Constitution or the Projects Board Charter if—

(1) at least \( \frac{1}{6} \) of the undergraduates vote \( \frac{1}{6} \) of the undergraduates vote yes in the referendum; and

(2) 3/5 of the votes cast in the referendum are in the affirmative. [Art. X, § C.]

SECTION 2. Article X Section 1001(a) of the Senate Constitution is amended to read as follows:

(a) REFERENDUM.—The Chief Elections Manager shall organize a referendum concurrent with a USG election after—

(1) a 1/3 vote of the entire voting Senate membership that calls for the referendum concurrent with the USG election; or

(2) receiving a duly completed petition that is signed by 10% of the 200 undergraduates and calls for the referendum concurrent with the USG election.

Approved ____ __, 2017.
With __ Voting Members of the Senate present and
By a Vote of __ In Favor, __ Against, and __ In Abstention

DANIEL QIAN ’19,
Vice President of the Undergraduate Student Government and
Presiding Officer of the Senate.

Attest:

TRACI MATHIEU ‘20,
Executive Secretary of the Senate.
USG Charter Amendment Process

Project Leader: Olivia Grah
Project Team Members: Andrew Ma, Eli Schechner, Maya Wesby
Date: April 30, 2017

Eating Club Referendum USLC Charter Amendment Process

- Demographic collection not possible
  - In conversation with Tom Fleming of GICC
    - “The clubs have not compiled demographic information for their members, and we cannot provide this data as a result.”
    - “The University is unable to share personally identifiable information with us or the community. In addition, I gather that their practice is not to publicize aggregate demographic data for students involved in various activities.”

- Conversation with Christopher Yu, previous ICC President
  - Chris recommended a broadening of focus of the proposed subcommittee from the Subcommittee on Eating Club Diversity, Transparency, and Inclusion to Subcommittee on Eating Club Relations
    - Senate project team has moved forward with recommendation
      - Charter amendment meant to reflect project’s commitment to supporting the principles of diversity, transparency and inclusion

- Question of freshman representation on Subcommittee
  - Mandating representation from sophomore, junior, and senior class governments
    - Should we also include a mandated position for freshman?
    - Current ICC President Matthew Lucas thinks no
    - Should freshman be allowed to participate as a member-at-large?
    - Should we create non-voting freshman position

An excerpt of the current draft of the charter amendment is included below for review and comment:
ARTICLE IV. SUBCOMMITTEES

SECTION A. ESTABLISHMENT

Subcommittees shall be established by the USG-GSG Core Committee as necessary under Article I, Section B (4), or by Amendment to this Charter under Article V.

SECTION B. PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEES

The following subcommittees shall be permanently convened under the USLC:

1. Subcommittee on Eating Club Relations
   1. MEMBERSHIP.— The USLC Subcommittee on Eating Club Relations shall consist of:
      1. One (1) member from each of the sophomore, junior, and senior class governments,
      2. Three (3) members of the USG Senate,
      3. The President or designated representative of the Interclub Council (ICC)
      4. The USLC Eating Club Liaison, and
      5. Three (3) members-at-large, which may be any undergraduate student.
      1. For the 2017-2018 academic year, to accommodate a smooth transition to the Subcommittee on Eating Club Relations’ inauguration, the members-at-large shall be appointed by the USG USLC Chair, subject to Senate confirmation.
   2. REPRESENTATION.— Additional members-at-large shall be invited to join by the Chair of the Subcommittee as necessary to maintain minimum ten percent representation by students not affiliated with any eating club, subject to Senate confirmation.
   3. CHAIR.— The Subcommittee shall elect its chair by majority vote at the first meeting of the Spring Semester of each year.
      1. For the Fall 2017 semester, the Subcommittee chair shall be elected by majority vote at the first meeting in the Fall Semester.
   4. PURPOSE.— The purpose of the Subcommittee shall be:
      1. To collaborate with the ICC and relevant communities on campus to identify key issues, implement initiatives, and pursue programming and other opportunities related to eating clubs.
      2. The goals of this collaboration include, but are not limited to, the promotion of eating club transparency, inclusivity, and diversity.