

Formal Meeting Minutes

USG Senate Meeting

Lewis Library Bowl 120

Sunday, October 8th, 2017 7:30pm

Call to Order

Vice President Qian convened the Senate meeting.

President's Report

President Jemison had a meeting with Kim Jackson of the Department of Transportation. The number of parking spots available to students will continue to decrease. It is essential to make sure students know that this is going to happen beforehand. Kim intends to focus on showing students how to use public transportation to get from place to place. Right now, there is a comprehensive guide online about transportation. The difference is that there will be representatives on campus to help students.

USG has been trying to improve and diversify outreach for the Honor Committee. All Senate members should consider encouraging people to apply for the Honor Committee.

Parliamentarian Confirmation

Jonah is currently a sophomore and deciding between studying math and physics. He works at The Writing Center and is a part of Mock Trial and WPRB. As parliamentarian, Jonah will be attending all Senate meetings. There were a total of four applications for parliamentarian, and one applicant withdrew. The parliamentarian works with both the Class and the Senate. Jonah was confirmed as parliamentarian with 19 people in favor, 0 abstaining, and 0 opposing.

Projects Board Funding Request

Fuzzy Dice - The time and location (10/20 at 10pm in McCosh 50) is the same as last year. Past attendance was very high at 350 people. The total cost of the event is \$5758. Fuzzy Dice always goes to Projects Board for funding. The funding that Fuzzy Dice will receive from Projects Board will be a very small percentage of Projects Board's budget. The funding request was approved with 19 people in favor, 0 abstaining, and 0 opposing.

MHI Update

Most of MHI's work is split into two categories, which are programming and policy. There will be "Mini" Me Too Monologues and an Open Mic Night. It will take three or more months in advance to get people to act in the Me Too Monologues. The Ivy Mental Health Conference is being held at Princeton next semester. There is a separate board of 12 people hosting the conference, but the MHI is going to help them out with a few events. The Mental Health Conference will take place the last week of February.

MHI hopes to get their website back up. They will create an entirely new website rather than making changes to the old website for a fresh, new start.

MHI wants to focus on making the process smoother for people facing Honor Code accusations and boosting the visibility of people who have taken gap years. Collaborating with the Honor Committee may be difficult. The goal is to create a more robust statement about available resources when it comes to mental health so that students know who to turn to if necessary.

Social Committee Update

A schedule of the events will be released. Sophie Torres has been added to the committee to replace another member taking a break due to independent work. There will be one large social event every month. After all, the Social Committee does more than Dean's Date and Lawn Parties. The Trivia Night / "Concert" Olympics and Artist Speaker are two upcoming events. A great Dean's Date is being planned for this upcoming January. The budget for all of these events has been approved. The budget is \$5000 or \$1000 for each member.

Academics Committee

Patrick Flanigan will be doing everything possible to ensure that the next Academic Committee Chair goes into the position with more information. He hopes to eliminate the summer savings requirement for low-income students so that they don't have to go through the process of getting exempt. Global seminars in the fall should be covered for students on full financial aid. The Calendar Committee had a vacancy and Olivia Ott '20 was appointed to the President's Committee on the Calendar.

On October 20th, there is a meeting with the Committee on Examinations and Standing. The Academics Committee Chair will completely have the floor to discuss things they'd like to see.

- Deconstruct obstacles for students when it comes to taking semesters (rather than years) off.

- Diplomas should be awarded at the end of January if students are eligible so that they can start the process of getting a job or applying to graduate school immediately.

Academics Chair Flanigan hopes to initiate an examination of the Honor Committee due to serious allegations of misconduct. It will be up to the students to decide the fate of the Honor Committee. Feedback from the administration and faculty will also be collected to find reforms that are best for all parties involved. When it comes to the Honor Committee Subcommittee, Academics Chair Flanigan wanted people who had worked with the process before and were open to reform. Micah and Ling were on the Honor Committee and are open to reform. Diego was selected to represent USG. Mary Claire Bartlett had a standout interview and she was the first choice for the Committee on Discipline. Academics Chair Flanigan wanted to keep the subcommittee small but he wanted to choose experts. Academics Chair Flanigan selected seven members for the subcommittee because that's how many members hear a case. Six people must be in favor of a reform to pass it along to the students, because the Honor Committee requires 6/7 to convict. 15 voted in favor of the confirmations, 0 against, and 2 abstaining.

Many students from low-income backgrounds have a hard time affording graduation. Academics Chair Flanigan hopes to push for financing for graduation.

SGRC

SGRC would like to recognize the following groups as new student group organizations.

- Italian Society
- American Foreign Policy
- The Pool Club
- Princeton Law Review
- Princeton Mclee
- The Playwright's Guild
 - It is a guild for playwrights. There are plenty of theatre groups but none of the groups are focused on writing. Rather they're focused on producing and acting.
 - The Playwright's Guild is focused on writing plays and put up student written plays.

17 voted in favor, 0 opposing, and 1 abstaining in the confirmation of these groups as new student group organizations.