Princeton USG ExComm Meeting 14 November 10, 2019 8:00 PM Lewis Library 138



- I. General Updates and Announcements: Zarnab and Chitra (3 mins)
  - A. Meeting with board of trustees on Nov. 22
    - 1. If you want anything to be added to the report, let Zarnab know!
  - B. Meeting with VP Calhoun on Thursday
    - 1. Nutrition
    - 2. Bonfire financial contributions
- II. SGRC Club approval: Emma Parish '21 and Lutfah Subair '21 (10 mins)
  - A. SGRC Process
    - 1. SGRC meets with club members and approves
    - 2. We formally approve the club
  - B. Minecraft Club
    - 1. The Princeton University Minecraft Club has two main objectives: an expansion of the Minecraft community on campus, and the internal development of the Minecraft community. The first objective of expansion involves ensuring the accessibility of Minecraft to all interested students, both technologically and financially. The second objective of internal development is to foster a sense of community and collaboration, and share knowledge on building, coding, and exploring within the game.
  - C. J-Asians
    - 1. J-Asians is dedicated to promote and encourage, amongst its members: providing an intersectional affinity space and community for Asian Jews on campus and for other mixed Asians and Jews planning fun social events and cultural study breaks for the broader Jewish and Asian communities normalizing and celebrating mixed Jewish backgrounds at the CJL and multicultural identities at Princeton bringing to campus speakers of mixed Jewish and Asian backgrounds to talk about their own upbringings and experiences, highlighting J-Asians who are leaders in their communities outside of Princeton
    - 2. Why ODUS approved instead of ORL group?
      - a) Benefits to
  - D. Princeton Baking Company

- The PRINCETON BAKING COMPANY (PBC) proclaims that it has been founded and is dedicated to promote and encourage, amongst its members: Meaningful collaboration which is required to foster an environment of passion, creativity and dedication to the art of baking. Acts of service that will commit members to voluntary hours to cater events, feed the members of our community and promote a spirit of positivity. A spirit of learning for the techniques and science of baking as well as the skills required for the financial, marketing and interpersonal aspects of the club.
- E. E-Club Sub Groups
  - 1. These were sub teams operating under the Entrepreneurship Club. They have grown and now need their own infrastructures. They came before the committee to preserve the process of recognizing groups (rather than approval of the sub groups by the E-Club). The five groups are: Arts & Entrepreneurship, Intercollegiate Entrepreneurship Network, Profiles in Entrepreneurship, TigerTables, and Women in Entrepreneurship.
- F. Princeton Guitar Club
  - 1. Princeton Guitar Club is a way to connect guitar enthusiasts on campus. It is also a group dedicated to teaching students who are new to the instrument how to play the guitar. We intend to have a main performance per semester, where members will get to showcase songs that they have practiced or created. We also intend on making trips to play in public in New York and Philadelphia. We also intend to create YouTube guitar tutorial videos.
- G. Motion to vote
  - 1. For: 22
  - 2. Opposed: o
  - 3. Abstain:0
- H. Approved
- III. UHS Presentation: Jarrett Messina (30 mins)
  - A. Start of construction planned for summer of 2022
  - B. John McGill '04
  - C. Student engagement
    - 1. USG, GSG, student life organizations
    - 2. Comfortable and welcoming building
    - 3. Clear pathways
    - 4. Privacy concerns and waiting areas
  - D. Most important design elements to students
    - 1. Lighting, calming elements, and living things

- E. Value proposition Statement
  - 1. Advance culture of health and wellbeing
  - 2. Promote interpersonal connection
- F. Objectives
  - 1. Healing spaces
  - 2. Cross service interactions
  - 3. Natural light
  - 4. Ease of navigation and privacy
  - 5. Easy accessibility to building
  - 6. Sustainability
- G. Concept design
  - 1. South porch
  - 2. Location: South of McCosh health center now, right of wilcox and left of guyot
  - 3. Three front doors
  - 4. Renovation of Eno hall
  - 5. New pathway to replace
  - 6. Goheen lane
- H. Interior
  - 1. Center atrium as a waiting room
  - 2. East and West wing
    - a) East: Outpatient and urgent medical care
    - b) West: Counseling and Psychological services and SHARE
  - 3. Receptional areas within each wing
  - 4. Larger than current health center to account for an increase of students (about 1,000)
  - 5. Infirmary operates 24 hours a day
- I. Exterior
  - 1. Porch and courtyards
  - 2. Green roof
  - 3. Landscape
    - a) Canopy trees
    - b) Understory trees
    - c) Native plantings
- J. Sustainability
  - 1. Additional project funding
  - 2. Radiant heating and cooling
    - a) Pipes pump chilled/ hot water through ceiling or floor
    - b) Helps prevent transfer of disease through air

- 3. Operable windows
- 4. Ceiling fans
- 5. Triple glazed windows
- 6. Solar shading
- 7. Mass timber structure for most of the building (instead of concrete or steel)
  - a) See wood ceiling
    - (1) Perceive less pain and recover faster when exposed to tangible elements like wood
    - (2) Capture carbon
- K. Questions and Answers
  - 1. Emergency vehicle access
    - a) Drop off area and ramp
    - b) About the same as it is now
  - 2. Will the building be converting to geothermal heating that the University is moving towards in the next decades
  - 3. Bird Collisions/ Bird friendly glass?
    - a) Fit pattern etching that the birds can see but doesn't affect humans seeing in and out of the window
  - 4. Facades of Eno will remain the same for the most part and the new work will be clearly distinguished from that
  - 5. 1938 Hall is being destroyed, where will the students be moved to?
    - a) Unsure
    - b) New residential college
  - 6. Wilson dining hall next to each other, can health and food service be that close to each other?
    - a) Radiant Heating/Cooling
      - Position air intake away from the dining hall and also filtered
  - 7. Public safety will make sure the ambulance can get through guyot lane
  - 8. Confidential entrance for CPS
    - a) Separate meeting room
    - b) Motion to extend time by 5 mins
  - 9. Less beds
    - a) Rare that the infirmary rooms would all be used at one time
    - b) More than 16 beds comes with other restraints
  - 10. Will more staff be hired?
    - a) Infrastructure is provided to account for that
    - b) Concerns should be directed towards UHS

- 11. How will signs be set up?
  - a) Working with public safety and campus
  - b) Making sure students can find the porch
- 12. What will happen to the old McCosh building?
  - a) Probably centered around student life
- IV. Housing Committee Report: Ad Hoc Housing Committee team (30 mins) Elizabeth Bailey '21, Sarah Lee '22, Betsy Pu '22
  - A. Recap of events
    - 1. Analysis of room draw disceprecies
    - 2. Transparency
    - 3. Created committee on student housing to address these issues
    - 4. Bug in C-boards software (software used by the university for room draw) that led to groups not being randomized properly between years
    - 5. Housing didn't want to give students answers without talking to C-board about what happened but since C-board did not get back to them which led to communication difficulties between students and faculty
    - 6.
  - B. Report
    - 1. Randomization will happen in Princeton and be sent back to C-Board to be used on their platform for room draw
    - 2. Test in fall for problems
      - a) Potentially including students in this process
        - (1) Transparency
    - 3. Increasing communication with Student body
      - a) Ask housing at Princeton email address
        - (1) Can be found on the housing website
        - (2) Not maintenance issues
      - b) Housing instagram account
  - C. Next Semester
    - 1. Give feedback to housing
      - a) Would like to see live list of which rooms are available and which are not
      - b) Confirmation email sent to students
      - c) Clearer process for what comes next if you choose to go on the waitlist
      - d) Move timeline up
  - D. Feedback
    - 1. Have there been bugs in previous years
      - a) No

- b) They just switched over to C-Board
- 2. Shared meal plans issue
- 3. How is the housing office planning on having better communication with C-board?
  - a) Hope that there will be less urgent issues
- 4. Suggestion to clarify when students get off the waitlist and are assigned a room
- 5. Will you tackle other campus housing questions?
  - a) Housing advisory board tackles some bigger questions
  - b) But interested in getting these questions answered and can start the conversation
- 6. Publish upcoming results of testing on randomization this year
- V. Movies Committee Presentation: Jess Ma '21 (12 mins)
  - A. Goals for the committee
    - 1. Mission statement: promote appreciation of film and foster a community of film lovers
    - 2. Expand exposure of committee through social media
  - B. Previous Initiatives
    - 1. Advanced screenings of movies
    - 2. Outdoor movie screening
      - a) Plan to have this in the spring
  - C. New Initiatives
    - 1. Group ticketing (free study breaks)
    - 2. Data driven selection of movies
      - a) Most popular
      - b) Who is coming to what movies
    - 3. Collaborations with other organizations on campus
    - 4. Opportunity for professional development
    - 5. Easier access to tickets and movie retrieval
      - a) Move to frist so it is closer
    - 6. Tickets for movies at the theater that weren't just USG meeting
  - D. Coordinators
  - E. Engagement with student body
    - 1. Any suggestions?
  - F. Feedback
    - 1. Suggestion to coordinate with the VIS department
      - a) We have reached out
    - 2. Will tickets be available online?
      - a) Not yet

- b) Plan to have people from the committee to swipe proxs during the day and give out tickets
- 3. Can students recommend movies?
  - a) Google forms on the bottom of newsletters
  - b) Not a lot of feedback
- 4. Will the committee add early screening times?
  - a) Tried in the last couple of years to get this changed
  - b) Try again this semester
- 5. Suggestion to announce movies at the beginning of the month
  - a) Exciting to see the weekly email
  - b) Movie selection process will not be finished a month ahead of time
- 6. Suggestion to reach out to campus groups individually via email
  - a) Reach out to Ian Dios, he will have contact information for each group
- 7. Group ticketing follow up
  - a) Communicating with Chris to make this happen
- 8. Suggestion to try to move towards digital tickets
- 9. Suggestion to table in frist to improve communications

## Consent Agenda

- I. Chief Elections Manager
  - A. Lehman Montgomery
    - 1. Hello! My name is Lehman Montgomery and I am a sophomore from Virginia and the incoming Chief Elections Manager. I am extremely interested in providing visibility to the diversity on campus through the electoral process and furthering the USG commitment to transparency and open communication. I believe that these factors will help USG create an increasingly representative student government that will work to address the needs of every student on campus. Outside of this new position, I am also a Peer Health Advisor, an Orange Key Tour Guide, and the Office of Admission Student Ambassador.
    - B. Confirmed!

# Report of the Student Housing Committee on the 2019 Room Draw

### Overview

In April 2019, several students discovered a pattern between the room draw times of 2018 and 2019. This analysis raised the issue of the lack of transparency regarding room draw across the student body. As a response, the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) approved a proposal to create an ad-hoc committee, the Committee on Student Housing. The Committee on Student Housing comprises of Betsy Pu '22 (Chair), Elizabeth Bailey '21, Yafah Edelman '20, Sarah Lee '22, Alec Leng '21, and Lachlan McCarty '22. Throughout the semester, the Committee on Student Housing has met multiple times with the University Housing to delve into what happened with the Room Draw system, along with serving as student representatives to the Undergraduate Housing Advisory Board. This report summarizes Room Draw 2019, with an emphasis on transparency and opening up channels of communication between the Housing department and the student body at large.

#### **Technical Issues**

Both the draw time generation and the student portal for selecting rooms are conducted through a platform managed by <u>CBORD</u>, which provides similar services to other schools. Princeton uses a specific customization of this platform due to the specific needs of our room draw (including weighted draw groups), but does not have the freedom to immediately modify the inner workings of the platform.

Due to a bug in CBORD's software, the draw times for the 2019-2020 school year were improperly generated. The main issue was that the draw times were not successfully randomized between years -- draw groups that were the same in the 2018-19 and 2019-20 years retained the same relative order in both years. Furthermore, larger draw groups appeared disproportionately earlier in the draw times list than smaller draw groups.

#### **Discovery of and Response to the Issues:**

After the announcement of draw times for the 2019 room draw, but before the completion of the actual draw, several students discovered the irregularities in the room draw randomization, contacting housing and publishing their <u>results</u>. Housing attempted to reach out to CBORD to

verify the issues, but found CBORD unresponsive. This left housing in a difficult situation. They did not want to publicly blame a third party for the randomization errors, and lacked the capability to thoroughly analyze the software and data themselves. Initially, they awarded \$1000 reimbursements to select students in the Upper Class Draw, underestimating the extent of the randomization errors.

It took until the summer of 2019 for CBORD to verify the full extent of the issues with room draw randomization. This delay unfortunately hampered housing's ability to respond swiftly to student concerns, but housing is taking steps to alleviate this in the future.

## Changes that have been made:

With its newly released updates, CBORD has fixed the issue with randomization of the groups, which previously had resulted in the same room draw times for individuals who had drawn with the same group. However, the new update does not address the error in larger groups having an advantage over smaller room draw groups. In order to combat this, the randomization of draw groups will be done in-house by USIT, before being sent to CBORD.

This fall, there will be an extensive period of testing the new system. This testing period is not new - it occurs every fall - but it will now explicitly test the randomization of groups that are identical to past years. The housing office also hopes to open this process up to students in order to increase transparency, but this idea is still in development.

In response to the events surrounding the 2019 room draw, Housing released an op-ed in the Daily Princetonian to address the problems with room draw in the spring. In addition to the technical fixes listed above, the Housing Office has chosen to focus on improving communication with the Undergraduate student body. Two main changes on the communication front include:

- A new system for asking questions by emailing askhousing@princeton.edu or visiting the Service Now @ Princeton (SN@P) portal to manually create a ticket, which they hope will streamline response times. This system has been used by Graduate students for a year. After the roll-out of this program in the summer, however, they express limited use by undergraduates.
- 2) A new instagram for connecting with students informally, receive feedback, and raise awareness about all things housing @Princeton\_studenthousing.

At the moment, these are all of the changes that the Housing Office has implemented or plans to implement.