

**Princeton USG Senate
Meeting 15
May 30, 2020
9:30PM (EST)**



**Undergraduate
Student
Government**

Introduction

- 1. Question and Answer Session (15 minutes)**
- 2. President's Report (5 minutes)**
 - Hosted Q&A with VP Calhoun and Dean Dolan
 - Worked with Andres Larrieu and the Office of Wintercession to discuss plans for summer given survey responses
 - Presented with Christian Potter, Rachel Hazan, and Allen Liu to the Board of Trustees Student Life Health & Athletics Committee about the COVID-19 Student Survey results
 - Hosted USG training session with Peter Colvin, Mo Jishi, and Ayush Alag
 - Ceon Sun has added a page to the USG website for financial literacy resources and has been updating the internship resource page.

New Business

- 1. Logistics for the Summer: Chitra Parikh and Andres Larrieu (5 minutes)**
 - Senate meetings will be biweekly on Sundays at 9:30PM EST, except for the Senate meeting on June 13th, which will be on Saturday.
 - USG will work on deciding a date for the next Q&A with Dean Dolan and VP Calhoun.
 - Although priorities may shift after the administration's announcement in July about the Fall Semester, task forces are still encouraged to meet and work towards their goals.
- 2. Reconsideration of Candidate Budgets: Kate Liu (10 minutes)**
 - The Senate may amend the Expenditure Allowance from Section 8 of the Election Handbook with a majority vote:

§ 8.1. Expenditure allowances

Each candidate has a campaign expenditure allowance of \$50.00 to be reimbursed by the USG (see section 8.2 for further clarifications). Every even year after the Spring Election, the Senate should consider whether to revise this limit. No candidate is permitted to spend in excess of the reimbursable allotment; including funds donated to the candidate from other sources. Candidates in uncontested races may not spend any money on theirs' or others' campaigns.

Senate Constitution §802:

Suggestions from the Senate:

- The spending cap of \$50 may limit creativity in campaigns.
- The extra budgetary allowance that would go towards expanding the \$50 limit could be used more productively in other USG operations that would better serve the student body.
- Allowing candidates to accept outside donations for their campaigns may result in equity issues.
- Only one candidate has spent over \$40 in the past three election cycles.

Votes to maintain current Expenditure Allowance:

- Yes: 23
- No: 0
- Abstain: 0

3. U-Council Chair Elections: Kate Liu (25 minutes)

Votes to use existing Constitutional rules for Spring 2020 CPUC Executive Committee Election

Rules:

- Yes: 23
- No: 0
- Abstain: 0

Congratulations to Allen Liu and Julia Garaffa who are our new U-Council Chairs.

Spring 2020 CPUC Executive Committee Election Rules

Constitutional Rules:

- This election will be conducted according to the constitutional rules applicable to the election of U-Councilors (S. Const. § 303).
- Two U-Councilors will be appointed to serve on the CPUC Executive Committee (S. Const. § 303(a)(1)).
- Voting shall be according to the system of the single transferable vote (S. Const. § 303(a)(1), CPUC Charter § 4.4).
- Undergraduates who are substituting for a voting Senate member have the voting power of that member and may vote in this election (S. Const. § 203(g)(1)(A)).
- Of the two appointees to the CPUC Executive Committee, the president shall select one to serve as the U-Council Chair (S. Const. § 303(a)(2)(A)). The U-Council Chair is responsible for coordinating the CPUC-related efforts of the U-Councilors, and reporting of CPUC actions to the Senate (S. Const. § 303(a)(3)(A)).
- The other appointee will serve as the CPUC Executive Committee Representative, who is responsible for assisting the U-Council Chair in the duties of the U-Council Chair (S. Const. § 303(a)(3)(B)).

In accordance with S. Const. § 406(a), the Senate adopts the following special rules for the Spring 2020 CPUC Executive Committee elections:

Use of OpaVote

- The Senate authorizes electronic voting using the OpaVote system.
- Voting shall be limited to voting Senate members, and their substitutes, actually present at this meeting.
- Per S. Const. § 405(b), a quorum shall be considered obtained if the number of votes cast, including abstentions, is more than half the total number of voting Senate members.
- Ballots shall be tabulated using the system of the single transferable vote. Any surplus vote for a candidate who has already been elected shall be allocated in accordance with the method described by C.H.E. Warren (C.H.E. Warren, Counting in STV Elections, 1 *Voting Matters*, paper 4 (1994)).

Rules of order (used in previous years)

1. Candidates can nominate themselves.
2. All candidates will be asked to leave the room.
3. One at a time, each candidate will come in and speak to the Senate. These speeches should be 2 minutes maximum, and the Senate will not be allowed to ask questions during this time.
4. The Senate will then deliberate and vote.

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