

Referendum Question No. 2

Princeton University Undergraduate Student Government Election—Winter 2014

Condensation (Ballot Question)

Shall the undergraduates urge the administration to reestablish a campus pub?

Explanation

The purpose of this referendum is to express that the undergraduates urge the administration to reestablish a campus pub as recommended by the Working Group on Campus Social and Residential Life (“Working Group”).

In May 2011, the Working Group published the *Report of the Working Group on Campus Social and Residential Life* (“*Report*”) recommending, among other things, that the University reestablish a campus pub (*Report* at 35). The University had operated a campus pub in Chancellor Green for 10 years until 1983, after which it closed as a result of the rise of the New Jersey drinking age to 21 (*Report* at 5; *see also* Act of Jan. 17, 1984, ch. 574, § 1, 1983 N.J. Laws 2270).

The Working Group endorsed the recommendation of its Campus Pub Committee that a campus pub be established in a venue that would be “welcoming to all campus constituents” and “encourage and support interaction and conversation among faculty, graduate and undergraduate students and staff” in a “place that would support an environment conducive to modeling responsible use of alcohol” (*Report* at 35).

On March 15, 2012, the University announced the formation of a steering committee to further investigate the reestablishment of a campus pub and pursue a license from the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control (Press Release, Princeton Univ., Work Progresses for Groups Focusing on Campus Pub and Student Life Issues (Mar. 15, 2012)). In November 2012, the University announced that the steering committee was awaiting approval for the license (*University Awaiting State License to Move Forward With Plans for Campus Pub*, Daily Princetonian, Nov. 20, 2012).

However, since the announcement of the steering committee’s actions, the plan to reestablish a campus pub has not moved forward. Vice President and Secretary of the University Robert K. Durkee ’69 explained in a September 18, 2014 *Daily Princetonian* article that the plan was put on hold because although the steering committee recommended Café Vivian as a feasible location, the committee did not agree that it was “the ideal location.” According to Durkee, the University will reevaluate the reestablishment of a campus pub as a part of the new University plan that the University will consider in 2016 (*Location a Sticking Point in Plans for Campus Pub*, Daily Princetonian, Sept. 18, 2014). This will be 5 years after the Working Group released the *Report*.

Digest

- **Section 1** expresses that the undergraduates urge the administration to reestablish a campus pub.
- **Section 2** directs the Executive Secretary of the Senate to transmit an official copy of this resolution to certain University officers.

The following is the full text of the referendum measure.



PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Referendum Resolution ___-2014

Referendum Question No. 2 (Winter 2014)

Submitted by ELLA CHENG '16 (on behalf of the University Student Life Committee as Chair thereof)

Resolution

Urging the administration to reestablish a campus pub, and for other purposes.

Whereas in the fall of 2010, then-President Shirley M. Tilghman established the Working Group on Campus Social and Residential Life (“Working Group”) with directions to “[r]eview the University’s goals regarding undergraduate on-campus social and residential life” and, among other topics, answer whether it is “desirable, and if so, feasible to reintroduce a campus pub”;¹

Whereas in May 2011, the Working Group released its recommendations in *Report of the Working Group on Campus Social and Residential Life* (“Report”);²

Whereas the University operated a popular campus pub at Chancellor Green³ for 10 years until 1983,⁴ after which the New Jersey Legislature raised the drinking age to 21;⁵

Whereas the Working Group found “widespread and strong support across a broad range of [campus] constituencies for reinstatement of a campus pub”;⁶

Whereas the Working Group formed a Campus Pub Committee that reached the following conclusion endorsing the creation of a campus pub:

[The Campus Pub Committee] endorsed a campus pub and supported a venue that would be welcoming to all campus constituents, a place where food and alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages would be sold, a place that would encourage and support interaction and conversation among faculty, graduate and undergraduate students and staff, and a place that would support an environment conducive to modeling responsible use of alcohol;⁷

Whereas the Working Group endorsed the reestablishment of a campus pub because the benefits would justify the “investment of time and resources” needed to develop a plan for reestablishment;⁸

Whereas on March 15, 2012, the University announced the formation of a steering committee to further investigate the reestablishment of a campus pub and pursue a license from the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control;⁹

Whereas in November 2012, the University announced that the steering committee was awaiting approval for the license;¹⁰ and

Whereas University Vice President and Secretary Robert K. Durkee '69 recently indicated that the plan for a campus pub was put on hold because the steering committee did not agree that Café Vivian would be “the ideal location”, and that

the University would reevaluate the reestablishment of a campus pub as part of the new University plan that the University will consider in 2016¹¹—5 years after the Working Group released the *Report*: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the undergraduates of Princeton University,

SECTION 1. REESTABLISHMENT OF A CAMPUS PUB.

The undergraduates urge the administration to reestablish a campus pub as recommended by the Working Group.

SEC. 2. TRANSMITTAL OF RESOLUTION.

The Executive Secretary of the Senate is directed to transmit an official copy of this resolution to each of the following University officers:

- (1) The President of the University (President Christopher L. Eisgruber '83).
- (2) The Vice President and Secretary of the University and Co-Chair of the Working Group (Vice President Robert K. Durkee '69).
- (3) The Vice President for Campus Life and Co-Chair of the Working Group (Vice President Cynthia Cherrey).
- (4) The Dean of Undergraduate Students (Dean Kathleen Deignan).
- (5) The Deputy Dean of Undergraduate Students (Dean Thomas Dunne).
- (6) The Associate Dean of Undergraduate Students (Dean Michael Olin).

Approved _____, 2014.

*Executive Secretary of the Senate,
Undergraduate Student Government.*

Endnotes

1 Princeton University, *Report of the Working Group on Campus Social and Residential Life* (2014), at 1 [hereinafter *Report*], available at <http://www.princeton.edu/reports/2011/campuslife/docs/Working-Group-Report-FINAL.pdf>.

2 *Id.*

3 *Id.* at 36.

4 *Id.* at 5.

5 See Act of Jan. 17, 1984, ch. 574, § 1, 1983 N.J. Laws 2270 (codified as amended at N.J. Stat. Ann. § 33:1-81 (West 2014)).

6 *Report*, *supra* note 1, at 35.

7 *Id.*

8 *Id.* at 36.

9 Press Release, Princeton Univ., Work Progresses for Groups Focusing on Campus Pub and Student Life Issues (Mar. 15, 2012), <http://www.princeton.edu/main/news/archive/S33/18/17E90/index.xml>.

10 *University Awaiting State License to Move Forward With Plans for Campus Pub*, Daily Princetonian, Nov. 20, 2012, <http://dailyprincetonian.com/news/2012/11/university-awaiting-state-license-to-move-forward-with-plans-for-campus-pub/>.

11 *Location a Sticking Point in Plans for Campus Pub*, Daily Princetonian, Sept. 18, 2014, <http://dailyprincetonian.com/news/2014/09/location-a-sticking-point-in-plans-for-campus-pub/>.