

Princeton USG Senate
Meeting 1
February 9, 2020
7:00 Lewis Library 138



Introduction

1. Question and Answer Session (15 minutes)
2. President's Report (5 minutes)

New Business

1. Mission, Vision, and Priorities (10 minutes)
 2. Honor Committee Internal Referenda: Dina Kuttub and Camille Moeckel (10 minutes)
 3. U-Council Chair Elections (25 minutes)
 4. USG Budget Proposal: Rachel Hazan (5 mins)
 5. SGRC Club Presentation: Lutfah Subair and Emma Parish (5 minutes)
 6. Task Force Proposals (5 minutes/task force)
 7. The Future of Co-ops and Independents at Princeton: Claire Wayner (5 minutes)
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Consent Agenda

1. Communications Confirmations
 - a. Hannah Kapoor '23
 - i. Hi there! My name is Hannah Kapoor and I'm a freshman who grew up in South Florida, though nowadays you can find me in the Los Angeles area. I'm a prospective concentrator at The Woodrow Wilson School with a certificate in Journalism. In addition to USG, I'm involved with the PACE center, Princeton Women in Entrepreneurship, and Princeton Bhangra. It is my honor to serve as Director of Communications for the upcoming term where I hope to advance outreach, transparency, and student engagement with USG.
2. U-Council Confirmations
 - a. Sarah Elkordy '21
 - i. Hi everyone! My name is Sarah Elkordy, and I am a Junior Woodrow Wilson/pre-medicine concentrator from northern New Jersey. I decided to run for U-Councilor for this spring term because I am passionate about advocacy, representation, and diversity and inclusion, and on this campus, I hope to help represent PIXR and the First-generation low-income, or FLi, communities through my position in USG. Specifically, I would love

to run initiatives to help better integrate the FLi community into campus, as well as start building a stronger connection between PIXR and USG/other campus administrations. Even though I have never been involved in Princeton's student government before, I'm very excited to use this role to help others feel understood, included, and heard in our community and help foster a better community for our current students and the students of the future.

b. Juan Nova '23

- i. Hello, my name is Juan Nova and I'm a freshman from Winter Park, Florida. I'm a Woodywoo major seeking a certificate in History and the Practice of Diplomacy. Student Government has always been a passion of mine, even from when I was in elementary school. Being able to foster a good environment for my fellow students and ensuring that their year is the best it can be brings joy to me and I'm blessed to be a part of it this year. I applied to the U-Councilor position knowing that it would allow me to seek improvements in the life of the student body and to ensure that their concerns are being properly addressed. I'm very excited to see what this year has in store for us and plan to make the most of it by getting to work with the amazing people in this organization.

c. Riley Martinez '23

- i. Hello everyone! I'm Riley. I'm from the suburbs of Salt Lake City, Utah and will probably end up majoring in either politics or the Woodrow Wilson school. The reason that I initially gravitated towards this position is because a large part of my life revolves around service. Whereas I believe that service in the form of civic representation is one of the most important. Thus, I'm super excited to bring my unique background and interests to this platform and getting the opportunity to get to work with you and get to know all of you better throughout the year. Thanks!

d. Sahil Jain '23

- i. I'm from San Jose, California, looking to major in COS. I'm very excited about USG because it gives me the chance to interact and engage with our wonderful student body, create and support change, and be part of a great team!

e. Julia Garrafa '23

- i. Hi all! I'm Julia, a first-year from central Jersey intending to major in Molecular Biology with Gender Studies and GHP certificates. I am so excited to be serving as a U-Councilor and working as a representative of the student body this spring! My main goal for my term is to create programs which promote open dialogue about mental health on campus in

order to decrease the stigma and obstacles associated with seeking treatment. On campus, I am a part of the Princeton University Band and Child's Play Improv Comedy and I was deeply involved with student government throughout high school.

3. Senator Confirmations

a. Jacob Gerrish '21

- i. Hi! I'm a junior from Bethesda, Maryland who's concentrating in Public Policy/International Relations and pursuing a certificate in History and the Practice of Diplomacy. I also work with the Alcohol Initiative Committee and Princeton's speculative fiction magazine Figments on campus. I can't wait to represent the Class of 2021 in the Senate and help improve the Princeton experience for all students throughout their four years here. And I'm also just really excited to participate in USG from the other side, as I've previously reported on the weekly Senate meetings for the 'Prince' pretty regularly since my freshman fall.

b. Tom Salotti '21

- i. My name is Tom Salotti and I'm a junior from Arlington, Virginia. I'm majoring in anthropology with certificates in entrepreneurship and journalism, and I'm honored to be selected to serve as a senator for the Great Class of 2021. I applied to represent the interests of my class and the school as a whole and am excited to work with other members to make this campus an even better place.

c. Brad Phelps '22

- i. I ran for my position last year because I wanted to help improve my class's experience at Princeton. When the application opened, I was excited for another chance at the opportunity. This year, I want to look at the University's dining options and address inequities in off-campus dining. I am an intended history major. My hometown is Lyons, Oregon.

4. Sustainability Chair Confirmation

a. Claire Waynor '22, Sustainability Chair

- i. I am a sophomore from Baltimore, Maryland, studying Civil & Environmental Engineering with certificates in Sustainable Energy, Urban Studies, and Environmental Studies. I am looking forward to joining USG as the first Sustainability Chair after my work last semester as a U-Councilor on the referendum that created the Sustainability Committee. It's especially exciting for me to get to draft the committee's charter, set its priorities and long-term mission, and establish it as a critical presence among the sustainability community on campus.

5. Executive Secretary Confirmation

- a. Josephine Kim '23
 - i. Hi everyone! My name is Josephine and I will be serving as the Executive Secretary for USG during this spring semester. I am a prospective Politics or English major. I grew up in Seattle, Washington, and I believe that the west coast is the best coast. I am committed to bringing my organizational skills to USG and helping projects run as smoothly as possible. I am excited about joining USG because it works to better campus life for all students and promotes inclusivity and accessibility for all. In addition to USG, I am involved with the Princeton Debate Panel as well as the Princeton Asylum Project.
6. Website Manager Confirmation
 - a. Ceon Sun '23
 - i. Hi Princeton! I'm Ceon, a freshman from Jackson, New Jersey, where I am a firm believer Central Jersey exists. I'm planning on concentrating in molecular biology, but I am still trying out different subjects. This is my first time being part of student government, and I look forward to beginning my involvement with USG by updating and maintaining the website this year. Outside of USG, I staff and work on the e-board of Princeton Model Congress and I'm involved in the James Madison Program.
7. Alumni Affairs Confirmation
 - a. Katya Kopach '22
 - i. My name is Katya and I am a sophomore from Bucks County, Pennsylvania planning to major in Philosophy or Politics. Since coming to Princeton, I have looked for ways to become involved in USG. This year, I will be serving as Alumni Affairs chair and cannot wait to help form new connections between alumni and current students! Outside of USG, I am a Program Manager for PSEC (Princeton Student Events Committee), Director of Programs for UNA-USA, Deputy/Communications Chair for the Whitman College Council, and a writer for Arch & Arrow.
8. Diversity and Equity Confirmation
 - a. Kevin Martinez '22
 - i. Hi everyone! My name is Kevin Martinez, and I'm the Diversity and Equity chair. I was born in Jersey City, which is the #1 most diverse city in the country. Living there gave me a unique experience in diversity, and I hope to bring that perspective to campus. As a first-year, I'm looking to go into the Woody Woo school, and considering a certificate in Latin American Studies. Before Princeton, I was in Student Government, and I'm really excited to continue serving the student body.

9. Historian Confirmation

a. Austin Davis '23

- i. Hey everyone! I'm Austin Davis, a first-year student from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Currently, I am a prospective History major who is extremely interested in both the Urban Studies and Ethnographic Studies certificates. Outside of academics, I am a member of Princeton Quizbowl, member of SIFP, a future Matriculate advisor, and a library assistant in Digital Mapping & GIS at Lewis Library. Anyhow, my love for history has been a constant in my own life, driving me to look into opportunities that use history to leave some impact on the greater world itself. Given the Historian's role as not only an archivist but a researcher, I was (and continue to be!) really overjoyed to take on a role that perfectly blends history with on-campus action that will directly impact the greater Princeton community. Going forward, I am excited to archive, research, and share the various proposals of USG past, present, and future with everyone.

10. Parliamentarian Confirmation

a. Katie Liu' 23

- i. I'm a first year from New Jersey planning on concentrating on philosophy with a certificate in Values and Public Life. I am also on the Princeton Mock Trial team, and I enjoy swimming in my free time. I decided to apply to be the USG parliamentarian after speaking with various members of USG and realizing how important and fascinating the Constitution is. I'm very excited to join USG, meet new people, and help contribute in whatever way to the mission of USG!

11. MHI Confirmation

a. Richard Yang '22

- i. Richard is a sophomore from Raleigh, North Carolina majoring in psychology. He joined MHI last year to promote mental health resources and reduce stigma around campus. Because of his own personal connection with mental health, he hopes to reach out to students who need help on campus. He looks forward to planning events throughout the academic year, such as Mental Health Week, to get students the resources they need.

b. Ella Whitfield '21

- i. My name is Ella, and I am super excited to be a co-chair for the Mental Health Initiative this coming year! I have been a part of MHI for the past year-and-a-half, and have loved being part of the important work that the initiative does involving advocacy, education, and support of students'

mental health at Princeton. We are looking forward to putting on events for another great Mental Health Week coming up the first week of March!

Chartstrings/Fund Codes		Spring 2020	Comments
		\$ 228,412.03	\$219,200.50 from student fees, \$8911.53 Surplus from F-19
GENERAL SUBTOTAL (15184)	ELECTIONS		
	Election Runner	\$ 1,200.00	
	Candidate Reimbursements	\$ 500.00	
	ACADEMICS		
	General Expenses	\$ 500.00	
	CCA		
	Communiversity	\$ 1,000.00	~\$4,000 surplus from last year
	General Expenses	\$ 500.00	
	DIV & EQUITY		
	General Expenses	\$ 500.00	
	Tiger Apps		
	Domain, Server, Service Subscriptions	\$ 1,400.00	
AN159	MHI		
	Mental Health Week	\$ -	\$5000 surplus from last year, no new allocation needed
	General Expenses	\$ 500.00	
	PPP		
	General Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	
	USLC		
	Free Fitness Classes	\$ 1,700.00	
	General Expenses	\$ 500.00	
UG Sctd Gov - Proj Brd (15453)	Projects Board	\$ 45,000.00	
UG205	Movies	\$ 22,000.00	
	Semester Budget	\$ 22,000.00	
	Senate Training	\$ 960.00	
	General Expenses	\$ 960.00	
	Senate Activities	\$ 2,000.00	
	General Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	
SENATE PROJECTS	Task Forces	\$ 2,000.00	Discretionary Fund for Task Forces to pull from
	Student Body Events	\$ 3,000.00	
	Yardparties	\$ 3,000.00	
	First day of School Bagels	\$ 980.00	
OFFICE ALLOCATION (15458)			
	Copier Charges	\$ 3,500.00	
	Misc	\$ 50.00	
	Office Worker Salaries	\$ 5,000.00	
	Coffee	\$ 1,000.00	
	Paper	\$ 250.00	
	Water Cooler Rental/Water Jugs	\$ 290.00	
SOCIAL ALLOCATION (15454)	Social Committee		
UG243	Lawparties	\$ 100,000.00	
UG244	Dean's Date	\$ 7,000.00	
	TOTAL ALLOCATION	\$ 202,330.00	
	EXPECTED LEFTOVER	\$ 26,082.03	For projects as they come up throughout the semester

SGRC Approved Clubs

1. Princeton South Asian Progressive Alliance

The Princeton South Asian Progressive Alliance proclaims that it has been founded and is dedicated to promote and encourage, amongst its members:

- The spirit of free speech and expression and the principle of social justice regarding events happening in South Asia.
- The creation of an environment of critical dialogue and discussion of diverse perspectives on issues pertaining, but not limited to, social, political, and economic changes taking place in South Asia and its diaspora, broadly defined.
- The generation of awareness among the broader Princeton community, including the local town community, based on factually verified information, regarding events happening in South Asia.
- The development of a stronger political conscience, through a multitude of events focused on the sociopolitical dimensions and the political economy of South Asia.

2. First Love

The First Love proclaims that it has been founded and is dedicated to promote and encourage, amongst its members:

Outreach opportunities to expose students to the compelling knowledge of Jesus Christ. The organization's goal is to conduct outreach projects that make efforts to receive students from all walks of life and all religious backgrounds. First Love is dedicated to building relationships with students as well as making connections with other organizations in order to help students gain and develop a relationship with God.

3. P's in a Pod

The "P's in a Pod" Podcast proclaims that it has been founded and is dedicated to promote and encourage, amongst its members:

A creative outlet that welcomes members to express their ideas.

An environment that strives to continuously learn about podcasts, from its creation to logistics to advertising.

Opportunities to develop leadership, communication, and organization skills.

And, ultimately, the pursuit of one goal – spotlighting the unique and diverse interests of Princeton University students.

Name: Sarah Elkordy

Date: 7 February 2020

Title: Community Dining Task Force Proposal



Description and Objectives

The Community Dining Task Force would have one main objective: to collaborate with campus and non-campus food vendors (such as Cafe Vivian, Qdoba, Frutta Bowls, Starbucks) as well as Dean Gonzalez in the SIFP office in order to give FLi students more eating options off campus.

Background Information

First-generation, low-income students have become an increasingly larger group on campus, and this number only continues to grow year after year. Integration of FLi students to campus life has been a continuous working goal of the university, with the implementation of faculty programs such as FSI and SIFP and student groups like FLiC to try and achieve such. However, barriers still exist for FLi students on campus, specifically in the face of leaving campus but having no personal funds to do such. FLi students therefore have less off-campus options for food and drink, potentially alienating them from their non-FLi peers and reducing their potential to have some well-deserved time off-campus. This initiative would work against that barrier, giving access to off-campus resources for FLi students and helping them better integrate into campus life and enjoy their college experience. It would include giving some stipend to FLi students through private donors and collaboration with the SIFP office at the beginning of each semester to be spent specifically on off-campus dining options.

Potential Activities, Deliverables and Timeline

There are a few key steps and goals needed for this task force, as described below:

- Establish working connections with the chosen eating options and discuss feasibility of the designated currency system between their establishment and the university.
- Collaborate with the SIFP office under supervision from Dean Gonzalez to establish a donor funded currency system to be allotted as stipends to FLi students.
- Think of longer-term point systems that can exist for the entire student body through Dining or Undergraduate Student Life.

Funding Allocation Request

Private donors/funding would need to be acquired, which can be further mapped out through the task force.

Name: Jacob Gerrish
Date: February 7, 2020
Study Abroad Task Force Proposal



Description and Objectives

The Study Abroad Task Force aims to: (1) discover why few students pursue study abroad opportunities during the academic year and address any barriers as such; (2) construct a closer relationship between the Office of International Programs (OIP) and the Senate; and (3) better promote study abroad programs to the student body.

Background Information

Princeton trails several of its peers with respect to study abroad rates amongst its student body during the academic year, and even including summer opportunities like IIP and global seminars, only 697 out of 5,267 students (~13%) studied abroad in 2018-19. Despite these low figures, a semester or two abroad could offer the chance to enhance one's independence, learn more about foreign cultures, and just provide a break from the taxing workload of Princeton.

Potential Activities, Deliverables and Timeline

The Study Abroad Task Force will seek to carry out the following initiatives in cooperation with OIP:

- Collect student feedback on difficulties related to applying for and accepting places in study abroad programs and provide a report on academic obstacles to the Academics Committee
- Establish stronger ties to OIP's cadre of Global Ambassadors and coordinate with the Global Ambassadors on publicizing the Study Abroad Fair
- Advise and work with OIP to modernize and streamline the Global Programs System (GPS) through which students apply to IIP, global seminar, and semester/academic year study abroad programs
- Collaborate with OIP to publish materials to guide students through the process of talking with departmental representatives and completing the Course Approval Form prior to studying abroad

Funding Allocation Request

N/A

Name: Juan Nova

Date: February 4, 2019

Title: Town Hall Task Force Proposal



Description and Objectives

The Town Hall Task Force seeks to reinforce and fulfill USG's role as a mediator between the student body and administration. It aims to take the responsibilities of the Transparency Task Force in a different direction by allowing students to directly express concerns/points of confusion to administration and USG representatives alike.

Background Information

The existing Transparency Task Force has already made great strides to help share the inner workings of USG to students to foster a relationship of trust between the two parties. These efforts, however, are limited as many students are still ignorant or uninformed to the functions, roles, and capabilities of USG and the administration. Giving students the means to understand these aspects of USG and express concerns directly to representatives will instill a sense of initiative within students and give them the tools they need to help USG as an organization, better balance the needs of students and administration.

Potential Activities, Deliverables and Timeline

This task force will focus primarily on clearing up confusion surrounding USG and promoting student initiative in addressing concerns. This can be addressed through a few approaches:

- An approach this task force will take is the establishment of monthly Town Hall meetings.
 - Present at the meetings will be a board of USG representatives (President or VP, special chairs, other USG members), an administrator (to be determined), and plenty of opportunities for student comments.
 - USG will give a standard report, a state of its own affairs, along with said administrator, then students will be given time to express concerns to either the administrator or USG representatives.
 - The Town Hall may have both a general period for discussion as well as a structured discussion around a topic of this interest.

Funding Allocation Request

N/A as of now. Possibly necessary for renting out a small venue once a month.

Name: Adhitya Raghavan
Date: February 5, 2020
Title: Transparency task force proposal



Description and Objectives

The transparency task force is mainly focused on making the USG more accessible to the general student body. Getting more students involved in the meetings and USG is one of the main objectives of this task force. Another goal is to make people understand the impact USG has on our community and change the stereotypical view people currently have

Background Information

This task force was part of USG the previous semester and had a really positive feedback. Watching people learn and engage during the office hours in Frist made me realize the importance of this task force. While creating change is important, communicating that change is equally important and that is what the committee is all about.

Potential Activities, Deliverables and Timeline

Continuing the weekly office hours started last semester by Andres. Building upon this task force would love to have a social media presence and rebrand the USG. In addition, want to create and raise awareness on what the USG has done so far especially changes that people can see and are directly impacted by.

Funding Allocation Request

As needed, none at the moment

Name: Allen Liu
Date: February 6, 2020
Title: Mental Health Task Force



Description and Objectives

We will continue the work, in partnership with Letters to Strangers (L2S), that we began during the first semester on creating a mental health resources guide and condensed graphic. Additionally, we will work on a number of other projects, to be determined by task force members, that potentially include restructuring of emergency funding and Mental Health Week.

Background Information

The mental health task force launched in fall 2019 with the primary goal of improving access to information on mental health resources on and off-campus. Since last semester, we have compiled information about on-campus counseling, off-campus treatment, funding, and peer support, have created a graphic summarizing the most important information on these resources, and are designing a complete guide in partnership with Letters to Strangers (L2S). Our goal this semester is to publish the completed guide and graphic and work on policy issues, particularly those related to funding and access.

Potential Activities, Deliverables and Timeline

Timeline for the mental health guide and graphic:

- Week of February 10: Create a draft of the guide from the templates; run the graphic by Dr. Chin and other stakeholders/advisors (PHAs, residential college staff) and start contacting different spaces on campus about publishing the graphic
- Week of February 17: Run the draft of the guide by Dr. Chin and other stakeholders and finalize the graphic; determine how and where to publish the guide
- Week of February 24: Publish guide; organize potential publicity activities such as tabling this week

After the guide is published, we will focus on other policy initiatives, TBD by the task force members and will set an appropriate timeline for these projects.

Funding Allocation Request

N/A

Name: Bradley Phelps

Date: 2/6/2020

Community Dining Task Force



Description and Objectives

The Community Dining Task Force's goals are: 1) research other university dining plans that include community restaurants, 2) work with the city and the business community to develop a plan for a similar program at Princeton, and 3) to open up community dining options to the students. The mission of this task force is to reduce inequities among students and strengthen the Princeton community across Fitzrandolph Gate.

Background Information

The University requires undergraduates to stay on the full meal plan for their first and second years. The options on that plan include late meal options and the dining halls. At other universities, the premium dining plans are less expensive, and many include a stipend to be spent on cafes on and around campus. At Princeton, Nassau Street is often the most convenient dining option for students in between classes or studies and is seen as a welcome change for students who are tired of the dining hall options. However, some cannot afford this luxury. The inequity of means hurts the strength of Princeton's on-campus community. The University already allocates monetary value to our prox ID cards for late meal, and the business community is willing to invest in equipment to make community dining options accessible. This task force will look at existing programs at other universities, and work with the mayor, business community, and University to develop a plan that achieves the goals of the Dining Services while reducing campus inequities.

Potential Activities, Deliverables and Timeline

This task force will need an understanding of Dining Services's goals and the community before starting its work; this will begin with possible meetings with VP Klaus, Kristin Appelget (Director of Community and Regional Affairs), Mayor Lempert, and Jack Morrison. Following that is a tentative schedule.

- Speak with OIT about current infrastructure and what would be required of the community to adopt the program.
- Research and contact other Universities with similar programs to figure out their payment structure and systems. Investigate differences of infrastructure between Princeton and universities with these programs. What would the cost of adoption be?
- Compare costs across meal plans and the proposal. Develop figures and statistics relating both to the Dining Services's budget and potential for the community.
- Create a whitepaper and presentation to pitch to the Princeton Merchants Association.
- Gauge interest in the business community. Use response to propose program adoption

within the next two to five years.

Funding Allocation Request

N/A