Princeton USG Senate
March 5th, 2022

1. Standard procedure
   a. President's Report (Stephen Daniels, 10 minutes)
      i. Upcoming Meetings
         1. VP Calhoun 1:1
         2. University Services
         3. Dean Dunne/Dean Deas
      ii. Happy Birthday Stephen's Mom!
2. Projects Board Approval (5 minutes)
   a. PEESA: $1100
   b. KSAP: $1100
      i. Stephen: What exactly will the allocation be used for?
         1. It is for the food for dinner. We are going to have Korean dishes.
   c. Princeton's Partnership Minyan: $1500
   d. MSA: $1500
      i. Stephen: Where will the event be?
         1. Either in the CAF Center or Friend
   e. Sean Bradley motions for a vote, Ned Dockery seconds
      i. 19 in favor, 0 opposed, 6 abstaining
      ii. *The vote passes*
3. Lighting Updates and Q&A (Kelly States, 20 minutes)
   a. Development of Working Group (will not exist in perpetuity)
      i. Current Concerns
         1. Security Risks
         2. Perception
         3. Safety Risk
         4. Expectations
      ii. Departments
         1. Office of University Architect
         2. Office of Capital Projects
         3. Grounds
         4. Maintenance
         5. Housing
         6. PSAFE
         7. Environmental Health and Safety
      iii. Steps

1. Undergraduate and graduate housing annual walks
2. Centered around residential areas
3. Preventative maintenance
4. Office of University Architect
5. Design of lighting and code compliance
6. Individual concerns reported to EHS

   iv. Concerns about assessment walks
1. Too early
2. Too limited
3. Meeting code requirements

   v. Complexities
1. Light pollution
2. Sustainability
3. Contrast/Direction/Color
4. Non University property bordering
5. Objective vs Subjective evaluations

   vi. Goals
1. Short term
    a. Working groups
    b. Evaluate conditions
    c. Address priority areas
    d. Create reporting process
2. Long term
    a. Campus lighting master plan
    b. Finalize governance
    c. Evaluation processes

   vii. Questions
1. Sean: For students who have concerns about lighting that might be within the town's jurisdiction, should they use Princeton University's links, or should they reach out to the town?
    a. Our links are best. We have a relationship with the town and can forward concerns to them more efficiently.
2. Aishwarya: Are blue lights within your purview?
    a. No, not this group, but there is another group looking at this. There will be more on that.

3. Noah: For light pollution, have you talked to the people in certain buildings where that could affect their research?
    a. Yes, we have. We can't promise more light in certain areas but yes. They communicate with the architect.
4. Noah: If we were to add more light, would the lights be on all night, or motion activated?
    a. We are starting to see more motion activated lighting. We have motion in lot 20. That will be figured out in the new master plan.
5. Stephen: Is there a student engagement plan for the master plan?
    a. We are just the start, so not right now, but yes there will be.
4. Presentation of Proposed Constitutional Amendment (Aishwarya Swamidurai and Genevieve Shutt, 7 minutes)
    a. Charlotte: Does this include core committee chairs? Are you considering them non voting members that should be reached out to?
        i. Aishwarya: Committee Chairs are expected to reach out to their committee members, but not necessarily everyone on the Senate is expected to reach out to them.
        ii. Walker: I wouldn't go to a committee chair, so that makes sense
    b. Daniel: It says that Senators and U Councilors "may" contact nonvoting members. So is that mandatory?
        i. Aishwarya: That is just the language of the Constitution.
        ii. Stephen: I think that is answered with section 2
    c. Sean Bradley motions for a vote, Walker Penfield seconds
        i. 21 in favor, 0 opposed, 4 abstaining
        ii. *The vote passes*
5. Deputy Elections Manager Confirmation (2 minutes)
    a. Bryan Park '26:
        i. Neuroscience/pre med major
        ii. Prior election experience
        iii. Wants to increase recruitment and engagement
    b. Stephen: Under the new Constitution, we no longer have a Chief Elections Manager with other Elections Managers. The system is to have a Chief Elections Manager and a Deputy Elections Manager.
    c. Sean Bradley motions for a vote, Aishwarya Swamidurai seconds
        i. 21 in favor, 0 opposed, 4 abstaining

   ii. *The vote passes*

6. Scooters and Bikes Discussion (15 minutes)
   a. Daniel: We need more of the covered bike racks. They are all under the Rocky area. Would it be possible to get better path separation also? Some areas are used by all modes of transport, it could be better to get paths that separate them. This could be good on Washington Rd especially.
   b. Ned: I live in Forbes and have a bike and a lot of the time there's no space for it so I tie it to a bench, and I feel bad about it. There tends to be less storage space at Forbes.
   c. Quin: We could try and find where people use bikes and scooters the most by polling the residential colleges and target our work there
   d. Srista: Medical scooters are bigger than other modes and you have to put it somewhere with coverage. I struggled to find places to park it. For those who need that accommodation we need to work with that.
   e. Walker: I think it's interesting with the presentation we saw today, you are dealing with a lot of student demand that is hard to quantify. Is anyone aware of any groups that would oversee this policy area?
      i. Stephen: I don't think there has been hard movement. The group that oversees this is the same group that oversaw COVID safety. Are there outlets outdoors?
         1. Srista: Maybe in Bloomberg, definitely not in Forbes, and a lot of times they dont work. I've only seen them in two spots. Typically, it's frowned upon to charge them outside.
   f. Uma: There needs to be more conversations with the town of Princeton in addition to the administration. Washington Ave has some of the worst issues, same with Nassau St.
   g. Stephen: I want to think about that. Princeton University has more lobbying power with the town, so we should work with them.
   h. Judah: Is there talk of having a bike share or scooter share?
      i. Stephen: I think there is interest in it. The benefit is that people are less motivated to get their own stuff if we have tha program.
   i. Srista: There is the Princeton Bike Library; it's hard to get but they are inexpensive and work well. There is just low availability.
   j. Aishwarya: They are looking at scooters and ride share (per ride). I don't know if they expect to update the program they have.
   k. Daniel: What happened to the Zaxter bikes?

       i.   Riley: They went bankrupt after Covid. It was a pretty good rideshare program.

l. Stephen: You can register your bike with PSAFE, and they sweep the racks and they help with theft. With expanded usage, an idea would be to expand safety training as part of that. There used to be a program where you can get free lights.

m. Uma: They still have it. You get two free lights.

n. Aishwarya: I think a helmet program would make sense. I rented a University bike. They give you a helmet. It was the worst experience of my life. There is no traction with the bikes.

       i.   Stephen: We need better bikes

o. Judah: With registration, you have to go to New South which can be far. Having a better spot would be good.

p. Stephen: Like a registration drive?

q. Uma: They have one in Frist. Its not well advertised. Training would only do so much, laziness is the biggest disincentive. A bad combination of roads and scooters and pedestrians is not good. Publicizing lights for scooters or bells could be good.

r. Quin: What does registration entail? Could it be virtual?

s. Daniel: It is online, but you have to pick up the sticker in person

t. Quin: They could be in the frist mailboxes

u. Emily: I've done registration a few times, sometimes it was difficult.

v. Walker: I don't know if there is any kind of speed limit and it's usually irresponsible behavior that causes crashes. That could be in the safety training.

w. Daniel: Free lights could be good. The thing that regulates speed is how safe people feel at a certain speed. We need to make the roads look more dangerous.

x. Sean: They are changing Elm to make it more pedestrian based. They have a plan for the next few years.