Formal Minutes

USG Senate Meeting
Lewis Library 138
Sunday, April 17th, 2016 4:00 pm

Princeton Perspective Project Update
Princeton Perspective Project Chair Mary Heath Manning discussed her committee’s plans for the rest of the spring and the upcoming fall semester. Manning plans to continue the Behind This Smile photo series, which exposes challenges that female leaders on campus face. Additionally, an event is being planned for next week where alumni will be invited to speak about struggles they have faced during their time on campus. Manning encourages all Senate members to email her with any suggestions for the committee in the future and also encourages all members to come to a Student Advisory Board meeting as part of the initiative to bridge the gap between the Senate and the ad hoc committees. Meetings are held Monday evenings at 9:00 pm in the USG office.

IT Committee Update
IT Committee Chair Ben Parks spoke about news from IT Committee initiatives. With course registration coming up within the next couple of weeks, the ReCal app has seen a spike in users, with the number detailed in the packet. The number of users from the newly designed Housing App are also included in the packet. The numbers reflect users from the last 30 days; the app has not even been out for 30 days yet. In the future, both IT Committee Chairs hope to build new infrastructure for how TigerApps will be operated. The server is tricky to update, but working on it carefully will hopefully make it easier in the future to integrate new apps created by student programmers, particularly from COS333. Students in this course might be developing apps that are relevant and appropriate for TigerApps and so Parks and IT Committee Chair Maxim Zaslavsky have been speaking to the instructors for the course. Princeton Pounce is currently being updated for the new courses, easyPCE is hopefully going to be an app in the future, and a review system for rooms on the Housing App will hopefully be implemented in the future. Ultimately, the committee’s goals are to get the server and background working so that USG TigerApps can be a sustainable place to host new apps.

President’s Report
President Aleksandra Czulak announced that elections information was released on Monday. Only 7 U-Councilors ran and so the remaining 3 positions will be filled by an application round. 6 out of the 7 U-Councilors are women, which Czulak is excited to see. The next CPUC meeting will be held in may and any questions or relevant information from projects can be directed to Naimah Hakim or Jacob Cannon. The second Princeton Preview will be held this coming week and a goal is to get prefrosh to see USG more. Czulak encourages all Senate members to come to the USG Office open house during preview to talk to all interested students. Finally, Czulak requested that all Senate members with recommendations for administrators that should speak to the Senate should submit names to her. Lavinia Liang suggested Dean Gonzalez while Jeremy Burton suggested Dean Buck who officially starts in August.
Tiger Chef Challenge
Former USG President and current President of the Campus Dining Student Advisory Board Ella Cheng presented an update on an upcoming event, the Tiger Chef Challenge. The event will be Princeton’s take on Iron Chef, with different teams representing different residential colleges. There will be a publicity push over the next couple of days with the date of the event being Friday, April 22nd. The hope is that this event will become an annual campus tradition. The food will be green-themed in honor of Earth Day and Cheng encourages all Senate members to help with the publicity for the event. The committee that organizes this event might also be going through structural changes in the future and that is something that the Senate might be involved in as well.

Task Forces Update
U-Councilor Pooja Patel presented an update on the Sexual Misconduct Task Force. Students from all over campus participated in the first meeting, including students involved in greek life, eating clubs, sports teams, independent students, SHARE peers, etc. A focus is for athletes and how to engage issues regarding sexual misconduct with them more. An interesting idea came from members of the Terrace and Ivy eating clubs. Both clubs require members to sign pledges and membership is revoked if that student is found guilty of sexual misconduct. Additionally, the task force is looking into the current sexual misconduct handbook and seeing if there is any way for the university to simplify the language, since it contains a lot of legal jargon that may not be comfortable for victims to read. Another idea that was brought up was continued training in sexual misconduct instead of just once before freshman year. Class of 2018 Senator Myesha Jemison presented on the Student Group Support Task Force. Jemison was happy with the representation of different student groups, including STEM groups, performing arts groups, cultural groups, pre-professional and academics groups, etc. The response from the second whenisgood was also positive, showing that students are very invested in this subject.

Committee Updates
Academics Committee Chair Shannon Osaka will present findings from the calendar survey to the Senate at the next meeting. Afterwards, a report will be released in conjunction with the GSG, outlining basic results in pdf form. The committee is currently going through the free response answers and organizing them into different themes. Overall, the committee is happy with how the partnership with ODOC worked out. Additionally, the committee is working on a freshman academic guide that will be released in July along with the general freshman guide. The committee is also working out ways to better connect students with PAA’s and not just ones limited to their residential college. The team is also planning the academic expo in the fall. USLC Chair Jenny Zhang updated the Senate on the recent test photo shoot for The Other Side of Me campaign. Zhang has also met with administrators on the Career Closet project. 6 models will be walking down the runway at the Fashion Speaks show to promote Career Closet. Zhang is also in partnership with several stores including J. Crew and potentially Marshall’s about discounts for clothes that would go into the Closet. The next step is to create an inventory management system and a potential reservation system for the clothes. The Mental Health Initiative Board released their personal experiences survey they are in talks with Dr. Chin. The feedback from this survey will be helpful to both MHI and CPS. The Social Committee has their Battle of the Bands event this Friday. The Diversity and Equity Committee is involved with the upcoming LEAD Summit that will take place next Friday – Sunday. All Senate members should
consider attending and all members are also encouraged to tell their friends about it. Last year’s summit, where both Burton and Czulak were in attendance, was very informative and a good experience.

**Agenda Setting**

Next week, aside from the weekly President’s Report and Committee Updates, there will be an executive session where Osaka will speak about the results from the academic calendar survey. Additionally, Kim Jackson from the Office of Transportation has been invited to speak. There will be discussion on the freshman guide and Liang will present an update on her independent and co-op resources project.
Informal Minutes

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PPP
- Mary Heath Manning
- Plans for the rest of the spring and the fall
- Doesn’t want to repeat everything that is in the packet
- Continuing the Behind This Smile photo series
- Exposing challenges that female leaders on campus face
- Event next week where alumni will tell stories about struggles they have faced on campus
- Encourages the Senate to email Mary Heath Manning with any suggestions
- Also encourages Senate members to come to a Student Advisory Board meeting, bridging the gap between the Senate and PPP
- Monday evenings at 9:00 pm in the USG office, weekly committee meetings

IT Update
- Ben Parks
- Quick update on recal, spike in users from course registration, numbers are in handouts, substantial proportion of the student body has been logging in
- Numbers from the new Housing App are also in the packet, hasn’t even been out for 30 days yet
- New infrastructure for how they will be operating TigerApps
- The server is a pain and is tricky to update, potentially bringing down all of TigerApps if they make a mistake, hoping to update it eventually, will hopefully make it easier to integrate new apps from students, talking to COS 333 instructors, some of their apps might be relevant and appropriate for TigerApps
- Max did updates for the Pounce update for all the courses
- Trying to get easyPCE back up, it was never on a USG server, but they are trying to get it to be an app
- Dallas: what does the administration view recal
- Aleks: just looking at the numbers, it’s something that is complementary, if there is such a demand, we don’t want students on campus not knowing about it, Aleks mentions in her school emails that there is both TigerHub AND recal so students have the option of using either
- Ethan: great job, has the committee done any outreach in terms of what new apps students on campus want and what they are most receptive to?
- Ben: most of what we are focusing on for this semester is trying to get the server and background working so that USG TigerApps is a sustainable place to host apps, after this is accomplished, they will reach out to app designers, it takes a lot of effort to write an app, unsustainable for the IT committee to churn out apps in the long term, they want to revamp TigerApps to make it available to get other students to put their apps on
- Elkhyn: couldn’t get the reviews to open on the new Housing app?
• Ben: the old app was written by students who graduated 7/8 years ago, couldn’t get in contact with them, the review system in the old app was not something they could move into the new app, they want a review system in the future, but there just wasn’t enough time before this semester’s room draw
• Aleks: last semester, IT had more of an emphasis on websites, TigerApps had not been touched in over a couple of years, lots of maintenance work, outdated, she has met with at least two different groups of students who are interested in developing an app that USG could put on TigerApps, Maxim and Ben are just trying to find a sustainable system, how can we as USG help students who want to develop these new apps
• Ben: building on that, long term we want CS students doing independent work that could easily be transferred to the TigerApps server, hard to build that on our own just within USG/the IT committee

President’s Report
• Elections information was released on Monday
• Only 7 U-Councilors ran, 3 will be filled by application, usually there are a lot of incumbents that are running, but this year was a little different
• 6 out of 7 new U-Councilors are women, excited to see that, topic of campus culture that we can touch on
• Task forces will have an update later on, number of students outside of USG that want to engage on these campus topics is amazing and exciting
• Next CPUC meeting is in May, if there are any questions or answers from your projects/other things you are doing on campus, think about going or reaching out to Naimah and Jacob, questions submitted by next Friday (last day of classes)
• Second preview is this week, different from last year in that this year, we want prefrosh to see USG more, come to the USG office open house during preview, people want to talk to everyone
• LEAD Summit, will talk about that during the working time
• UDesign sessions will be this week, this committee is trying to find a vendor and trying to make a website one that is usable
• Send administrator meetings to Aleks, who Aleks should meet with before the semester ends
• Lavinia: Dean Gonzalez is the new dean, meet with her to talk about her goals for next semester
• Jeremy: have Dean Buck come in to talk to Senate, officially starts in August

Tiger Chef Challenge
• Ella Cheng
• A month ago, the Campus Dining Student Advisory Board was founded
• Princeton’s own version of iron chef, different teams representing different residential colleges
• Publicity push over the next couple of days, emails will be sent out soon
• Event is Friday, April 22nd
• The hope is that this event becomes an annual campus tradition
• Butler did not submit a team
- Miranda: how long are they going to be cooking?
- Ella: about an hour, there will be a whole mini garden set up and the food will be green themed, only one meet entrée because it is Earth Day
- One MC, several judges
- Lots of food samples
- Will be under the Alexander Beach Tent that preview is held under
- Joint effort between USG and campus dining
- Cailin: is there any chance you could record it? It would lend itself to make a cool video, get excited for publicity next year
- Ella: can reach out to a few videography groups, communications teams from different colleges
- What the committee will look like going forward might change, the leadership might be different from a representative from USG, the goals of the organization might change

Task Forces Update
- Pooja Patel, Sexual Misconduct
- Students from all over campus, greek life, eating clubs, athletes, independents, SHARE
- A focus is for athletes, how to engage with them more
- Terrace and Ivy both have their members sign pledges saying that their membership may be revoked if they are found guilty of sexual misconduct
- Want to see if there is a way to simplify the language, lots of legal jargon in the sexual misconduct guide for victims, not comforting to read
- More feedback from freshman from the SHARE play
- Continued training as we move on throughout the year about sexual misconduct instead of just once before freshman year
- Dallas: Safety Patrol at all parties could be a possibility
- Aleks: students were not allowed to register for classes without completing alcohol edu or sexual misconduct training
- Myeshs Jemison, Student Group Support
- Dove right into the conversation, no awkward silences
- Action plan made to have a productive second meeting
- Response from the whenisgood was good, people are really invested in this
- Second meeting is tonight
- Miranda: what student groups are represented?
- Myesha: lots of STEM groups, arts groups, cultural groups, Wildcats, Arts Council, PLA, PULPO, Futurists Society, N7, the Rocketry Club, excited that there is a wide variety of groups so that we are not just focusing on the arts or culture groups, excited about preprofessional and academic groups
- Aleks: new initiative that we have started this semester, what are all your thoughts on it? Thoughts for future task forces? Task forces are short term, meet for less than three weeks, in the future, we might want two Senate members lead the meetings
- Dallas: could be a great launching pad for next semester’s projects, out of these task force conversations could become projects in the future, could be a talking point at the next retreat
Committee Updates

- Shannon, Academics
- Calendar survey data
- Will present the findings to the Senate next Sunday, will release a report in conjunction with the GSG, outlining the basic results, pdf form
- Committee is going through the free response answers, organizing them into different themes
- Highly happy with how the partnership with ODOC worked out
- Big reveal next Sunday
- Working on the freshman academic handbook, will be released in July with the freshman guide under Aleks
- PAA’s will give advice and help write, advice for certain majors
- How to effectively look for courses over the summer before they get to campus, help freshmen adapt to the process as well as we can
- A better network for PAA’s, so students can look at PAA’s for all the residential college, they can get in contact with another PAA who might be in their desired concentration
- Planning the Academic Expo in the fall
- Jenny, USLC
- Test photoshoot yesterday for the other side of me, 16/17 people came, will be nice for the publicity
- Career closet updates, have met with administrators
- Fashion Speaks is coming up, 6 models walking to promote Career Closet, the clothes will go into the Closet after the show
- Partnership with different stores, J.Crew has given discounts for some of the men’s suits and women’s clothings, also talking to Marshall’s
- Ordered racks and hangers
- Next step is to create an inventory management system, online map/registration system, possibly to make reservations, might look for a student developer, biggest concern right now, policies and procedures for using the Career Closet are being hashed out right now
- Ethan: followup on the bathroom locks conversation?
- Aleks: still waiting to hear back from administrators, met with Dorian from the actual USLC, already submitted the funding request, Aleks already did raise all the concerns from students
- Ethan: concern is that this was just pushed through the administration and the campus community was not engaged or involved enough
- Aleks: I did raise the concerns and there were two surveys sent out in the past year, as of right now, we will know in the next two weeks, they might have another open forum before anything actually goes through
- Aleks: MHI released their personal experiences survey, encourages all Senate members to share the survey online, have reached out to Dr. Chin, feedback will be helpful for both CPS and MHI
- Aleks: Social has battle of the bands on Friday, applications for bands are due tonight
- Aleks: Div and Eq, LEAD Summit coming up, there are more spots for students, will move into working time, all committee chairs should email their lists, we need to fill in the spots, it is important for committees to help each other, we just need help getting
more people to apply, has been moved from January, freshmen and sophomores are great participants for it, the summit last year (both Jeremy and Aleks were in attendance) was great and very informative

- Cailin: can you speak to the content of the summit?
- Aleks: on Friday there is a keynote speaker, the program is being finalized right now, will be publicized soon, workshops from different centers on campus

Agenda Setting

- Projects status, extended period to talk about if any of them will carry over into the next semester
- Independent and co-ops projects -
- Kim Jackson from Office of Transportation -
- Shannon, academic calendar survey
- Freshman guide