May 11, 2022

Call to Order
- Quorum count: Threshold hit with 23 representatives present out of the required 10
- Discretionary Spending Report
  - $400 was allocated for the Ukraine Demonstration event organized by the International Student Affairs Chair
  - Total spend to this point: $2384

GSG Updates
- International Affairs Chair
  - Ukraine Demonstration scheduled for Thursday 5/12/22 at noon by the Freedom fountain off of Washington St - Due to a last minute health concern this demonstration was postponed until later in the year
    ■ The event will focus on highlighting the horrors of the war and also show support from across the graduate community
    ■ CPS counselors will be on hand for those that want or need assistance
- Facilities Chair
  - The intersection at Olden St and William St near Equad has long been a dangerous location because of how sightlines are completely blocked when buses are parked there
    ■ GSG is in the process of advocating TPS for a sign alerting drivers and pedestrians to this predicament
    ■ However, since this is still part of the township, there will be some additional steps to go through before anything can officially be done
  - Reunions traffic will be incredibly hectic so be very aware of when and where you drive
    ■ If you live on campus try not to move your car from your assigned spot/lot
    ■ Be wary of the increased pedestrian traffic as well
    ■ If anyone thinks that their departments will be greatly affected please let GSG know so that we can tell TPS
- Vice President
  - Social committee meeting held earlier this month, aiming to host a variety of events that involved many different groups from across the Grad school
    ■ The first event is a pool party that is scheduled for Jun 11th with the 12th as a rain date at Nassau swim club, (2 Springdale Rd, Princeton, NJ
There are also other happy hours and gatherings being planned over the summer so stay tuned!

CPUC Elections (20min)- mediated by VP

- 90s limit for intro/speeches
- Bolded names were elected
- List of candidates
  - Executive Committee (1 position) - Jeron Fenton
  - Committee on Governance (1 position) - Sarah Bard
  - Committee on Priorities (2 positions)
    - Emily Miller
    - Kirsten Kuhn
    - Dev Dabke
  - Committee on Resources (1 position)
    - Claire Kaufman
    - Glen Chua
  - Judicial Committee (1 position) - Faiza Masood
- Q&A
  - Michael to Dev: can you describe the change in cost of living to grad students
    - Dev- Stipends have largely tracked inflation, which can be determined via some large market indicators online. Or even more technically, pay has followed the CPI or the cost of goods. The draw rate for grants, that is the amount that goes to Princeton before anything else, is 62%. Essentially for every $1 that goes to a grad student $4 goes to the University. In this role I want to get a better sense of where the funds are coming from and going.
    - Emily - in general, I am more interested in looking into the holistic development of higher ed health and wellbeing instead of where the money came from.
  - Yuzhou Bai to All: Do not all departmental representatives have assembly seats?
    - Andrew- All departments have a seat, but some are inactive based on repeated absences from assembly meetings.

Social Chair Elections (15min)
- Haneen Khalid

Open Forum
- Michael May (MM)- I would like to get a clearer picture of what happened at the GSG Truckfest event and how the errors were handled.
  - MM- How much money was spent?
    - Andrew (A)- $500
  - MM- Can you go into details about the ticket delay and the issues?
    - A- The truckfest people did not go through the standard channels of event booking so their emails got lost. GSG ended up being able to provide the
money for tickets, but we were not able to get the money in time. As a result, I (Andrew) put up $500 of my own money which was reimbursed.

- MM - I am concerned with how the GSG decided to inform the public about the ticket issues. Although the GSG assembly Slack channel was used, there could have been an email sent to everyone in the grad school to ensure that everyone received the information and not just assembly representatives.
  - Michael S- We did actually post an explanation of the situation to the Assembly listserv as well in hopes that the representatives would inform their department.
  - Graeme- It was also addressed on the general/main Slack channel which is equivalent to having direct access to all of the engaged members of the graduate population.
- Mira- For immediate and urgent communication, we have found that Slack is more effective than email to inform the graduate student body as emails are checked less frequently.

- Yuzhou Bai- I wanted to continue to raise awareness for the CPT arrangement for international students so that the appropriate credit(s) can be awarded.
- Samin Rashidbeigi- I wanted to highlight a point regarding stipend amounts and the relationship to external awards. At other institutions, there is a policy in place where the university matches the amount awarded so that the stipend also increases. This matter could be addressed again in the coming semester as Princeton seems to be reluctant on this matter.
- Abigail Novick (AN)- I would greatly appreciate ideas on how to increase the childcare allowance. As of right now, it’s about $3000, and I am trying to get it to be dynamically based on income, up to 10% of the total earnings.
  - Andrew- That is a great point to bring up and we can definitely assist in advocating for this via official channels.
  - AN- I can circulate the petition I have at the next assembly meeting. I will also send it to faculty, the grad school at large, and to staff.
  - Michael S. - The daily Princetonian is also a great place to get the attention of the admins and alumni that are usually responsible for making the large-scale funding decisions, so that could be a good place to also advertise the petition.