

**Princeton USG Senate
Meeting 24
September 27, 2020
9:30PM (EST)**



Introduction

- 1. Question and Answer Session (15 minutes)**
- 2. President's Report (5 minutes)**
 - Allen Liu will be leading the Ideas Incubator. Allen and Ceon Sun met this week and were able to obtain a netid for the Ideas Incubator.
 - Will be meeting with VP Calhoun, Sarah Elkordy, and Hannah Kapoor to discuss the Sexual Misconduct Task Force.
 - There will not be a CPUC meeting in October, but USG members will be notified in the Slack when the next one is approaching.
 - There will be a USLC meeting in October, and USG members will be notified in the Slack.
 - Met with the Office of Wintercession. The deadline for proposals is October 6th, and the Office is currently looking at 80-100 proposals.
 - Hannah Kapoor will be working on communications with the Wintercession Advisory Committee.

New Business

- 1. Fall 2020 Changes to Campus Transportation: Kim Jackson and Charlie Tennyson (20 minutes)**

Princeton Mobility Framework

- Goals of project:
 - Evaluate the current state of campus transportation to better understand the University's current and future campus mobility needs.
 - Design the next generation of our University transportation system in a cost-efficient manner through a blend of shuttle and other mobility services.
- The campus-wide Transportation Advisory Council is composed of undergraduates, graduate students, faculty, and staff. This group met periodically throughout the course of this project.
- The Core Design Team was composed of faculty and staff from across different departments who collaborated to design the transit system.
- The project aimed to attain robust public engagement through open houses, surveys, roadshow presentations, and workshops.

TigerTransit Service Guidelines

- The objective of TigerTransit is to connect University buildings to each other and to public transit.
- TigerTransit is aiming for at least 20 boardings per hour. Frequency of stops will be focused where large numbers of people need to travel over distances that are too far to walk. In addition, there will be reasonably direct routes among major destinations and serve overlapping markets with same route whenever possible
- Lower ridership routes will still be provided (e.g. weekend shopping, classes in locations that are not walkable).
- Riders may have to walk up to ten minutes in order to reach a transit stop.

New Developments in the Network

- More space has been created on Elm Drive for pedestrians and bikes after student feedback indicated that vehicles were disrupting the flow of traffic.
- More consistent and frequent connections to Princeton Junction and to the Dinky
- The new network is constructed to be easier to learn and remember.
- More signage has been posted on campus indicating routes and arrival times.

Upgrading Lawrence Drive and College Road

- An advisory shoulder in which cars yield to bikes and pedestrians has been created. Cars will share the middle of the road and bikes and pedestrians will have full access to the shoulder.
- Additional signing indicating that the shoulder is for bikes and pedestrians will be added.
- This advisory shoulder feature may be expanded to other areas of campus if it works efficiently.

Shared Services

- Zagster is no longer on campus, but the university has purchased Zagster bikes and is launching a bike loaner program in which students can rent out bikes and locks for a semester.
- Enterprise Car Share is not on campus right now due to COVID-19, but the University is hoping to have the car share service running by the spring semester.

Questions from the Senate:

- How are accessibility needs being integrated into the Campus Mobility plan?
 - Student feedback indicated that the University needed to be mindful of the infrastructure on campus (e.g. sidewalks, curb cutouts). The Campus Mobility Plan will be partnering with groups on campus specifically for those infrastructure needs. In addition, a day time mobility service (smaller car) will be deployed,

allowing a scheduled ride service to get to places on campus where large transit vehicles would not be going.

- Is there a possibility of creating a transit route for athletes who go to the boathouse?
 - Yes, it is a possibility.

2. Fall 2020 Mental Health Resources: Allen Liu (10 minutes)

- All appointments, even for on-campus students, are conducted via telehealth.
- All telehealth appointments are covered through November 30, 2020.
- Outreach counselors are holding weekly walk-in hours in which students can drop in with a zoom link.
- Group sessions for affinity groups are being held over Zoom.
- Additional CPS resources, such as Kognito and workshops, have been made available.

3. Vice President, U-Councilor, and Class of 2021 Senator Appointments

a. Vice President: Ashwin Mahadevan '22

Hi everyone! My name is Ashwin Mahadevan, and I am a junior from Marlton, NJ in the School of Public and International Affairs with certificates in South Asian Studies and the History and the Practice of Diplomacy! On campus, I serve as an RCA in Rocky College, sing with the Princeton University Glee Club and Chamber Choir, and am also an Orange Key Tour guide. I am beyond excited to begin serving as USG VP and to begin helping USG better our school by advocating on behalf of the student body. In my mind, USG is in an incredibly unique position to effect change in the Princeton community, and I can't wait to be a part of this work!

Votes

- Yes: 18
- Abstain: 0
- No: 0

b. U-Councilor: Vian Wagatsuma '23

My name is Vian Wagatsuma, and I'm from New York City. I'm a rising sophomore intending to concentrate in anthropology, and I'm also on the pre-med track. I am looking forward to serving in the role of U-Councilor because of the flexibility of the position: not only will I be working with the community, but I will also be taking part to ensure that the entirety of campus allows for an enriching and powerful Princeton experience, especially with this semester being entirely remote. I understand that the lack of physical interactions and constantly being on zoom can be quite taxing on the mental health of our community, and it is my hope to be able to find ways to alleviate such stress and encourage the forming and budding of meaningful relationships.

c. Class of 2021 Senator: Jason Qu '21

Jason Qu is a senior from Vancouver, Canada, and is majoring in the Department of German. As a USG Class Senator, Jason is looking forward to representing the needs and interests of students coming from abroad and majoring in under-represented fields and disciplines, such as the humanities. Jason especially wants to focus on institutional support that could be provided to international students concerning work authorization in the US, as well as new and innovative ways of funding and assisting independent work projects, given the demands and challenges of a virtual semester. More broadly, Jason hopes to use his position to strengthen the bonds that tie our campus community together, especially during this unconventional and challenging year.

Votes

- Yes: 19
- Abstain: 0
- No: 0

4. SGRC Chairs Appointment

d. Lehman Montgomery '22

Hi everyone! My name is Lehman and I'm a junior from Williamsburg, Virginia and a Politics concentrator. As the Co-Chair of SGRC, I work to help students bring their niches alive and find their homes at Princeton. Outside of USG, I serve as a Peer Health Advisor, Orange Key Tour Guide, and Student Ambassador for the Office of Admission. Feel free to reach out to me whenever at lehmanm@princeton.edu

e. Saran Toure '22

My name is Saran Toure and I am a junior in the Politics department hoping to get certificates in French language, African American Studies and Statistics, and Machine Learning. On campus, I'm a PAA in Butler College and an intern at the Carl A. Fields Center. I'm very involved in many of the CAF programs like the mentorship program and the Fields Fellows program. And I'm very excited to be a part of the SGRC this year!

Votes

- Yes: 18
- Abstain: 0
- No: 0