Formal Minutes
USG Senate Meeting
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Sunday, October 2nd, 2016 3:00 pm

President’s Report
President Aleksandra Czulak presented her weekly President’s Report. She spoke about trying to include a wellness section in school-wide emails, an initiative that was experimented with last semester and that she wants to continue this school year. She then moved on to talk about one goal for the end of the week, which is to have a big document with a list of the Senate’s priorities and projects for the semester. The Honor Committee first year member application was sent out this past week. The application was very extensive and was the most comprehensive application yet. The email broke down information on the Honor Committee and the Committee on Discipline, including their differences and their respective application cycles. New U-Councilor interviews are to be conducted in the coming week.

Voter Engagement Recap
Campus and Community Affairs Committee Chair Michael Cox gave a recap on the September 30th voter engagement event. It was a successful event, with 102 new NJ registration mailed out along with 85 absentee ballots. This is in addition to the Princeton Votes event on Nassau Street during the Nassau Street Sampler. Additionally, a lot of people got a lot of good information and it is positive that we reached out to students so early because people who were unable to register are now aware. A breakdown of how successful each individual location was can be supplied. In the future, Princeton Votes hopes to have events similar to this and will potentially look into having envelopes and stamps available. The teams that came together to make the event possible will have one last meeting together to debrief and figure out changes for future programming.

CPUC Meeting Update
U-Councilor Lucas Ramos presented an update on the September 26th CPUC meeting. The meeting mostly focused on promoting diversity on campus. One item that came up during the meeting was about motion sensor lighting in campus buildings; Secretary Halliday reported that there is an ongoing initiative exploring that. Additionally, the new special committee on naming was recently created and one of the things they are going to do is rename West College. They are also going to work with the Wilson Legacy organization and discuss how they can name the building without disrespecting those on campus. There is also an ongoing task force on equity and inclusion. The Carl Fields Center was also brought up at the meeting, which was recently revamped. A concern that came up was the affinity rooms are reported to be a too small by some, and so they are going to try to equalize the room that each affinity group has. A diversity peer educators program was also launched. Additionally, a lot of ongoing funds were talked about that will help to look into the overlooked history of minorities. At the end of the update, emphasis was put on inviting more Princeton students to future public CPUC meetings.

Monthly Planning
President Aleksandra Czulak led a monthly planning session that will hopefully become a monthly Senate meeting item. The USG election is still being planned and an update on its
schedule will be brought up at the next Senate meeting. Later this week, there will be a dining review update, which will also be public. Core committees will also present updates at the next Senate meeting. Czulak is also looking into having live office hours/an Ask Me Anything for USG that will hopefully take place on an online platform. Vice President Jeremy Burton has been working with the USG office to hire a new set of office workers. Burton has been helping to interview the applicants. The goal is to have the office fully staffed and to revamp the student groups printing service.

**Senate Project Meetings**
The Senate broke up into individual small project groups to discuss action plans for the year.
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President’s Report
- Thanks to Cailin for responding to pulse tests
- Thanks to Andrew and Michael for responding to training email
- Last semester, tried to include a wellness section in the emails, want to continue that in emails, potentially could reach to the student dining committee, potentially cultural groups, athletic groups, does anyone want to initiate this? Point person to look into this
- By the end of this week, we will have a big grand document with our priorities and projects for the semester
- Looking into collecting data on gender, year, race, academic discipline, socioeconomic background/first gen (?) for people interested in committees
- All the other updates can be read in the report
- Honor committee first year member application was sent out, very extensive, most comprehensive application yet, the email broke down information on honor committee and COD, the differences, and their application cycles
- Independent student advisory board, headed by Cailin
- New UCouncilors chosen today
- COMBO report, adding Pritika and Lucas to the list to help analyze the data

Voter Engagement
- Really successful
- Mailing out 102 new NJ registrations, 85 absentee ballots, in addition to PVotes event on Nassau Street during the sampler
- Lot of people got a lot of good information
- Important group and event for election and non election years
- The fact we reached out so early is good because people who didn’t register are more aware now
- Michael: do you have the breakdown of each spot?
- Most came from Frist, most people in residential colleges were looking for information, can supply exact breakdown
- Michael: will we do another event like this?
- Aleks: Princeton Votes will do a NJ event later
- Will look into having envelopes and stamps supplied at future events like this
- College offices might have them available
- Lots of teams worked together, will debrief together, how the whole day went, how programming went, how future years can go, ODUS funded, first time these four groups came together

CPUC Meeting
- Meeting on Sept 26, pretty short
- Mostly focused on diversity and promoting ways to support that
• Pooja asked about motion sensor lighting in the building, Secretary Halliday says there is a lighting initiative, ongoing thing
• Special committee on naming was just created
• One of the things they are going to do is renaming West College along with the Wilson Legacy organization, how can they name the building without disrespecting those on campus
• Task force on equity and inclusion
• New dean, Latanya Buck for diversity and inclusion
• Lots of funding for social justice groups, LGBT center, Women’s center
• Carl Fields center, revamped, affinity rooms are kind of small, equalize the room that each has
• Diversity peer educators program was launched
• Coordination with ICC to gauge information on sexual misconduct and discrimination
• Cultural studies fund for post docs
• New courses on cultures, a scholars institute was launched, a new Princeton history fund, basically a lot of new funds going on to look into overlooked histories of minorities
• Myesha: can we look into the demographics of the students who are signing up for the new cultural studies classes
• Update online for the task force on American studies
• Jenny: what is the PhD pipeline
• Lucas: released in fall 2018, focused on the general applicant pool they receive, their applicants are not very diverse, looking into making it more diverse, making Princeton more accessible
• Jeremy: make sure people/students know these meetings are open to the public, Pooja made a fb event

Monthly Planning
• Hopefully doing every month
• The USG election is still being planned, will be in the agenda for next week
• Later this week, there will be a dining review update, will also be public
• Core committees hopefully present priorities at the next senate meeting
• Planning for restaurant week
• Live office hours/AMA for USG, online platform for that
• New set of office workers, Jeremy has been working with them to interview office applicants, we want people to help students that are in there, cleaning around the office, the office will be fully staffed this week, student group printing in the office will be available online, groups can send in the document online, group will receive confirmation within 24 hours once the printing is done, this will be announced publicly, this is from the student groups task force
• Potentially have individuals from the dining committee come in to talk about initiatives
• 24th of October, CPUC ex-comm meeting, potentially talk about agenda topics for the rest of the year
• midterms happening this month
• maybe team up with ICC for the food drive, have pizza and water

Projects