Student Groups Recognition Committee

Project Leader: Paul Yang, Julie Chong
Project Team Members: Emily Chen, Greg Loshkajian
Date: Oct 11, 2015

1080Princeton
1080Princeton is a club dedicated to excellence in the field of video journalism. They plan to bring a dynamic and relevant edge to journalism on Princeton’s campus. By providing students with in-depth video content, 1080Princeton hopes to reach a larger audience than the print/online organizations. Furthermore, they will defer coverage of daily news to the existing organizations, instead focusing on substantial issues, treating them carefully and conscientiously. They have already spoken to Dean Dunne and have a executive producers.

Genesis
Genesis is a proposed Christian student group dedicated to enlightening themselves as well as others about how Scripture offers insight into how to deal with the issues currently affecting the black community. They seek to provide a comfortable space for students in the African-American and Christian community, although the space is open for all who are interested. They currently have Dr. Imani Perry, Prof. Ruha Benjamin, Prof. Eddie Glaude, Dean Blanks, Prof. Courtney Bryan and Tennille Haynes on board.

Liar's Club
Liar's Club is a community of people who challenge each other through games centering on both persuasion and objective logical reasoning (namely the games Mafia, Resistance and Liar’s Dice). Unlike many other strategy/board games, navigating and shifting the social dynamic is essential to success as a game player. People who come to Liars’ Club will engage in activities that develop both IQ and EQ parallel. Furthermore, Liars’ Club offers the opportunity for students to socialize with their peers and form meaningful connections with a diverse group of individuals in an alcohol-free setting. They have already been in existence for three semesters.

Princeton New Zealand Society
The Princeton New Zealand Society seeks to provide students with the opportunity to experience New Zealand culture, organize social events that allow New Zealand students and others to associate, and organize activities for national sporting and cultural events. They plan to have events during the Rugby World Club and other sporting events. Also, they intend to arrange dinner discussions regarding New Zealand issues and current events.
President’s Report
October 11, 2015

Meetings:
• Check-In with IT Committee
• Core Committee Meeting
• U-Councilor Interviews (ongoing, appointment coming tonight or tomorrow by online vote)

Other Work:
• Reaching out to administrators and student reps for Senate meeting
• Catching up on student requests/inquiries
  o guest parking
  o ramp for stairs between Firestone and chapel

Next Week:
• Check-In with Diversity & Equity Committee
• Focus on launching student activity fee task force (Hunter, Simon)
• Meeting with Eric Hamblin and Nick Robinson Re: Frist Campus Center updates and new booking system (25Live)
• Honor Committee Freshman Representative Interviews and Selection
• Update website and compile Senate projects packet (with project planning forums); then publicize/share with student body

My Own Projects for Fall 2015:
1. Town Hall Series
   o Joint Town Hall – Dean Dolan & VPCL Calhoun
   o Faculty Student Committee on Sexual Misconduct
2. Referendum Reform
3. Student Activity Fee Re-evaluation (the fee that makes up the USG budget)
4. Chairing the Campus Dining Student Advisory Board
5. Academic Calendar (with Academics Committee)
6. Student Group leader training (follow-up to SGRC task force recommendations)
7. Various student requests/questions
IT Committee Appointments

Committee Chair: Akash Levy, Zachary Liu

Application and Selection Process:
We aimed to reduce the size of committee by only taking the most passionate applicants and existing members. This year, we hope to expand the TigerApps program and recruit members by reaching out both to prospective COS majors and to members of E-Club, who share similar interests.

Total Applications Received: 4 applications, 2 interviewed

Nominations:

Returning Members (if any)

Mohamed El-Dirany (2018, COS)
• Other Activities: Murray Dodge, MSA
• Experience in other on-campus IT positions
• Wants to help develop TigerApps

Jonathan Zong (2018, COS)
• Other Activities: E-Club, Sinfonia
• Taken COS 226
• Design experience
• Interest in app development, infrastructure
• Developed TigerHub Redirector

New Members:

Ryan Vinh (2019, COS)
• Other Activities: None
• Experience in hackathon in high school
• Excited about developing apps
• Learning about backend

Aana Bansal (2019, ORFE)
• Other Activities: Princeton Women in CS, Daily Princetonian
• Pursuing COS certificate
• Experience with Java, C, C++, Lua, QT
• Wants to work on schedule planning app
Committee Updates

University Student Life Committee, Kathy Chow

- Tough Talks Team
  - Postponed first talk – meeting with Sol, Black Justice League, and Abby (Gellman, coordinator of Sustained Dialogue) next Tuesday night at 8PM
- Late Meal Around the World Event
  - Jenny contacted Sally Buchanan from Frist – we can’t book the Frist Food Gallery during operation hours. Any ideas for other locations?
- LGBTQ Panel
  - Jake emailed leaders of various student groups on campus (arts, political, civic engagement, religious etc.) to invite them to propose speakers for the panel
- Battle of the Tigers
  - New project (part of the larger “Meaningful Alternative Events” project). We plan to set up a lot of different stations in Dillon (e.g. badminton, basketball) and reach out to RCAs to invite their zees to form teams and play against other zee teams. The idea is to get zee groups to mix up and hang out.
  - We plan to have free food and gear as well!
  - Sam contacted Dillon. They said we have to register the event on the ODUS website, which Sam did, and we’re waiting to hear back from Dillon for a meeting.
- We are Princeton (Tiger Night II)
  - Zinna has contacted Tennille Haynes (Director of the Fields Center). We’ll be meeting this coming Wednesday at 6PM (she’ll be joining us for a Fields Center intern meeting)

Social Committee, Simon Wu

- Had our first meeting - went very well
- Met with Dean Dunne, Diane Spatafore
- Will have finalized list of projects this Wednesday

Academics Committee, Ramie Fathy

- Meeting with Dean Fowler, Dean Colagiuri, and Dean Marsh this week to discuss upcoming COCS meeting and USG projects for the year
- Submitted survey for vetting, no response from Jed Marsh
  - This is our bottleneck, we need a response ASAP or won’t be able to propose change at upcoming COExS meeting. If anyone knows how to get in contact with him, please do.
- Submitted new course evaluations questions to be approved at COCS meeting
- Erika and I will be serving on the Research Day Steering Committee
  - Do you know any seniors in engineering/humanities who would be interested in participating in a focus group for the event? Please email me their names!
- Spoke with Dean Fowler, received some pushback on PDF ideas, will still present at COExS if we get the data in time
  - PDF’ing languages is something we should take up with individual departments, will still poll student body in survey to have data to present to departments
- Will be writing and submitting an op-ed on PDF policy to get students thinking and excited about the survey
Campus and Community Affairs, Michael Cox
  • Restaurant Week continuing to come along
    o Restaurant Week will take place Nov. 9–13th (first week back from Fall Break), leading up to OBB on Nov. 13th
    o 5 definite deals, others in the process of being worked out
    o Follow-ups with Restaurants soon
    o Will reach out to Tech/Head Designer for publicity in the coming week
  • First meeting with full committee to discuss projects for the year
    o Very interested in pursuing a winter event – thinking of a nighttime music exhibition for groups with not as much exposure on campus.
      ▪ Very much in the brainstorming stage
    o Want to decorate town (Nassau) for Halloween/homecoming
  • Starting conversation with Yash Patel (VP of 2018) to discuss need for improvement of on-campus transportation.

IT Committee, Zachary Liu and Akash Levy
  • Interviewed and planned meetings with members
  • Discussed committee dynamics and planning for committee training
  • Updated information scraper for EasyPCE

Diversity and Institutional Equity (Ad Hoc), Ozioma Obi-Onuoha
  • General Updates
    o Subcommittee projects have entered into their planning stages. Timelines for each project will be determined by each subcommittee and sent to the rest of the committee on 10/13.
    o SLC ideas, such as “Tough Talks,” overlap with projects that we are currently doing. Will reach out to collaborate with them on relevant projects.
  • Conversations
    o Will be continued from last semester with partnership with Carl A. Fields Center. Sustained Dialog will be incorporated as an opportunity for continuing dialog.
  • COMBO
    o Plan to meet with social psychologist, Professor Shelton to facilitate direction of project. Currently determining methodology.
  • LEAD Summit
    o Plan to meet with VP Calhoun and Director Sanghvi to confirm support for upcoming summit.
    o Have set a tentative date for intercession, and currently determining off-site location.
  • ODS
    o Working with Director Woodman and ODS Fellows to establish focus groups for students with disabilities.

Mental Health Initiative Board, Naimah Hakim and Amalya Megerman
  • The Mental Health Initiative Board held its first meeting of the year to welcome new members and brainstorm ongoing issues related to mental health on Tuesday, 10/6 @ 4:30pm. This will be our weekly meeting time.
• MHI Co-Chairs Naimah Hakim '16 & Amalya Megerman '16 will be scheduling a 1-hour meeting with Dr. Calvin Chin, the Director of Counseling & Psychological Services (CPS), some time between 10/12 and 10/16. We will be exchanging ideas about CPS programs, our upcoming goals, and Mental Health Week 2016.

• The MHI Board will be collaborating with SHAB to support their "Stay Healthy Week" initiative (10/12-10/16) which will coordinate a therapy dog session, a free yoga class, and Frist Tabling to promote health awareness amongst the student body.

• Naimah and Amalya are in the midst of securing a date for a guest lecturer/comedian named Kevin Breel to come to campus either the first week of January or February 2016. Once we can confirm his arrival, we will take the next steps to organize a fund request.
USG Senate Expectations Fall 2015

Presenter: Aleksandra Czulak ’17 USG Vice President
Date: Sunday, October 11th, 2015

USG Senate Meeting Expectations

• The meeting will start promptly at 4pm. Do not be late. The Executive Secretary (Jeremy Burton) will send any changes to the meeting location when the packet is sent out.
• A maximum of one extension of time per agenda item
• The VP (Aleksandra Czulak) will call on individuals who raise their hand to speak.
• Please be mindful of how long and how often you are speaking. We want to hear as questions and comments as time permits.
• Read the packet before you come to the meeting. Follow-up with project leaders, committee chairs, President (Ella), or VP (Aleksandra) if you have a more detailed question or comment.

USG Senate Expectations

• Reply to emails within 24 hours.
• If you are submitting a handout for the packet, please submit it on time.
• Be respectful of everyone’s time for Senate meetings and project meetings.
• Try your best to make it to bonding events, we can do serious work and have fun!
• Take the initiative! Keep in mind: what does it mean to be a student leader at Princeton?
USG Senate Projects Fall 2015
USG President: Ella Cheng
USG Vice President: Aleksandra Czulak

Wintersession
Members: Jacob Cannon (lead), Hunter Dong, Chris Hsu, Lavinia Liang

Real World Princeton
Members: Kishan Bhatt (lead), Cailin Hong, Kristen Coke, Brandon McGhee

Club Sports/ Campus Rec Funding – waiting on new members to join this team
Members: Paul Draper

Underclassmen & the Eating Clubs
Members: Paul Draper (lead), Ethan Marcus, Aleksandra Czulak

Financial Aid & the Eating Clubs
Members: Deana Davoudiasl (lead), Miranda Rosen, Shobhit Kumar

Co-Ops & Independent Student Resources & Awareness
Members: Lavinia Liang (lead), Naimah Hakim, Dallas Nan

Thanksgiving Buses
Members: Brandon McGhee, Jacob Cannon

PDF Policies
Members: Kishan Bhatt, Miranda Rosen, Shobhit Kumar, Ethan Marcus, Chris Hsu

Extended Leave Support
Members: Jacob Cannon, Katie Cion

Low Income Support (Federal Work Study)
Members: Kristen Coke (lead), Cailin Hong (lead), Brandon McGhee