

**Princeton USG Senate
Meeting 19
July 26, 2020
9:30PM (EST)**



**Undergraduate
Student
Government**

Introduction

1. Question and Answer Session (15 minutes)
2. President's Report (5 minutes)
 - Books for the Anti-Racism Initiative were sent out to students. USG is working with students to decide on dates for book talks and will be working with Hannah Kapoor to create an announcement.
 - Aaron Leung planned the Hackathon, which should begin the process of submitting developments to TigerApps.

New Business

1. **USG Movies Chair Confirmation and Fall 2020 Plan: Addele Hargenrader (15 minutes)**
 - a. Hi USG Senate,

I hope you are all doing well during these hectic and unprecedented times. My name is Addele Hargenrader, and I am a rising sophomore in First College. I am a prospective ORFE major and I plan to also get certificates in Cognitive Science, Finance, and Entrepreneurship. I am also in Triple 8 and Business Today.

I am so excited to be Co-chair of the Movies Committee because I have always been passionate about film production and cinema studies, and I really appreciate all the films that USG has made accessible to students. Before Princeton, I made two award-winning documentaries and studied film production academically since 6th grade. Currently, I am assisting Prof. Kiss with a film she is producing, and I am taking her class about film rhetoric this semester.

With regards to this year, where half of the student body will be virtual each semester, I want to adapt the Movies Committee to show films virtually. Prof. Kiss runs the Princeton University Film Forum and with her help, I think we could screen weekly movies over the university's existing servers using CAS authentication. It could be as simple as creating a Blackboard classroom for USG Movies that every undergraduate student is allowed to join if they choose. Each week, we post the video file for that movie on Blackboard Friday at around 5pm ET. The movie could be obtained by the distributor the same way it has been in

the past and then posted to Blackboard the same way teachers post movies for class. The movie would stay available until Sunday morning/afternoon and then we could take it down. This way students still have access to a free movie each week, and distributors don't have to worry about copyright infringement because Blackboard already disallows downloads. Prof. Kiss and I have really thought this through, so please feel free to email me with any questions at addeleh@princeton.edu.

Alternatively, every undergraduate has access to Kanopy, so we could simply name a movie of the week that is already on Kanopy and host sessions for students to watch together and then discuss the film afterwards.

Those are just some of the ways I propose we carry on the Movies Committee's programming during the quarantine. Thank you all for your consideration! I look forward to hopefully working with you all in the near future.

Votes:

- Yes: 24
- No: 0
- Abstain: 0

Movies Committee Ideas:

- Host virtual auctions selling free movies
- USG could emulate Princeton Film Forum's movie screenings in which directors are invited to campus to speak and screen their movies. If distributors agree to screen new films and pay for movie rights, the Movies Committee could stream movies using the existing authentication pass.
- Create a "class" on Blackboard that all undergraduate students can sign up for to access movies. For example, every Sunday a link or file containing the movie can be posted for students to access for some time.
- As the USG budget becomes more clear, the Movies Committee will also have a better idea of what types of projects are feasible.

Questions from the Senate:

- When would students be able to stream these movies?
 - Students would be able to stream movies whenever the movies are available for access.
- Can a Blackboard "class" be created?

- It seems feasible, but would probably take several weeks of planning and coordination.

Suggestions from the Senate:

- It may be helpful to talk to Judy Jarvis, the Director of Wintercession, to get advice on streaming movies from a logistics perspective.
- Finding a new student to take over social media for the Movies Committee may be necessary.
- Jess Ma has received an email from a student who was interested in joining the Movies Committee and Rachel Hazan has expressed interest in becoming co-chair of the committee. The Movies Committee is looking into creating a webpage and Facebook page to recruit new members.
 - The Daily Princetonian is encouraging student groups to submit their name and information to the newspaper to reach more incoming freshmen.

2. Fall Focus Groups Debrief: Chitra Parikh and Andres Larrieu (5 minutes)

- Will present in early August about high-level information on student life, dining, academics, student groups, and virtual programming to a group of virtual programming administrators like ODU, residential colleges, the Office of Wintercession, PACE, and affinity centers.

3. Budget Update: Rachel Hazan (5 minutes)

- The Office of Treasury and Finance has decided to fund USG like a normal year, meaning that USG does not have to use its surplus. Whatever is leftover from the \$200,000 granted to USG each semester has to be given back to the Office of Treasury and Finance. This means that USG can retain the \$180,000 it has in surplus.
- The Senate should brainstorm creative ways to use the surplus to create more robust programming.
- The Senate must pass a resolution in order to raise Projects Board funding.

4. TigerApps Discussion: Emre Cakir (10 minutes)

- TigerApps funding is allocated towards helping students develop their apps.
- The technology used by TigerApps is starting to become outdated and dysfunctional. TigerApps is working with the original professor who worked on TigerApps to fix these dysfunctional tendencies. The projects under TigerApps require a group of dedicated maintainers to run smoothly.
- TigerApps is currently focusing on recruiting new students to help support and develop apps. TigerApps is aiming to provide students with exciting projects, guidance on how to

build projects inside and outside of COS class that can become something similar to TigerApps.

- TigerApps is considering shutting down certain apps with difficult technology to maintain.
- There is a website that is supposed to have all the TigerApps on it, but this website is outdated and in need of an update. Rachel Hazan has started breaking down the costs in TigerApps, so looking at the costs of each app may help determine which apps should be shut down.

Questions from the Senate:

- What does TigerApps do?
 - TigerApp's mission is to support student developers. Currently, TigerApps is providing monetary support to students. Given that the COS curriculum is lacking in practical application, TigerApps is supposed to give student developers more experience in practical application.
- How are apps being shut down?
 - Some apps with outdated and difficult technology may be shut down, but not without a substitute.

5. Election Rules Discussion: Kate Liu (5 minutes)

- If the Senate has opinions or suggestions on election rules, members should reach out to the working group.
- Kate Liu and Lehman Montgomery are looking over election rules for the Senate to vote on and edit. These rules include constitution amendments, referenda, academic calendar, penalties, and more.