

**Princeton USG Senate
Meeting 22
September 13, 2020
9:30PM (EST)**



**Undergraduate
Student
Government**

Introduction

- 1. Question and Answer Session (15 minutes)**
- 2. President's Report (5 minutes)**
 - The upcoming CPUC meeting is scheduled for September 21st (Monday) from 4:30-6pm EST.
 - VP Calhoun is working with Chitra Parikh and Allen Liu on a new emergency website.
 - USG is discussing collaborating with Counseling and Psychological Services to develop an interactive Q&A forum.

New Business

- 1. SGRC Presentation: Emma Parish and Lutfah Subair (10 minutes)**

Votes:

- Yes: 22
- No: 0
- Abstain: 0

Newly Approved Clubs:

- Princeton for Palliative Care
- Hoagie.io
- Princeton Political Review
- The Doorstep
- Technology for a JuST Society (JuST)
- Princeton SAAPS
- Princeton Body Positivity
- Princeton University Curling Club

- 2. Resolution for Electronic Petitioning and the Presentation of the New Elections/Referenda Handbook: Kate Liu (15 minutes)**

Votes:

- Yes: 22
- No: 0
- Abstain: 0

3. Task Force Proposal Presentation: Riley Martinez, Sarah Elkordy, Allen Liu, Juan Nova, and Julia Garaffa (20 minutes)

Transparency Task Force, Juan Nova and Julia Garaffa

- Purpose: Continue USG office hours and distribution of graphics, as well as increase Senate involvement.

Town Hall Task Force, Juan Nova

- Purpose: Reinforce USG's role as a mediator between the administration and student body, establish monthly town hall meetings for ongoing issues, provide transcripts from meetings, and engage faculty members.

Mental Health Task Force, Allen Liu

- During the first two semesters of the Mental Health Task Force, centralizing information about mental health resources on campus was the priority through the creation of the Mental Health Guidebook and Letters to Strangers. The spring 2020 semester focused on creating transparency around mental health resources during the COVID-19 pandemic and emergency funding.
- Purpose: The task force is aiming to be self-directed by members who pursue interest-related projects. An ongoing project is the creation of an interactive forum for CPS. Additional project ideas include an app that directs students to CPS resources and a platform for mental health issues impacting students of color.

Virtual Community Building Task Force, Riley Martinez

- Purpose: Supporting virtual community building through existing organizations (e.g. Office of Wintercession and residential colleges) by working with USG members.

Friends of FLI Task Force, Sarah Elkordy and Riley Martinez

- Main purpose: Help FLI students navigate unique issues living at home by consolidating information about resources. The task force is working with OIT to help students with wifi issues and with the SIFP Office and the First Gen Low Income Council for employment opportunities.

Sexual Misconduct Task Force, Sarah Elkordy

- Purpose: Create an inclusive space for survivors and activists to share opinions on Title IX regulations, access resources, and compile suggestions for the administration.

4. COVID-19 Equity Committee Resolution: Sarah Elkordy (10 minutes)

- The COVID-19 Equity Committee is an ad-hoc committee that aims to address issues of inequity that have surfaced for students due to COVID-19. The goals are similar to the

Friends of FLI Task Force in that the committee will work with groups or students on campus to navigate equity issues.

- The committee is intended to be a streamlined approach to connecting with the administration.
- The committee can be dissolved with a majority vote when no longer necessary.

Suggestions from the Senate:

- This ad-hoc committee may function more efficiently as a sub-committee under the Friends of FLI Task Force.
- However, there may be people who want to join the committee but not the task force, deterring potential members due to the greater commitment.
- The committee could advocate for equity issues specifically impacting international students.

Votes:

- Yes: 21
- No: 0
- Abstain: 1

5. Sustainability Charter Revisions: Claire Wayner (5 minutes)

Proposed changes to the Sustainability Charter:

- 1.) Removal of the required number of members
- 2.) Adjustment of the clause relating to representatives from campus sustainability groups
- 3.) Bi-weekly meeting requirement reduced to monthly meeting basis

Votes:

- Yes: 21
- No: 0
- Abstain: 1