

# Formal Minutes

USG Senate Meeting  
Lewis Library 138  
Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 4:00 pm

## Projects Board Fund Request

Projects Board Chairs Naman Jain and Nicholas Fernandez had a Projects Board fund request to present to the Senate. College Republicans representative Evan Draim presented on a discussion and speaker event that would be cosponsored by a number of groups on campus including the College Republicans, the Open Campus Coalition, the Campus Group on Identities, the Tory, Whig-Clisophic society, and the AEI. The speakers that are being invited to campus are Guy Benson and Mary Katharine Ham who recently coauthored a book about free speech issues, especially as they pertain to college campuses. Together, they would give a presentation and answer questions from the audience about their research. The event is planned for April 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm and is open to everyone in the university community. Jain explained that as opposed to giving \$10 to the group for every student planned to be in attendance, as is the policy for many events that Projects Board funds, Jain believes more money is appropriate in this instance because it involves student participation and engagement. The \$10 cap per person is merely a guideline or recommendation for events that are not as wide-reaching, such as study breaks for certain clubs. With one abstention, 1 not in favor, and 17 in favor, this request passes.

## President's Report

President Aleksandra Czulak presented her weekly President's Report. Czulak has been catching up on meetings, especially in the week following spring break. As part of an initiative to include more people outside of USG to engage with USG, Czulak wants to publicize office hours more. The goal is to get Senate members to engage more with their constituents. Czulak is also currently in the process of coordinating meetings with groups of Senate members to talk about their roles and group functions. Additionally, Task Forces are planned to start this week and key stakeholder groups are being reach out to. The goal is to have a diverse set of students to speak on these different issues and the members of these task forces, who are likely to be people outside of USG, report back to the Senate.

## CPUC Update

U-Councilor Pooja Patel presented the update from the March CPUC meeting. Part of the meeting was directed towards discussing the anti-Semitic messages that were printed using several of the university printers. The Director of Public Safety stated that the FBI might take over since the incident has happened on multiple campuses. Additionally, the Office of Information Technology is working to make sure that incidents like this will not happen again. The 2016 plan was also discussed at the meeting, including figuring out ways to make campus more bicycle-friendly, which will hopefully reduce the need to build more garage space. The plan also includes a call for ideas to make Lake Carnegie a more recreational and natural area. Another objective is to achieve less energy usage in buildings in conjunction with the Office of Sustainability and the Campus as Lab group.

## **Passport to the Arts Project Update**

Passport to the Arts Project Leader Kishan Bhatt presented an update on the status of the project. After speaking with a group at ODUS and the University Services and Ticketing Office, there is a plan to possibly remove the categorization between student events, McCarter events, and Richardson events. As it stands now, the policy is that every student gets 2 free student events tickets, 3 tickets for events at Richardson, and 2 tickets for events at McCarter. There are still only preliminary talks regarding this plan, but if the categorization were removed, this would increase student choice in what events students get to see.

## **Project Updates**

The Senate entered into a working session led by Vice President Jeremy Burton to openly discuss the various projects that are ongoing this semester. Czulak is planning to start working on a freshman guide that would be sent out to incoming freshmen during the summer. It would be different from the resources on the Path to Princeton website, which is missing a lot of information. The guide would include more information regarding student life and USG initiatives. Bhatt reiterated that the primary goal for the Passport to the Arts project was to increase awareness about ticketing options for students, and an infographic on what free events are eligible for students could be included in the freshman guide. U-Councilor Miranda Rosen reported that Class of 2019 Senator Ruby Guo recently finished an infographic that will be released after a meeting with the pequod representatives that will detail student opinion and costs of pequods. The pequod project group is also planning meetings with heads of different academic departments so they can encourage reducing reliance on pequods. U-Councilor Shobhit Kumar reported that Communications team member Winny Myat recently finished an infographic on Paw Points and U-Councilor Chris Hsu recently finished writing a survey. The survey is being read through before it gets sent out to students to gather student opinion on the Paw Point system. U-Councilor Brandon McGhee reported on the status of the Staff Appreciation event, which will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. The Senate study break last Friday brought in a lot of good material that might be used for the video, but more video clips are needed. The group is also ordering a banner and will be writing down quotes that are submitted from the student body. Class of 2017 Senator Cailin Hong spoke about the success of the first RealWorld Princeton event and plans for the next talk in the series. Hong is organizing a cooking workshop and has reached out to the Cooking Club and Dining Services. A location is still being finalized. Other workshops that are being planned include one with Public Safety on emergency preparedness and another on vehicle maintenance. Patel reported on the status of the Housing project and they have been working closely with IT Committee Chair Ben Parks to create a new version of the student room draw guide on TigerApps. The user interface is expected to be a lot easier to use and the app will hopefully launch on Wednesday in time for upperclassman room draw. Class of 2018 Senator Myesha Jemison reported that her project team has met with Dean Dunne, Dean Gonzalez, and a few student groups, namely the Hidden Minority Council. The meeting was productive to hear about what other groups are already doing to support low-income students and to determine what USG's role would look like in order to get involved. U-Councilor Lavinia Liang reported that the team has started a google drive and progress on the focus group is good.

## **Committee Updates**

Academics Committee Chair Shannon Osaka gave a short update on the finished calendar survey. The results are being analyzed by OIR and a report is being compiled on the findings from the undergraduate and graduate student populations. Results should be released within a week and a half. A recommendation will be made later this summer. The Committee has also met with Dean Fowler and the residential colleges to discuss freshman and sophomore advising. A recommendation that has been made is that it should be made clearer to freshman what their resources are, like PAA's, and publicizing those resources to freshmen over the summer, possibly with the guide that Czulak proposed. CCA Committee Chair Michael Cox gave an update on Restaurant Week. The weeklong event will be held the first week of reading period, pushed back from the third week after spring break because people will likely have more free time then. Planning for Communiversy is going well and Cox had a good one-on-one meeting with the planner for the Arbor Day event and the progress on establishing the university as an arboretum. Social Chair Rachel Park was not present, but the release for the main headliner for Spring Lawn Parties will be this upcoming week. USLC Chair Jenny Zhang spoke about the committee's plan for a photo campaign with the subject as The Other Side of Me. The campaign will take place later in April and test runs will happen soon. USLC is also planning a meal auction event intended for independent and co-op students. Additionally, a co-op Lawn Parties event was proposed for those students as well, but planning is still in the very early stages. Zhang also spoke with a member from Campus Planning on the possibility of adding more co-op space with the seventh residential college.

## **Agenda Setting**

For the next Senate meeting, which will be on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the agenda will include a bike accessibility update. Other agenda items will be added later on in the week.

# Informal Minutes

USG Senate Meeting

Call to Order 4:06pm

4/3/16, Lewis Library 138

## Projects Board

- Naman Jain, Nicholas Fernandez
- Discussion and speaker event
- Evan Draim presenting
- Two speakers coming to campus
- Guy Benson and Mary Katharine Ham
- Recently written a book, talks about free speech issues, specifically on college campuses
- Speak and answer questions from the audience about their research
- Cosponsored by a number of groups on campus, Whig-Clio, Open Campus Coalition, Campus Group on Identities, College Republicans, various other groups, AEI, Tory
- April 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
- Open to everyone in the university community
- Food will be served, free to the public
- As much audience participation that can be worked into the event
- Jain: as opposed to giving around \$10 per student in attendance, we want to spend more money on events that involve student participation and engagement, tiered system, study breaks will fit the cap
- Myesha: what is the attendance like for these events in the past?
- Draim: number is based off of RSVP's and based off of previous events, last month had an event with 70 people in attendance, but with much less publicity
- Lavinia: what is the money going towards?
- Draim: because the two professionals are coming together, they have a joint honorarium of \$10000-\$12000, but they were able to get their price down to \$5000-\$6000, working to fund with other groups
- Lavinia: is this new cap system formally changed?
- Jain: there is no formal guideline, the \$10 per person allocation is just a recommendation, will work to make the tiered system clearer to categorize different types of events and the per person cap allocated for the event
- Jacob: how is this event going to be placed in the context of our current campus to foster a sense of community?
- Draim: reached out to a broad range of groups that have been asked to cosponsor, like the LGBT center, the women's center, College Democrats, they will talk about their perspectives about how identity is linked to your views, good group that has been assembled, trying hard not to be exclusionary, LGBT center has stated that they have maxed out on events that they are willing to sponsor this month, CD and women's center have not responded, but the topic stays the same, want to emphasize that this is not a political conversation, working with Campus Coalition of Identities
- Jacob abstained, 17 in favor, 1 not in favor, passes

## President's Report

- Catching up on meetings
- Office hours, wants more people outside of USG to engage with USG, how are Senate members engaging with their constituents?
- Coordinating meetings with groups of Senate members to talk about their roles and group functions
- Task Forces will start this week, working to reach out to key stakeholder groups, want a diverse set of students to speak on these different issues, members of the task forces will report back to the Senate, people outside USG are impacting these issues

## CPUC Update

- Pooja Patel
- Meeting started with Myesha's question about the anti-Semitic messages that were printed
- Director of Public Safety stated that FBI might take over since this incident happened on multiple campuses
- OIT is working to make sure that this will never happen again
- 2016 plan, working to make the campus more bicycle-friendly and will hopefully build less garage space
- working to make Lake Carnegie and more recreational and natural area
- another objective is to achieve less energy use in buildings, sustainability initiatives, working with the Office of Sustainability, challenge is mainly changing campus culture, not just coming up with ideas
- working with the group Campus as Lab
- Cailin: What do they want to do with the underdeveloped spaces?
- Pooja: areas that no one will miss/areas that no one is using right now, not too sure about specifics of what they will do with these areas, but UCouncil can ask
- Aleks: they don't want to get rid of land, but just looking at different spaces to figure out where new activities can go, the Equad roof was mentioned as a space that was not being utilized, the Campus Plan includes suggestions from students

## Passport to the Arts Project

- Kishan Bhatt
- Passport to the Arts is where students get two free student events
- Lots of student interest, in #WhatMatters, a lot of people have asked about getting better transparency of how the program works
- In addition to the two free student events that every student gets, you get 3 Princeton passes for events at Richardson, 3 free Tiger Tickets for events at McCarter, within two weeks of a show there, you can get a subsidized ticket if it is under the Tiger Ticket program
- Spoke with a group at ODUS and University Services and the Ticketing Office
- Talked about being able to use one of these swipes on people that are not students (friends and family)
- Removing the categorization between student events, McCarter events, and Richardson events

- Because the program is capped at funding, preliminary conversations about this, might be a smaller number of overall swipes, but would increase student choice in what events students get to see
- Cailin: people don't usually know about the Tiger Tickets category, is that within the Arts Committee's purview to publicize those types of events
- Brandon: working in the ticket office, a lot of freshmen don't know what any of these programs are, there needs to be a way for this program to be better explained to freshmen, student events are the ones that are used immediately and the other ones are rarer, but Tiger Tickets and Princeton Passes are more expensive
- Miranda: we can put an infographic outside the ticket office, and in other high-profile places
- Aleks: can put that in the Freshman Guide, get a few project members, in July, send out a freshman guide

#### Project Updates:

- Jacob: complimenting Aleks, a freshman guide could be a great legacy to leave, great idea
- Miranda: how would that factor into the website that already exists?
- Aleks: path to Princeton is missing a lot of things, have met with administrators, what does it mean to be a student on this campus is not included, administrators want to release something that is more consolidated, hopefully using more graphics, pushing it to freshmen first
- Kishan: primary goal for the Passport project was to increase awareness, getting a few blurbs from the ticket office for a poster and the freshman guide, want to loop in as much input from students on organizational changes
- Jeremy: midyear report comes out at the end of the semester, each of the project teams with a substantive report, any policy change or recommendation or an infographic that explains certain functions to certain groups
- Jenny: any updates from the Pequod group?
- Miranda: Ruby compiled this amazing infographic, will release after the pequod representatives, one part of the project is the release of information and the second is to meet with department heads so that they can talk to professors to reduce pequod usage
- Aleks: Miranda brings up great points, projects should focus on impact and long-term trajectory
- Dallas: update on Paw Points?
- Shobhit: infographic made by Winny, survey made by Chris, survey is being looked at before it gets sent out to students, meet with administrators before releasing the infographic
- Brandon: study break last Friday in the USG office, please let me record you giving your appreciation to facilities staff, the date is April 26<sup>th</sup> for the event at 10:00 am, ordering a banner, writing down quotes that were requested from the student body
- Aleks: realworld Princeton had a really great tax event, they emailed Aleks, whenever she sends a school-wide email, she gets a lot of replies, students are reading what we are doing

- Cailin: organizing a cooking workshop events, reached out to Cooking Club and Dining Services, the Fields Center does not actually have any equipment, so they are looking for more locations, another workshop is on vehicle maintenance, and workshop in early May will be with Public Safety on emergency preparedness, narrowing down the topics to focus on student interest
- Aleks: piece of feedback is look into how the Senior class government is doing their Last Lecture series
- Jeremy: after one or two semesters of doing the same project, we should think about if it something we should continue doing
- Pooja: working on Housing, working with Ben to create a new version of the student room draw guide on the TigerApps, some of the apps are not up to date, user interface is a lot easier on the new app that is being developed, you can click on a building and filter through each floor, much easier, very exciting, can be released in time for room draw, the app will be released hopefully by Wednesday, one tab is on map and the other is on all the information that can be sorted through, long term goal for the project is to make it sustainable so that information can be easily updated
- Brandon: is there a way to include a system for reviews?
- Pooja: that is something that would be useful to look into, but a lot of the information is really old and outdated
- Myesha: met with Dean Dunne, Gonzalez, and a few student groups (Hidden Minority Council), meeting was productive to hear about what other groups are already doing to support low-income students, what would USG's role would look like in getting involved, contacting OIP to discuss with them on how to better support these types of students, wants to set up another meeting towards the end of April to catch back up and see what other things we can do
- Lavinia: starting a google drive, can become a working focus group that can continue on, something tangible has been developed, coalescing the resources that are already available into one place
- Myesha: USG should be the bridge between the students and the student groups and the administration to not let students fall through the cracks, collect data on student needs and report that information to the related groups
- Aleks: want to follow through on the bike program, working on co-op support as well
- Lavinia: infographic on co-ops that shows how to join and a timeline, the second action item is an event, Friday before Lawnparties at Campus Club, semiformal event for co-op and independent students, third is a report of the findings they have collected all year long, Chris compiled the information and Vivian made the infographic

#### Committee Updates

- Academics: Shannon, calendar survey finished, results are being analyzed by OIR, report is being compiled on findings from undergraduate and graduate students, describing the results to the Committee on Classroom and Schedules, making a recommendation later this summer, data will be released before then and the frequencies of certain responses, the results will be out within the next week and a half, OIR is a little backed up, freshman and sophomore advising, met with Dean Fowler and the residential colleges, a lot of freshmen to expect their advisors to know all about all the classes, making it clearer to freshmen about all their other resources like PAA's, publicizing those resources to

freshmen over the summer, freshman academic guide that will go in tandem with Aleks's freshman survival guide, freshman advice for all the different possible major, might be a good idea to make a wiki for the survival guide, can be updated more easily

- Dean Dunne: USG should look into the student guide for Princeton that went into disuse and figure out what happened with that
- Cailin: there was a project similar to that at the beginning of this year that wasn't well publicized, but they might have a lot of good information
- Miranda: a lot of student groups also have good information, like the Prince
- CCA: Michael, Restaurant Week is going to be the first week of reading period, pushed back, better because people are going to have more free time, Communiversity planning is going well, good one on one meeting for Arbor Day, lots of action items and we need a sitting committee with administration and faculty to establish the university as an arboretum
- Social: Aleks: the release is this week for LawnParties, looking to organize the rest of the events
- USLC: Jenny, photo campaign, the Other Side of Me, later in April, running test runs later, have members of USG come to take pictures, looking to spread information about the campaign, collaborating with the co-ops, a meal auction event, intended for independent and co-ops, independents will bid self-made meals and the currency would be people the co-op would have to introduce to the independent (?), co-op lawnparties event was proposed for co-ops and independent members, very preliminary, organizing a meeting to meet with them to understand the event and how USLC will play a role, spoke with a member from Campus Planning, looking to add co-op space in the seventh residential college to expand co-op resources and to expose co-op information to freshmen, USLC members would be sitting on the co-op expansion committee, working with Aleks and committee members to think of a permanent structure for USLC, focus on more long-term goals, looking for opinions and suggestions for what projects should be classified under USLC for the long-term

#### Agenda Setting

- Bike Accessibility Update
- Aleks: enjoyed how we did project updates today, half a formal meeting, half an informal meeting in the future
- Attendance Review