

Formal Minutes

USG Senate Meeting

Frist Room 302

Sunday, February 14th, 2016 4:00 pm

President's Report

President Aleksandra Czulak made an announcement about the inaugural Treasury Committee. This committee received a lot of applicants from many different backgrounds and will assist Treasurer Hunter Dong with financial matters. Czulak has also met with a lot of other standing and ad hoc committees and has been working with the chairs to set up timelines for the rest of the semester, but she still has some other meetings to attend. Czulak aims to have a document that will always be updated and ready to be presented to administrators if needed. Czulak also explained that many of her initiatives this year would be in three main focus areas: Sexual Misconduct, Student Groups, and Mental Health.

Honor Committee update

Honor Committee Chair Dallas Nan explained that due to former Honor Committee Chair Nick Horvath stepping down, Nan himself would fulfill the role as chair emeritus. Nan introduced new freshman member, Micah Herskind, who performed extremely well in the interview and who is very qualified. After the approval of Herskind, Nan explained that he would carry out Chair duties for the time being but after the committee had convened, they reached an internal consensus that Charlie Jacobson, who has had clerk training for a year, would step into the role and serve until the end of the semester. Caroline, a junior, is undergoing clerk training at the moment and will serve as chair for the 2016 – 2017 school year.

Projects Board Update

Projects Board Chair Naman Jain explained that as a junior, he needs to be reappointed chair, after serving as chair last year. Sophomore Nicholas Fernandez served on the board last year and is looking to be approved as chair for the coming term. Both are approved by the Senate. The Projects Board also had a fund request to present, for the Korean American Students Association's Lunar New Year banquet. Reasons for requesting funding from Projects Board include that the event was relatively last minute since it was planned by a newly elected executive board and they were unable to use the Fields Center. The goal of the event is to create better understanding of Korean culture. The Senate voted in favor.

Princeton Perspective Project Update

President Aleksandra Czulak presented the update in lieu of PPP Chair Mary Heath Manning. Czulak explained that the Behind That Smile Campaign did not receive a number of views as high as in past years. To figure out how we can maintain PPP's momentum, we want to make sure that prefrish, CPS, and RCA's are all using it as a resource. PPP has quite a few new event ideas that will be presented in the future because approval is pending. The idea of members joining multiple committees is discussed, with Czulak explaining that there is potential for positive productivity since many committees are collaborative in nature.

Academics Committee Update

Academics Committee Chair Shannon Osaka explained that she received many applications and prioritized students who put the Academics Committee at the top of their choices list. She was pleased that many freshmen and sophomores wanted to work on freshman and sophomore advising projects and she felt they would make good members. There are also a number of returning members that are serving on faculty committees discussing financial aid. The Senate votes and approves all new members. There is confirmation that the Calendar Reform Survey will be sent out on March 1.

USLC Update

USLC Chair Jenny Zhang explained that all applicants were interviewed to determine their thought process and how they would handle certain situations. She accepted 6 new freshmen from a variety of backgrounds. The Senate votes on new members, all approved.

Senate Project Updates

Vice President Jeremy Burton explained that Burton and President Aleksandra Czulak have determined a list of projects to work on for the semester. Burton will be sending an email later detailing specific projects that each individual has been assigned to and determining leaders for the projects. He gave a brief run-down of all the projects, which include bike accessibility, co-op and independent student resources, passport to the performing arts, residential housing report, Class of 2020, low-income student resource, Real World Princeton, a staff appreciation event, Princeton paw points and pequod report (which may be split into two different projects). Czulak explained that many of them are from the What Matters? list and she will discuss with USLC Chair Zhang to discuss what USLC and Senate project differences are.

Retreat Recap

President Czulak asked the Senate if there were any questions remaining after the retreat. Website Manager Lucas Ramos would be updating the website very soon and would be taking photos of all Senate members. Communications Committee Member Wendy Zhao expressed that she really wants to start the Meet The Senate series soon and that everyone should fill out the quick About Me questionnaire by Tuesday.

Agenda Setting

For the next meeting, the goal is to include a talk from Jayshlyn Acevedo about the USG Office, a President's Report, an update from the Student Groups Recognition Committee, an update from Projects Board, a Communications Update, a Social Committee Update and funding request, a Treasury Committee update, a CCA Committee update, an MHI update, a CPUC update, and committee updates.

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Call to Order - 4:05

President's Report

- Treasury Committee just started, got a lot of applicants
- Application reviews, Aleks has met with a lot of the committees, have been going really well, setting up a timeline for the rest of the semester, very excited, still have some meetings to attend
- All committees will present updates at some point
- Will have a document that is ready to be presented to administrators to see if there are any collaborations to work on
- One of Aleks's initiatives this year will be task forces
 - Sexual Misconduct, Student Groups, Mental Health
- Strategic plan by Eisgruber, update from Wilson trustee committee

Honor Committee

- Nick Horvath stepped down, now president of Terrace
- Dallas is the chair emeritus because of this
- Introducing new member, Micah Herskind, extremely well in interview, very qualified
- Michael: is there already a freshman on the committee?
- Dallas: yes, Ling Ritter
- Brandon: motion to approve
- No abstentions, no not in favor
- Everyone in favor
- Micah approved
- Other updates: as a disclaimer, Dallas is serving as chair currently in order to carry out the duty for the previous testing period, the finals period in the fall semester, but he will not be staying chair (senior thesis), will be stepping down, in order to have another chair the committee will have an internal process to think about how to move forward, consensus was that Charlie Jacobson, clerk training for a year, has had extensive training, will step into the role, best for the job, will be serving until the end of the semester, after he graduates, Caroline will be chair starting the 2016-2017 school year
- Kishan: why did Charlie get clerk training?
- Charlie: served as clerk for the majority of his sophomore year, other circumstances led to him almost taking time off, stepped down from his role as clerk and then they chose Dallas to finish his time as clerk, just through other circumstances, he didn't end up taking time off so he ended up with a lot of clerk training and never ended up as chair
- Kishan: usually there is one person in each year, was there any consideration to give a 2017 training to be chair?
- Dallas: yes, usually that happens, strong consideration, putting a junior member into the position without any training, but the committee decided that would not be the best option, training under a chair would be the best option, committee concluded needed someone who has that training to lead them going forward, when Caroline steps in, she will have at least a semester of training

Projects Board Approval

- Naman: here to approve new co-chair, Naman already has served on the board with Tyler Lawrence, Naman is looking to be reappointed (junior), Nicholas is a sophomore, senior-junior relationship works well, Nicholas has lots of great ideas and has put in a lot of good work this past year, good relationship with administrators
- No abstentions, no not in favor
- Everyone in favor
- Nicholas and Naman both approved
- Only event that is over 1000 dollars is KASA, lunar new year, banquet style event, good opportunity to bring the campus together, cultural exposure
- Hunter: Typo on line 3? Who is the vendor?
- David Kim: yes, and HMart as well as some place in Pennsylvania, as usual
- Ethan: venue?
- David: relatively last minute, haven't been able to reach out for funding, Fields center was booked that day, which excludes them for funding because new Fields rule is that they can only fund things happening in the building
- Hunter: motion to extend time by one minute
- Approved
- Hunter: Expected attendance is 120
- David: new to board, doesn't really know, but attendance is usually much better at campus club as opposed to the fields center, so they expect a better turnout than usual, really trying to bring a lot more people including people who want to learn more about Korean culture
- Hunter: Does that number include KASA members?
- David: yes, cost per head is around \$10
- Naman: projects board in the future is trying to move out of the \$10 per person limit, so if there is no community engagement, then less, but if there are people trying to learn about a new culture for 2-3 hours, then they can go over
- Cailin: student groups eligible for tax exemption? Why is the tax still on there?
- Naman: student groups are, something they didn't catch, if they are able to use the ODUS credit card, then they are fine, if they are going to pick it up themselves, then there is some uncertainty as if they can use the ODUS credit card, so they will have to talk to ODUS about that
- Hunter: reach out to me after the meeting
- Cailin: there's actually a form that groups can use to give to the restaurant
- Dunne: short process to make student group purposes tax exempt
- Dallas and Nicholas abstaining, no not in favor
- Everyone else in favor
- Approved

PPP Update:

- Aleks is presenting
- Behind that smile, number of views isn't as high as past years
- Prefrosh uses it, CPS, RCA's, how can we figure out to keep that hype
- Quite a few new event ideas, approval pending, will present it next week

- Communications is very important part of her committee
- Returning members need to be approved as well as new members, also voting to approve her as chair as well, has a whole year of chair experience
- We want to make sure that the videos are just as viewed and fruitful as they were a few semesters ago
- Dallas: is there a philosophy behind members joining multiple committees? Do we limit number that individuals serve on? Herman, Tobi, there are a couple
- Aleks: MHI and PPP, there has been a member involve in both, initiatives are very similar so it is positive that a member can work with both groups, making sure that standing and ad hoc committees are more integrated into the Senate, so this is a good way to do that, also interviews were good, opportunities for collaboration, if there are really great ideas, then we don't want to lose those, can ask Sarah and Nathan when they come in next week
- No abstentions no not in favor
- Everyone in favor
- Approved

MHI

- Tabled to next week, didn't offer descriptions, and will have a more comprehensive update next week

Academics

- Lots of applications, prioritized students who put AC at the top of their committees, a lot of freshman want to work on frosh/soph advising, good for them to be on that team which is also a priority of Dolan, 4 frosh 1 soph added, number of returning members serving on faculty committees and financial aid, so it will be good for them to have that
- No abstentions
- Everyone in favor
- Aleks: do you have a calendar update for next week/
- Shannon: Massengill has brought it to Marsh, will ask on Tuesday to see how that is going, Colagueiri just interviewed with the Prince about the survey so it will likely go out Mar 1

USLC

- 13 applicants, interviewed 9, decided to take 6 new members because 7 dropped (Ecs study abroad), all applicants were interviewed to determine how they think and what their logic is like
- 6 new freshmen, lots of backgrounds, HMC, health-oriented, engineers, athletes, feel free to ask any questions
- Cailin: BJL question, what should USLC have done? Characterize what you were looking for in responses?
- Jenny: USLC is part of USG which is a political entity, not interfere because they represent the entire student body, USG should have interfered and provided an open forum, good ideas, Jenny asked in order to follow up with counter questions, wanted to understand how applicants think and how much they really want to join the committee

- Ethan: doesn't that tilt them more to one side or the other? Doesn't that put them a position where they have to take a stand?
- Jenny: not necessarily, how she would address a counter statement was based on what they told her, not pressuring them to change their stance, but rather for them to consider another option and see if they could accept another potential solution, looking at multiple perspectives is important if you are working on student life
- Miranda: how do you think USLC should operate with student life? What is your vision of what the committee should do/not do?
- Jenny: social inclusion, university-wide issues, health-oriented, three main areas, not emphasizing political aspects, should just better student life with events important to students
- Naimah: are there members that can speak to issues of race on campus?
- Jenny: definitely, last semester, racial and diversity inclusion was something that Kathy wanted to focus on, there has been a lot of discussion in the committee and projects already talked about, not so much activism, but more awareness
- No abstentions, no not in favor
- All in favor
- Approved

Senate Project Updates, Jeremy

- List of projects that Jeremy and Aleks have decided to work on this semester
- Will be sending an email later on tonight with more details on specific projects and if you will be accepting your roles on each projects, including leaders
- Going down the list of projects
- Ethan: two different things, bike share program and bike trading program, something Ethan has already been working on
- Coop and Independent Student Resources, following something that was a project last semester
- Passport to PA, gathering information on the Passport program, see if there is any flexibility, what would it mean if we had more than that?
- Residential Housing will look at room draw process, across all classes
- Low-income resources is a project building off a project from last semester
- 2020: same as usual
- real world Princeton: new classes, similar to last semester
- staff appreciation: looking to have one big event for staff, collaboration with lots of different student groups on campus, lots of prior planning
- Princeton paw points and pequod, possibly split into two separate projects
- Aleks: a few of them are from the What Matters list? Will discuss with Jenny as to what will be with USG and what will be with USLC
- Aleks: project leaders will have training, review in the middle point of the semester, housing report needs to be done ASAP, timelines don't necessarily mean the semester, plan things as strategically as possible
- Jeremy: look out for an email later from me tonight

Retreat Recap, Aleks

- Aleks: worked with Winny, will be releasing a document with a compiled list of all our goals and initiatives this semester, will have one detailed document, will be send that out to senate first by Wed for proofreading, will send it out to the whole school hopefully by Thursday, will also send to admins which has been really fruitful for funding/collaboration, two emails to school, tues and thurs hopefully around 4:30, Lucas will be updating the website, especially our projects section, our accountability is important, we hold ourselves accountable as well as to students and peers
- Aleks: How have you over the last semester shown accountability to fellow students?
- Andrew: we can put projects on meet the member pages
- Lucas: take really quick pictures, and quick interviews with what projects and goals each people have
- Wendy: no hard deadline, but Tuesday is a good deadline, hopefully will post every Wed and Sun
- David: working on video from the retreat, send suggestions or questions to Aleks

Agenda Setting for next week:

1. Call to order
2. Jayshlyn, Orientation Coordinator
3. President's Report
4. Student Groups Recognition Committee
5. Projects board new members
6. Communications Update
7. Social members and funding request
8. MHI appointment
9. CCA appointments
10. Hunter Budget Update > January and semester budget Treasury committee
11. CPUC update
12. Internal USG update, Aleks will meet with office workers
13. Committee Updates