

Princeton USG Senate  
Meeting 13  
May 2, 2020  
9:30PM (EST)



Undergraduate  
Student  
Government

### **Introduction**

#### **1. Question and Answer Session (15 minutes)**

#### **2. President's Report (5 minutes)**

- Sent out survey to the student body
- Will be presenting at the next CPUC meeting (5/4)
  - Discuss the policy objectives of USG
  - Explain projects, such as Letters to Strangers, the Sustainability Charter, the Mental Health Guidebook, etc. that were undertaken prior to the COVID-19 disruption
  - Explain what USG has done after the COVID-19 disruption, such as organizing buses to the Newark Airport, Buds at a Distance, etc.

### **New Business**

#### **1. Survey Outreach Update: Chitra Parikh (5 minutes)**

- Reminder to Senate members to continue survey outreach to student groups

#### **2. Transparency Task Force Graphics Presentation: Juan Nova and Julia Garaffa (15 minutes)**

- Made three graphics to consolidate information about USG
  - Who's Who in USG?
  - What Does USG do?
  - U and USG

Suggestions from the Senate:

- Clarify the wording explaining the structures of the Diversity and Equity Committee and the Movies Committee.
- Spell out Campus and Community Affairs and Undergraduate Student Life Committee instead of using acronyms.
- Change the color scheme to reflect Princeton colors and adjust the contrasting colors to be easier to read.
- Clarify that there are two U-Council Chairs in the organizational chart and 24 voting members in the Senate.
- Clarify that Free Fitness Classes Week is optional programming and whether or not it happens falls under the discretion of the USLC.

- The U and USG may cause confusion about what “U” refers to.
- Reach out to a color-blind student to ensure that the graphics are visually accessible.
- USG does not control Wintercession anymore. Wintercession is now under the purview of ODUS, so mentioning it as USG programming can be misleading.
- Parallel the verb structures.
- Add the Housing Committee to the list of initiatives that students can join.
- Make the formatting of the email addresses consistent
  - Remove all underlines or underline all addresses
  - Choose “email us” or “email”
- Add the Ideas Incubator to the graphic.

Questions from the Senate:

- When would these graphics be released?
  - Sending out the graphics in the Fall would engage incoming students and avoid inundating students with information this month. This graphic could be uploaded to the USG website and be promoted in the Fall.

### **3. RRR Referendum Position Paper Revision: Andres Larrieu and Allen Liu (15 minutes)**

Suggestions from the Senate:

- Allow members of the Senate to read through the Position Paper and then finalize it at next week’s Senate meeting. However, Senate suggested revisions should be submitted by a deadline that allows Shiye to review and approve the changes.

# who is who in USG?

## SENATE

### VOTING MEMBERS (23)

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- U-Council Chair(s)\*

#### CORE COMMITTEES

- Academics Chair
- CCA Chair
- USLC Chair
- Social Chair
- Sustainability Chair

- U-Councilors\* (10)
- Class Senators (6)

### APPOINTED MEMBERS (NON-VOTING)

- Executive Secretary\*\*

#### STANDING COMMITTEES

- Director of Communications\*\*
- Movies Chair
- Alumni Affairs Chair
- Diversity & Equity Chair

- Chief Elections Manager
- Historian
- Parliamentarian
- Website Manager
- TigerApps Chair

## CLASS GOVERNMENT

- Freshman Class Council
- Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Class:
  - President
  - Vice President
  - Treasurer
  - Secretary
  - Social Chair

## OTHER SENATE GROUPS

- Projects Board (student group events funding)
- Student Group Recognition Committee
- Princeton Perspective Project
- Mental Health Initiative
  - MHI plans Mental Health Week for campus

\*There are 10 total U-Councilors, including the 2 U-Council Chairs who serve on the Executive Committee

\*\*Executive Secretary and Director of Communications are invited guests to the Executive Committee

# what does USG do?

## ADVOCACY

- Serving on university committees and working groups such as:
  - Council of the Princeton University Community
  - Committee on the Course of Study
  - University Student Life Committee
  - Committee on Undergraduate Admission and Financial Aid
  - Transportation Advisory Council
- Meeting with and bringing up concerns to administrators
- Aid in fair elections process for student referenda
- Aid in approval process for members of Honor Committee
- Form task forces to investigate and pursue specific projects

## SERVICES

- Lawn Parties + Yard Parties
- Dean's Date Celebration
- First Day of Class Bagels + Coffee
- USG Office Hours (transparency efforts)
- Academic Expo
- Activities Fair + Princeton Preview Programming
- Communiversity
- Mental Health Week
  - Mental Health Guidebook

## PROGRAMMING

- Approval of Student Groups via Student Groups Recognition Committee
- Student Groups Funding via Project Board
- USG Movies
- Thanksgiving Buses
- Wintersession
- TigerApps
- Printing of Student Posters
- Free Fitness Classes Week
- Peer Representatives

questions?

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# U and USG : get involved

## HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

- Vote in elections!
- Serve on one of USG's committees
  - Applications are generally sent out in the beginning of the Spring and Fall semesters
- Apply for an appointed position
  - Applications in early spring semester
- Run for a position or submit a referenda
  - Class Council and U-Councilors elected in the Spring
  - President, Vice President, Treasurer, Class Senators, and Freshman Class Council are elected in the Fall
- Go to a USG Senate meeting!
  - Sundays 7 pm Lewis 138 (or currently Saturdays at 9:30 PM over Zoom)
- Go to USG Office Hours
  - Thursdays during late meal in Frist (or currently Thursdays at 9 PM over Zoom)

## INITIATIVES YOU CAN JOIN

- Current Task Forces
  - Mental Health Task Force
  - Transparency Task Force
  - Study Abroad Task Force
  - Town Hall Task Force
  - Community Dining Task Force
- Core and Standing Committees
- USG Associated Groups
  - Projects Board
  - Student Groups Recognition Committee

*questions?*

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