USG Elections Information and Call for Candidates
Spring 2022

“The art of progress is to preserve order amid change and to preserve change amid order.”
—A. N. Whitehead

Welcome to the Spring 2022 USG election cycle! Spring elections will include referenda and elections for several elected positions.

General Information

The USG Senate will be hosting a general elections open house on March 14, 2022 from 8-9 PM ET to provide an overview of USG Elections. The purpose of this open house is to familiarize the student body with the work of USG, both by elected position and the referendum process, and to provide information to students who are interested in running or learning more about the general referendum process.

USG elections are guided by the rules and regulations stipulated in the 2020 version of the Elections Handbook. The boxed sections contain information pertinent to candidates. Your familiarity with these guidelines is important for ensuring a fair and consistent election process.

All election events and deadlines are available on this calendar. Questions and concerns should be directed to usgvote@princeton.edu.

USG President Mayu Takeuchi (sign up here) and USG Vice President Hannah Kapoor will also continuously be hosting one-on-one sessions for students who would like to learn more.

Candidacy for U-Council and Class Government

We invite you to consider running for the following:

- U-Councilors (10)
- Class Presidents (3, 1 per class)
- Class Vice-Presidents (3, 1 per class)
- Class Secretary (3, 1 per class)
- Class Treasurer (3, 1 per class)
- Class Social Chair (3, 1 per class)
All students in the Classes of 2025, 2024, and 2023, regardless of previous student government experience or USG position, are eligible and encouraged to run. Descriptions of the various positions above can be found here.

USG Chief Elections Manager Brian Li will be holding rules meetings for candidates. All candidates who wish to run in the election, even if returning, must attend one of two available rules meetings. The purpose of these rules meetings is to prepare candidates for participating in a USG Election and review the expected practices, procedures and behaviors. As rules meetings are required for prospective candidates, attendance will be taken. If extenuating circumstances arise, prospective candidates are able to schedule a 1:1 appointment with the Chief Elections Manager via usgvote@princeton.edu.

Candidate Rules Meeting: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 6:00 PM ET:
https://princeton.zoom.us/my/brianskli
Candidate Rules Meeting: Saturday, March 26, 2022 at 6:00 PM ET:
https://princeton.zoom.us/my/brianskli

Referenda Sponsorship

Students of all class years (‘25, ‘24, ‘23, ‘22) all students have an opportunity to propose a referendum that, in accordance with the USG Constitution, may end up on the ballot for a vote by their peers in the student body.

USG facilitates the referenda process by organizing voting and transmitting the results of referenda to the University; USG assumes a neutral position on all matters pertaining to referenda. Upon attending a rules meeting with the Parliamentarian, referenda sponsors may begin petitioning efforts. Should a referendum receive sufficient signatures by the deadline, a referendum will be considered finalized and placed on the ballot. Between the conclusion of the petitioning period and the start of campaigning, opposition parties to referenda may form. Opposition parties need not petition, but must be approved by the Chief Elections Manager.

The USG Parliamentarian, Kate Liu, will also be hosting a referendum specific open house for students who like to learn more about this specific process. Referenda sponsors are strongly encouraged to attend this referenda open house.

Referenda Open House: Wednesday, March 16 at 6:00 PM ET:
https://princeton.zoom.us/j/96950411332

Referenda sponsors must fill out this form by Sunday, March 21, 2021 at 8:30 pm ET.