



## Introduction

1. President's Report (5 minutes)
  - a. Week in Review
    - i. Monday: Mental Health Task Force
      1. Mental Health Task Force has Two Deliverables:
        - a. Kognito Campaign will be sent to the entire school
        - b. We will create a resources page with all consolidated mental health resources.
      2. ICC Meeting
        - a. ICC requested help highlighting the positives of the ICC.
      3. Open House for Spring Elections
        - a. 17 people for U-Councilor. This shows that our outreach works!
      4. ExComm Meeting
        - a. We met with Liz from the Honor Committee. It was a discussion about the relationship between the current Honor Committee and the current USG. We both expressed a desire to move forward with a good working relationship. ExComm gave her suggestions about recruitment.
    - ii. Tuesday:
      1. Candidate registration closed at 8:30 PM.
    - iii. Wednesday:
      1. Chris Mokul is running for Yale YCC. He asked about restructuring their student government to parallel ours.
      2. They have less policy focus and are more focused on programming.
      3. Meeting with VP Calhoun
        - a. Update: There will be funding provided for thesis binding.
      4. There will be a USLC meeting focusing on Mental Health on April 13th. There will be a CPUC meeting with mental health focus on May 7th.
    - iv. Thursday:
      1. Mental Health Task Force Meeting

- v. Saturday:
  - 1. Meeting about Project Management Techniques
- b. Looking Ahead
  - i. Campaigning starts tomorrow at noon. We need to ensure everyone knows campaigning is going on and that we encourage people to vote.
  - ii. We will be sending out a feedback survey this week as well as our CPUC presentation.
- c. Action Items
  - i. Preview Open Houses
  - ii. Voter Engagement
  - iii. Final Transition Training (April 28th from 9:30-3:30 PM)
- 2. Vice President's Report (5 minutes)
  - a. Please be supportive of the candidates who are running as well as Chris with his referenda. Remember that we are not endorsing the referenda but you can campaign for and against it as long as you make it clear that this is a personal opinion.
  - b. If people ask you questions about the election cycle, please re-direct them to Laura, Jonah, Rachel or Nate.
  - c. This is a reminder that when you're on USG, you're a member for life. We're all here to make Princeton a better place, but for those who don't have the outcome they might like, we can all still work together.
  - d. Reminder to receive subs. If you know that you will be absent, instead of reaching out last minute, ask someone to sub for you. Have people in mind beforehand.

#### New Business

- 1. Project 50: Diego Negrón-Reichard (10 minutes)
  - a. This is a new initiative we are rolling out. The idea is to increase voter turnout to 50%. It is an ambitious but worthwhile goal.
  - b. We will hold voter centers in Frist where people can come by and vote. It will be a social community event, and people can stop by and vote. They are still welcome to vote themselves.
  - c. 17th and 18th: We will table at Frist. This will be under the Chief Elections Manager with Senate members to present.
  - d. We should ensure turnout is not associated with anyone specifically.
  - e. Question: There is a rule about voting booths in the Handbook?
    - i. It is not against the rule if someone not running who is neutral is running the Voting center.
  - f. Question: How do you protect voter secrecy?

- i. People can huddle around their computers.
  - g. Question: Are there concerns about student logins?
    - i. We will look into this.
  - h. Reach out to Diego if you're interested in participating and if you're not in 1 of the 4 groups already.
- 2. PTL Project: Diego Negrón-Reichard and Financial Reform Team (10 minutes)
  - a. This is an initiative that will be conducted through Class Council, but it is being presented to the Senate for feedback.
  - b. The Financial Reform team should identify cultural trends that might be financially burdening.
  - c. The PTL project will involve pictures with the tiger in front of Nassau Hall. It represents an opportunity for USG to establish a tradition for years to come.
  - d. On April 16th, there will be a locked time set up in front of Nassau Hall with photographers who will be paid by ODUS.
  - e. People will read the first line of their thesis for a video. The idea is that ODUS is going to centralize all of these pictures, and they will be archived in Mudd Library.
  - f. There will be shorter two hour events throughout April and May for those whose theses are due later on in the semester.
  - g. This is an opportunity to celebrate the diversity on campus and to be more inclusive of everyone in a social trend.
  - h. Question: What is the USG's involvement in this?
    - i. Ultimately, this will be a Class Council initiative because it only concerns Class of 2018.
    - ii. We are essentially holding senior class governments accountable for years to come.
    - iii. Our Communications team will work on publicity graphics.
  - i. People can submit their own pictures they've taken already, and they can also take a new one if they'd like.
  - j. Feedback: Should the event be in May to be more inclusive of BSE? Is that too close to Dean's Date?
    - i. Dean's Date is for everyone, and this is just for 2018. We can think about this.
- 3. Budget/Spending Update: Alison Shim (10 minutes)
  - a. This update contains Project Board spending and USG spending up until April 4th.
  - b. We allocated 45k for Projects Board this semester. There is 21k left.
  - c. The update shows the breakdown of how much money has gone to each club specifically. This shows only the USG contribution to this event/club.

- d. For the first time, USG spent all of our preview money. Caleb did a great job streamlining funding requests for Preview events. In turn, Projects Board is ready to handle the load for affinity groups and their larger events. This shows that the increase in 10k was worthwhile.
  - e. In terms of Senate spending, we have a general account, social account, projects board account and office account.
    - i. Office account relates to the office such as paying student works and office coffee/tea.
  - f. Money has been spent for TigerApps, Wintersession courses, etc. The charges for the Ivy League Mental Health Conference is not going to be used from our budget. They borrowed our card, and they will be moved to a different account later.
  - g. Social account shows charges from past Social Committee events (such as Dean's Date and Fall Lawnparties).
  - h. We've spent around 41k to date. We're anticipating around 114k for Lawnparties. We do have money, but we have to account for large expenses coming soon (Lawnparties, Dean's Date, etc.).
4. Social Committee Budget Request: Liam Glass (10 minutes)
- a. Liam has a final request related to production details that the headliner requested.
  - b. The production specifics will ensure a higher quality of the show.
  - c. The headliner will be announced near the end of April.
  - d. If this request is approved, there will be no further requests.
  - e. Sometimes, fees get hidden for Lawnparties, and this is why we might need to exceed the budget.
  - f. Social Committee might not even spend all 10,000 but this is just in case.
  - g. Question: Would it be fair to increase Social Committee budget so that the Social Chair does not have to continuously ask for additional funding?
    - i. This is a topic that we can discuss at a later time.
  - h. Voting: (APPROVED)
    - i. Yes: 18 (Tania was not present yet).
    - ii. Abstain: 0
    - iii. No: 0
5. Calendar Reform Discussion: Olivia Ott (10 minutes)
- a. There is a committee that met for a year to talk about Calendar Reform.
  - b. There was a proposal for a new calendar that will be voted on in the next faculty meeting on April 23rd.
  - c. The calendar would go into effect when Class of 2021 would be seniors. The University needs at least 2 years to adjust for logistical details.

- d. The fall JP deadline would remain in January.
- e. The point of changing the calendar is to move fall exams from January to December, and the proposal changes the calendar so that this is possible.
- f. Two Largest Changes
  - i. Fall exams will be in December.
  - ii. There will be a two week flex period in January that will be called Wintersession. This will be a non credit-bearing and optional time for students.
- g. Aspects that will be the same
  - i. Fall break length will still be 1 week.
  - ii. JP deadlines will stay the same.
  - iii. The length of the semester is staying the same.
- h. Final exam periods would be shortened to 7 days. There would be only 7 final exam days. In order to make that more manageable for students, students will still not be required to take more than one exam on the same day.
- i. Undergraduates, graduates and faculty were all surveyed. Over 70% of people in all three of these categories were in favor of the proposed calendar.
- j. Question: If the point of moving exams is so that student do not have anything to worry about over break, would keeping the JP deadline be ineffective?
  - i. This is something the committee discussed. Because exams are shortened, many students preferred to keep the JP deadline due after break. In some ways, yes, this does defeat the rationale of moving exams. It only happens 1 out of 4 years thought, and it is an optional choice. It gives people extra time to work on their JP.
- k. Question: Will JPs be due around the same time in the spring?
  - i. Yes.
- l. Question: How will grading work? When will grades be due?
  - i. Students will still receive grades in January so that faculty and grad students do not feel pressured to get their grades done over break. You would get your grades earlier than you do now, thought.
- m. Question: Will the JP deadline be dependent on each department?
  - i. There is a date set by the Registrar for all independent work to be graded. For most departments, the JP dates are close together.
- n. Question: How would this affect the start of the school year?
  - i. We would start a week earlier. 5 years out of 7/2 years out of 7, we will start after/before labor day.
- o. Question: Can USG endorse this as a body?

- i. Patrick has mentioned this before, but in the event that the faculty vote does not go in the way we want it to, USG has the right to request a second vote.
  - p. This would go into effect during the 2020-2021 school year.
  - q. Rachel can inquire if anyone else is allowed to be at the faculty meeting. If we could have a couple USG representatives at this meeting, that might be helpful.
- 6. USLC Update: Tania Bore (5 minutes)
  - a. Main Projects
    - i. Independent Student Life
      - 1. Yard Parties with Co-Op Leaders. Yard Parties was organized for the first time two years ago as a celebration of co-op and independent life. It is a big outdoor BBQ on 2D's lawn.
      - 2. The heart behind these initiatives is to bring independent students together in a larger social community.
      - 3. Interest events for underclassmen for independent dining is one initiative.
      - 4. USLC is planning for Yard Parties, and they will be receiving input from Co-Ops.
    - ii. Feedback Mechanisms
      - 1. USLC wants to put out something similar to what dining has implemented but for student life in general.
      - 2. Ideally, the USLC would collaborate with all of the aspects that affect student government.
      - 3. We would have constant metrics and constant feedback.
      - 4. For example, if you had a bad experience with transportation, you can easily report that.
      - 5. This would help us in the future because we would have data over the years.
      - 6. Tania will be meeting with Brad later in this week.
    - iii. Liaison Meetings
      - 1. There were meetings with Public Safety, Health, Campus Dining, etc. Most of these meetings went really well. Administrators were interested in collaborating.
      - 2. USLC will be focusing on one focus area in Health (will be narrowed down further, TBD).
      - 3. USLC will also look into Safety Checks with Public Safety. We had a speaker previously where a student felt invaded with Public Safety's Safety Check.

4. In terms of dining, dining is working on student feedback received from a survey at the beginning of the year. Dining is interested in a focus group that will focus on the authenticity of taste.
5. There is a budget request for Yard Parties. There is 1k for food and a total of 2k requested.
  - a. Correction: USLC would like to request 2,500 instead.
    - i. 1,800 for food, 400 for music, and 300 for games
  - b. Question: Do you have a date?
    - i. Saturday, May 5. That's also Houseparties weekend for people in clubs.
  - c. Feedback: Perhaps we could see this in the fall as well as around bicker time at the beginning of the semester.
  - d. Feedback: If you could make this the Saturday before Lawnparties too in the future, that would be great for underclassmen, too.
  - e. Feedback: We should be careful in advertising Yard Parties so that we do not detract for Lawn Parties.
  - f. These are not mutually contradictory. We should just have enough branding differences so people do not get confused.
  - g. The change in money requested is for higher food costs. The event will be held on the lawn of 2D.
6. The data mentioned above will be collected in a Google drive.
7. **Voting (Budget Request): APPROVED**
  - a. Yes: 18
  - b. Abstain: 1 (Diego)
  - c. No: 0
7. CCA Update: Caleb Visser and Mahishan Gnanaseharan (5 minutes)
  - a. The preview open house will feature Say Cheez sandwiches. You would get to meet the pre-frosh and discuss your role in USG.
  - b. Tori will send out an e-mail. Contact Caleb for more information.
  - c. Communiversity publicity is coming up. If you are part of a student group that would like to table at Communiversity, reach out to Caleb.
  - d. Next week, Caleb will come with a proposal for USG to take over a Day of Action. We are looking to have this in the fall. This will help us engage with community partners and start having meaningful conversations about service.
  - e. CCA is looking to formalize Preview event funding streamlined.
  - f. Caleb is working on having USG involvement in more Preview events.

- g. Question: Can you receive funding from USG to do an event if you're not an ODUS group?
  - i. No, you can't. ODUS, Pace and ORL groups can receive funding.
- 8. Alumni Affairs Update: Dora Zhao (5 minutes)
  - a. There will be two surveys. One will be for Alumni who indicates that they were previously involved in USG.
  - b. There will a survey for students to see how they would like alumni involvement.
  - c. We will establish a partnership with Career Service for career mentorship.
  - d. We are also considering making alumni interest groups (Alumni in Finance, Alumni in Health, etc.).
  - e. Dora will publicize this through a Prince article.
  - f. Over the summer, Dora will work to delineate a charter for the committee to clarify and institutionalize goals for the committee.
  - g. Question: Can members of the Senate who are helping to run the event receive wristbands so they can help out?
    - i. It is difficult to acquire wristbands, and if we are meant to be there but cannot acquire a wristband, this might be difficult.
- 9. Movies Committee Update: Jona Mojados (5 minutes)
  - a. Movies has had a great attendance this semester.
  - b. We've had 8 movies sold out. USG movies have really expanded.
  - c. We now offer advertisements for student groups to send in a movie to co-sponsor. This was a new initiative this semester, and we have been experimenting and learning from guidelines to be clear about.
  - d. Next year, along with Jona's new committee, co-sponsoring for students will be application based. They will be limited to Saturday slots for each semester, and groups will be responsible for paying for their own screening.
  - e. USG Movies will be partnering with Class of 2018 to host an outdoor screening. Funding for this will be finalized by the end of the week.
  - f. Feedback: Thank you for a wonderful job!
  - g. Question: Did we sell out 8 weeks or 8 nights?
    - i. 8 nights.
  - h. Feedback: If we sell out, we have to turn some people away. Would it be possible to open a second theater?
    - i. Opening a second theater would increase spending and would require a higher budget.
  - i. Movies is considering creating its own listerv.
  - j. Question: Is there any way to work with Garden Theatre to receive metrics?
    - i. Generally, Thursdays are popular nights because of the earlier times. The times are dependent on Garden Theatre.

- ii. Jona has a spreadsheet about attendance.
- iii. Question: Could you present to us next week?
  - 1. This can be placed in the consent agenda.
- iv. Question: For the co-sponsoring of student groups, will this be stopped in the spring?
  - 1. We have filled the slots with USG movies for the next 3 weeks. We will re-start in the fall with better guidelines.
- v. Question: Can the Garden Theatre to show online how many tickets have been sold?
  - 1. Jona has discussed using an app or website that can show the ticket counts. This is all still in the talks. Currently, the Garden Theatre cannot do this on their website.
- vi. Feedback: We should state that this application needs to have rigid criteria. When there is a lack of criteria, we can marginalize and damage relationships with certain community groups. For example, Passion of Christ is an anti semitic movie. The fact that USG helped facilitate something like this did have negative implications. Let's make sure something like this doesn't happen again.
  - 1. Movies Committee will make it clear that the student groups should not imply that USG is sponsoring or endorsing the movie. We are simply an agent to show the movie; they are responsible for funding it.
- vii. Question: Does USG advertise this?
  - 1. Yes, the USG sent an e-mail with the Passion of Christ, but it said it was sponsored by PFA.
  - 2. It was more so the student group's publicity that implied USG was backing this movie.
- viii. We will put a disclaimer that USG is not sponsoring this.
- ix. Question: Should we have rules about facilitating?
  - 1. There will be an application. As such, Movies Committee can screen.

### Consent Agenda (APPROVED)

- 1. USLC Confirmations
  - a. Jessica Lawlor
    - i. Hi, my name is Jessica Lawlor. Currently, I am planning to major in Neuroscience and am a part of the class of 2021. I joined the USLC because I think Princeton sometimes overlooks serious health issues affecting the student body. Some of the other extracurriculars I

participate in are the Aerial Arts Club and volunteering as an SAT coach with Let's Get Ready.

- b. Anne Crowley
  - i. Hi, my name is Anne Sullivan Crowley. Currently, I am a prospective politics major and a part of the class of 2021. I joined the USLC because the committee and its work seemed very interesting and worth while. Some of the other extracurriculars I participate in are Campus and Community Affairs Committee, Girl Up, Daily Princetonian Photography and Whig Clio.
- 2. Academics Committee Confirmations
  - a. **Lyubomir Hadjiyski '21**
    - i. My name is Lyubomir Hadjiyski and I am a freshman and prospective Politics concentrator. In high school, I was involved with a number of human rights initiatives, including promoting education for minority groups as part of Amnesty International. At Princeton, I am a member of the Model UN team and a Campus Dining worker. As part of the Academics Committee, I look forward to engaging with the student body and voicing their academic concerns to university administration. Moreover, working to find solutions to these concerns in order to make the academic experience at Princeton smoother and frustration-free makes me eager to get to work!
  - b. **Samantha Shapiro '21**
    - i. My name is Samantha Shapiro, and I am a freshman from Washington, DC. I am considering a major in Economics or in the Woodrow Wilson School. On campus, I am a member of PRC (Running Club), SPEAR (Students for Prison Education and Reform), PREP (Princeton Re-Entry Employment Program) and a sports writer for the Daily Prince. I have a fervent interest in representing the voices of all students, and I'm excited for the work ahead of putting ideas into action. I am looking forward to working on initiatives regarding calendar reform, advising processes, and course accreditation. I am also hoping to work on projects to make involvement in faculty research more accessible to underclassmen.
  - c. **Jocelyn Reckford '20**
    - i. Jocelyn Reckford is a sophomore from Chapel Hill, NC majoring in the Woodrow Wilson School with certificates in East Asian Studies and Cognitive Science. In high school she worked on a project that established a sister school relationship between her elementary schools in Beijing and North Carolina as well as a website that compared the two. On campus she works with first year students as a Peer Academic Advisor

in Forbes College, and will serve as a Residential College Advisor next year. With a continued interest in educational policy, she is excited to work with faculty and students as part of the Academics Committee.

3. Communications Committee Confirmations

a. Marcus Jonas

- i. Marcus is a freshman from London, England and is currently pursuing a major in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, along with a certificate in Applications of Computing. Marcus is currently on the Men's Lightweight Crew Team and is a member of the Princeton Orbital Initiative. Marcus will be working in USG's communications team where he will help run USG's social media sites and track metrics for our external communications.

4. Confirmation of U-Councilor

a. Aditya Shah

- i. Hello! My name is Aditya Shah, and I am a freshman from East Windsor, New Jersey thinking about concentrating in Economics. Outside of USG, you can catch me performing on stage for Princeton Bhangra, playing ping pong and pool at Frist, or grabbing some food at late meal. I am super excited to meet all of you and serve on USG!

5. Confirmation of Website Manager

a. Maris Fechter

- i. Hey, my name is Maris Fechter. I'm a junior in the sociology department, with certificates in cognitive science and neuroscience. Some of the other extracurriculars I participate in on campus are Princeton's All-Nighter, Student Design Agency, and Princeton Faith in Action, and I'm a member of Cap & Gown and Theta. I love digital media and design, so I'm super excited to extend the awesome work Brad's done on the new USG website.
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