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- Anthony Monroe, Executive Secretary, Present
- Max Ramage, Attorney General, Present
- Joyce Zhang, Director of Finance, Present
- Director of University Affairs, Vacant
- Nicole Stantial, Director of Operations, Present
- Abby Leinroth, Director of Advocacy, Present
- Amy King, Co-Director of Student Life, Present
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- Hannah McMillan, Director of Community Outreach, Present
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- Niba Nirmal, Director of Communications, Present

Special Guest Attendance:
- Seaver Wang, Nicholas School Student

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18:30-18:35 Call to Order, Emily Phillips Longley
- General welcome and overview of meeting structure commenced at 18:32.

18:35-18:40 Approval of February 12th, 2019 Meeting Minutes, Emily Phillips Longley

MOTION by Jay Lusk of Medicine to approve minutes from the February 12th, 2019 General Assembly Meeting. Seconded by Aliesha O’Raw of Biomedical Engineering. Vote initiated for approval (76 votes in favor, 0 abstention, 0 oppositions), motion passes unanimously.

18:36-18:50 Pilot Student Group Funding Program Proposal, Joyce Zhang
I) Pilot Program, Byron Hayes
   A) Details
      i) Proposing two short funding cycles, each two weeks long, in hopes that we can distribute more funds.
      ii) Two options include making changes to the bylaw, or open up to more funding cycles.
      iii) Since we only have 2 GA meetings, it is hard to change the bylaws accordingly.
      iv) This will be a little bit of a faster pace compared to other funding cycles.
      v) First cycle will begin tonight and run until March 12th, 2nd will be March 12-26th.
      vi) Review will happen at the next GA meeting for the first cycle.
      vii) We will also survey questions about food funding to gather information accordingly.
viii) We also want to discuss potentially changing our funding structure from only reviewing applications twice a year versus rolling cycles.

B) Questions

i) Jeff Lasser: ECE: Is this asking for new requests or reevaluate the requests that were denied.

ii) Joyce Zhang, Director of Finance: They need to submit a new application. One of the main points of this, we need some pilot session for leftover funds accordingly. We want to see during the two short pilot cycles, so we want to collect data accordingly. We want to get some kind of insight how student groups will request funding from us. We will need to propose next years budget, and we may need to do some Bylaw changes to be presented accordingly.

iii) Jessie, EOS: Previous app, we cannot allow food in previous app, but now you are allowing food?

iv) Byron: Keeping it the same in terms of rules, difference is that we are polling so we can get info for it but will not be funded.

v) Xanne Miggelbrink, Immunology: Wondering about the funding window, are you afraid that you are missing the people who are applying typically earlier and that the data may be skewed.

vi) Joyce: The student group funding, are you asking for the actual student groups you may miss the requests for the funding cycle? This is a polling, but yes you might miss accordingly. We can stipulate that we plan on making changes.

vii) Jeff Lasser: ECE: Why waste the time, and just try a survey versus a funding requests.

viii) Joyce: survey may take more time than just submitting a regular app. Pilot will have a standard question that people can answer.

ix) Jeff Lasser: How do you account for the groups who won’t put in the requests.

x) Max Ramage: This is just a reminder we need to entertain a motion to approve these two funding cycles.

xi) Byron: Good point, we cannot make people go through the process, then you would have to submit an empty application with suggested for food items. We can also suggest that people can directly email someone on the finance committee and letting them know about their interest in requesting food items.

xii) Jeff: As long as groups know it is an option.

MOTION by Jessica Covil of English to approve the two additional funding cycles. Seconded by Jay Lusk of Medicine. Discussion commences.

MOTION to CALL TO QUESTION and end discussion on approving funding cycles by Jay Lusk of Medicine. Seconded by Alesha O’Raw of Biomedical Engineering. Vote commenced (76 votes in favor, 0 oppositions, 0 abstentions). Motion Passes. Move to vote.

Vote commenced on original motion (76 votes in favor, 0 oppositions, 0 abstentions) motion passes.
18:51-19:40 Executive Committee Elections, Max Ramage & Anthony Monroe

I) President
   A) Anthony Monroe

* Second year MBA/PhD Dual degree.
* Currently the Executive Secretary for GPSC.
* Passionate about Diversity and inclusion efforts with regard to LGBTQ community in science.
* Really loves GPSC, all it can do, and wants to lead as President next year!

Anthony Monroe

* Programs Coordinator for oSTEM@Duke.
* Intern for Biogen Diversity and Inclusion working on an LGBTQ experience summit for 2021.
* IMPACTS volunteer for Science Education.
* Member of the Inclusivity Task Force of GPSC.
* Executive Secretary for GPSC 2018-2019:
  1. Seated 128 representative seats
  2. Always had the minutes out on time
  3. Contributed input at the exec meetings when possible
  4. Really tried hard to learn everyone’s name
i) Working on exec has shown what it takes to run GPSC and be a great member of a team – wants to leverage that as president

ii) Many leadership positions – oSTEM, intern for biogen, teaching kids with outreach

iii) Many leadership positions with impacts on LGBTQ community and inclusivity overall

iv) GPSC exec role is to support the GA, that is the ultimate power of GPSC

v) Wants to build collaborations across schools, empower the GA

vi) Questions:

  a) Ethan Rex, Public Policy: 1 major change improvement to the GPSC?

  b) Anthony Monroe, Executive secretary: build relationship between exec and GA and build relationships across schools, wants to actually use the resources from different schools to come together to solve issues at Duke Health

  c) Krishni Metivier, Religious Studies: what do you envision for the trajectory of the inclusivity task forces and hate and bias task force?

  d) Anthony: how to combine the task force (technically temporary) and collaborate and make part of diversity committee, cohabit committees and merge with existing committees to continue their work and to see what needs to be done in a more permanent fashion, these issues at Duke aren’t going away

vii) No other nominations for President

B) Discussion:

  i) Jay Lusk of Medicine: Anthony’s great, move to call the question.

**MOTION** to CALL TO QUESTION and end discussion on Presidential Candidate by Jay Lusk of Medicine. Seconded by Jessica Covil of English. Vote commenced (78 votes in favor, 0 oppositions, 0 abstentions). Motion Passes.

Balloted Voting for Presidential Position Commences

**Anthony Monroe voted GPSC President for 2019-2020 Academic Year!**
II) Vice President
   A) Alyssa Florwick
What I offer:

- Management experience
- Community engagement
- Broad thinking

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Prior management experience

• Deputy Program Director of the flagship Sunday program (32 yrs).

• Oversaw and trained 14 staff plus volunteers.

• Kept it all running smoothly

Providing Programs for Those with Developmental Disabilities

PCR works with other groups to launch dollar programs.

Alpaca Fairview, deputy executive director for Potomac Community Resources, with a PCR member. Photo credit: J. Wyan

Potomac Almanac

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Committed to community engagement

At the university level: GPSC Task Force, departmental committee, certificate in teaching, career development programming, various student groups

At the community level: (Baltimore) Johns Hopkins Idea Lab, services for displaced people, symposium "Celebrating Diversity" (Durham) grade school tutoring, Durham Rescue Mission

I love networking and understanding my community!
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Broad set of experiences

Community college → AS Life Sciences, AFA Studio Art

4-year university → BS Biochemistry, interdisciplinary certificate

At Duke → involved in cross departmental groups

What I offer:

• Management experience
  • Over 10 years

• Community engagement
  • Substantial motivation for this position

• Broad thinking
  • Various experiences and cross-disciplinary training

• Also quite addicted to email and obsessively planning
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Alyssa Florwick for VP

i) 2nd year PhD student in the cell and molecular biology program, and associated with biochemistry
ii) Management experience
iii) In charge of keeping up with the committees: obsession with emails and organizing, and I have great experience with managing people.
iv) Managed 14 people in the Potamac Almanac program day to day.
v) Talking with people about different training issues,
vii) Ran the program by herself for a substantial period.
ix) Wants to up community engagement
x) Task Force for Inclusiveness, advocating for students in her program. Involved in the durham community, and loves knowing resources and people.
xii) Q&A

a) Emma Dolan, PCB: finish what you were going to say.
   1) Alyssa Florwick, CMB: Experience at the community college level, and food positions, and interested in how humanities tie in with the sciences.
b) Regan Fink of the Nicholas School: What is one big thing you would like to see improved or changed here in GPSC?
   1) Alyssa: Bringing forward the commitment to engage with the GA to bring about change into the next year, and staying committed to building ties with the administration.
c) Jay Lusk of Medicine: What efforts would you take to hear the broader voice of the greater GA in terms of hearing things across the schools?
   1) Alyssa: Insight from other GA reps, and seeing the reservoir of other speakers to draw from, as well as surveying what GA members would like to see in the GA.

B) Zachary Smothers
i) See slides
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Why I Want to be GPSC Vice President

- I love working to make others more successful in their roles
- I want to branch out beyond the School of Medicine
- I have a passion for advocating and feel students deserve this
- Duke and its students have changed my life. I want to give back

- Created resource cards for every county in NC for substance users to find the nearest treatment
- Organized local law enforcement to interact with Duke students regarding policing policies
- Mentor "non-traditional" pre-med student
- Executive committee member for Duke Med Interfaith
- Former Bass Connections Graduate Student Council Chair
- American Fam Society Disparities Committee Member

Overall Goals

- Duke has given me so many opportunities, I want to make sure ALL people have access to those same opportunities
- I want to help students on their journey to engage in their passion
- We as students are often disconnected from one another, I want to help bring us together
C) Discussion
   a) Emma Dolan: He is not even here to speak for 5 mins for the position, risky to elect him.
   b) Heer Majithia, MEMS: VP is tasked not only with managing meeting, but also making the powerpoints, and Alyssa’s powerpoint was ugly and she was unable to finish her speech.
   c) Iman Hamid, Genetics and Genomics: I know Alyssa personally, she is involved in the community and in Diversity & Inclusion, and is a former art major so she does know how to make great slides.
   d) Chizoba Nwankwo, CRTP: Zach is currently a 2nd year, and most likely wasn’t able to come because of being held up in the clinic, but next year, he will be a 3rd year, which is our research year, and he will most likely have a lot more time to devote to GPSC.
   e) Bobby Harris, Environmental Policy: If anyone has worked with or knows Zach, can you speak accordingly to his ability?
   f) Erika Dennis, ABSN: Zach is pretty instrumental in the Durham community, particularly in advocacy programs, and Zach was one of the first group of folks for getting outreach programs running.

Discussion time ended. Proceeded to vote per ballots.

**Alyssa Florwick voted GPSC Vice President for 2019-2020 Academic Year!**

III) Attorney General
   A) Abby Leinroth, nominated by Niba Nirmal
      i) She is passionate about making sure she can accurately represent the rules of order, and doesn’t mind reading long documents about Robert’s Rules.
      ii) Would love to continue on the executive committee and see the Attorney General Position as a way to do so.
   iii) Q&A
      a) Emma Dolan: Would you consider not using Robert’s Rules and find a system that may work better?
         1) Abby Leinroth, Director of Advocacy: I think Robert’s Rules actually do function well, we just need better education about the process. Very pro using visual aids to make Robert’s Rules much easier.
      b) Ethan Rex: Do you have prior experience with Robert and his rules?
      c) Major experiences has been through GPSC, to which I was a rep for 2 years and one the executive committee for 1.
      d) Kyle Gartrell, Economics: Thoughts on the thunderdome?
         1) Note: This was a joke.
      e) Jay Lusk of Medicine: Position on electronic voting for elections and motions?
         1) Abby: This year exec has discussed, and I think it has promise as long as we have qualtrics forms accordingly. We would need a large financial input to get a clicker system, or more info on qualtrics.
Regan Fink: Were you interested in the position beforehand?

Abby: Advocacy and Attorney General both involve a lot of work accordingly, and I was definitely interested, but wanted to have room in case others wanted to run for positions.

B) Fahdah Alshaikh
   i) Received no information

C) Discussion
   i) Jessica Covil: Worked with Abby on Task force, she is driven, and has always kept in mind what it means to be an executive committee member, and she would be able to allow maximum input within her role as attorney general.

MOTION to CALL TO QUESTION and end discussion on Attorney General Candidates by Heer Majithia of MEMS. Seconded by Ethan Rex of Public Policy. Vote commenced (78 votes in favor, 0 oppositions, 0 abstentions). Motion Passes.

Balloted Voting for Presidential Position Commences

Abby Leinroth voted GPSC Attorney General for 2019-2020 Academic Year!

IV) Executive Secretary

A) Aliesha O’Raw, nominated by Alyssa Florwick, accepted.
   i) Has only missed only one meeting
   ii) Has been secretary for every other organization she has been apart of/
   iii) Willing to take detailed minutes accordingly.
   iv) Q&A:
       a) Regan: Is there anything you would like to have change about GPSC?
          1) Related to the changes of making voting more transparent, and looking into electronic voting accordingly.

B) Fahdah AlShaikh
   i) No information or comments.

C) Discussion
   i) Jay Lusk: The choice is clear between the two possible candidates.

MOTION to CALL TO QUESTION and end discussion on Executive Secretary Candidates by Jay Lusk of Medicine. Seconded by Heer Majithia of MEMS. Vote commenced (78 votes in favor, 0 oppositions, 0 abstentions). Motion Passes.

Balloted Voting for Presidential Position Commences

Aliesha O’Raw voted GPSC Executive Secretary for 2019-2020 Academic Year!

V) Director of Operations

A) No candidates identified.
B) Election has been tabled until next session.
VI) Director of Finance
A) Ashley Tyler
   i) Unfortunately, there was no information provided.
B) Heer Majithia, nominated by Amy king nominated, accepted
   i) 2\textsuperscript{nd} year Phd student in MEMS
   ii) I have been here for every meeting thus far
   iii) I have been President of the materials science society
   iv) VP of Cermaics professional fraternity
   v) Have been in close contact with people who have been working on financial issues.
   vi) I really like working with money, and does taxes and good on the job.
    vii) Q&A
       a) Jason Woerner, Cultural Anthropology: Clarification, you worked closely with people who worked with finances?
          1) Heer: No I was a treasurer.
       b) Chizoba Nwankwo: How large was the budget that you handled?
          1) Heer: Nothing as large as the GPSC budget, only about $20,000.
       c) Joyce Zhang, Director of Finance: What do you think you want to change in the coming year?
          1) Heer: put out a document that clearly outlines our bylaws for funding, having more opportunity for funding requests.
       d) Emma Dolan: There have been a series of traumas that GPSC has seen for finance, in particular referencing a financial scandal from 2 years prior, what would you do to make sure to keep track of all the money to ensure no mishandling?
          1) Heer: Ensuring that only the director of Finance is the only one who can use the Pcard.
C) Discussion:
   i) Maddy Sell, PCB: We are faced with one candidate that we do not know anything about, and the second candidate may not be prepared for the role.
   ii) Jay Lusk: What happens if the majority does not vote.
      a) Max Ramage, Attorney General: If a majority of people vote no confidence, then the position will remain vacant and appointed by the next GPSC President.
   iii) Mary Patrice: Immunology: Are there steps for training the new finance director?
   iv) Joyce Zhang: the position is not only about setting a budget but you are also handling funding for overseeing the executive committee.
   v) Jessica Covil: I looked at Ashley’s Linkedin, and under career, she is interested in investment banking and is earning her MBA at Fuqua. They are involved in things related to finance. No slides sent for her.
   vi) Abby Leinroth, POI: Ashley did come to the meet and greet at the executive committee house and talked about what it means to be the Director of Finance with Joyce and the other members.
MOTION to extend discussion by 2 minutes on Director of Finance Candidates by Jay Lusk of Medicine. Seconded by Emma Dolan of PCB. Vote commenced (84 votes in favor, 0 oppositions, 0 abstentions). Motion Passes. Discussion extended by 2 mins.

i) Jason Woerner: One of the comments made by Heer about someone’s slides was childish and unbecoming of an executive member, and I honestly would not like her to be in any position on the executive committee. What would happen if Ashley Tyler gets a majority but she does not want the positions anymore?
   a) Max Ramage: If Ashley is voted in, and she doesn’t want to accept the role, she just has to resign, then the incoming exec will have to go to the vacancy appointment process.

MOTION to table the voting for Director of Finance until either more information can be presented about the candidates or new candidates volunteer. Seconded by Daniel Puleri of Biomedical Engineering. Vote commenced (84 votes in favor, 0 oppositions, 0 abstentions). Motion Passes. Director of Finance position will be voted on at the next meeting.

19:56-20:14 Resolution on Light Rail Project, Seaver Wang and All
I) Light Rail Resolution, Seaver Wang and Seokmin Kim
   A) Details and Specifics
      i) How duke university is playing a role the light rail project
      ii) Background

a) Proposed several decades ago,
   b) Numerous steps for FDA approval
   c) Federal government needs signature from Duke otherwise the project will not take place.
   iii) Durham-Orange Light Rail project
- Increase access to jobs, affordable housing, esp. for low-income commi.
- Reduce local congestion, avert carbon emissions from automobiles
- Improve access to care
- Promote growth while combating sprawl and gentrification

a) Significantly increase access to affordable houses and homes.
b) Disproportionately affected low income areas accordingly.
c) Durham area residents for what they are most concerned about
d) Improved medical care, UNC and Duke medical center
e) Light rail will promote economic growth.
f) Fight gentrification
g) ¾ of subsidized housing would lie within a 15 min walk of a light rail station

iv) Responses
   a) Durham community leader have been pressuring Duke
   b) State congress people, and could obstruct it fatally
c) Duke is committed to cooperating, and would leave ample room for future negotiations.
v) Effect on Graduate Students
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Duke’s perspective

- Duke has expressed four concerns:
  - Effect of vibration during construction
  - Obstruction of emergency vehicle access
  - EM radiation
  - Surprise demand for $2 billion in insurance to cover potential losses should hospital be affected by construction/operation/accidents

Resolution

A RESOLUTION OF THE DUKE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF COOPERATION FROM DUKE UNIVERSITY ON THE DURHAM-OAKLAND LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT

WHEREAS it has been brought to the attention of the Duke Graduate and Professional Student Council that Duke University and the Duke University Medical Center have taken steps to cooperate with the City of Durham on the Light Rail Transit Project, and

WHEREAS the Duke University Medical Center has expressed its continued commitment to the project's success, and

WHEREAS the Duke Graduate and Professional Student Council is committed to working with Duke University to ensure the project's success,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Duke Graduate and Professional Student Council

1. Supports Duke University's cooperation on the Light Rail Transit Project

2. Calls on Duke University to work proactively with the City of Durham to address any issues that may arise during the construction and operation phases of the project.

B) Resolution:

a) Resolution will emphasize how this would impact the quality of grad students and professional student for generations.

b) Resolution aims to show that GPSC expressed concern that we would be jeopardizing the work over the last decade

c) BOT and Pres should sign the agreement, and work on the agreement accordingly.
A RESOLUTION OF THE DUKE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF COOPERATION FROM DUKE UNIVERSITY ON THE DURHAM-ORANGE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT

WHEREAS it has been brought to the attention of the Duke Graduate and Professional Student Council that Duke University and the Duke University Medical Center have fallen into disagreement with state, local, and community stakeholders regarding the proposed Durham-Orange light rail transit (DOLRT) project and that action by Duke University is necessary for the progress of the project; and

WHEREAS the GPSC has previously heard a presentation by GoTriangle representatives presenting an outline of the Durham-Orange LRT project; and

WHEREAS the GPSC General Assembly then expressed positive sentiments regarding the future impact of the DOLRT upon graduate students and local Durham and Triangle communities; and

ACKNOWLEDGING that Duke and the Duke University Hospital have expressed valid concerns regarding the potential implications of the DOLRT for hospital equipment, operations, and emergency access; and

RECOGNIZING that establishing a cooperative agreement between GoTriangle and Duke University would still leave ample room for additional negotiation between Duke and Go Triangle to resolve concerns raised by the university; and

WHEREAS Durham-area citizens have expressed strong, broad support for the DOLRT project as evidenced by past referenda voting in favor for tax increases to fund improvements to regional transportation; and

CONCERNED that public perceptions that Duke University is the sole stakeholder impeding progress on the DOLRT and has participated in dialogue in poor faith damage the standing of the university, thereby impeding Duke’s educational and societal mission; and

WHEREAS commitment on the part of the university to a cooperative agreement with GoTriangle represents an essential and time-sensitive step to permit the project to successfully secure federal funding, without which the project may be cancelled entirely; and
EMPHASIZING that greater development and investment in public transit is of substantial public interest throughout much of the country in light of the climate crisis as well as deteriorating public infrastructure nationwide; and

CONVINCED that the DOLRT would represent a major positive development for the Triangle region that would increase access to affordable housing, fuel local job growth, increase access to employment, reduce carbon emissions, improve community quality of life, increase the attractiveness of the area to business interests, and enhance the potential for productive educational, research, healthcare, and cultural exchange between Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

BELIEVING that the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit project, once completed, will represent a positive development for graduate students in the Triangle area by enabling more flexible commuting arrangements in the face of rising rental and real estate prices, a shortage of parking supply on campus, and increasing automobile congestion on local highways and roads,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL that:

1) the GPSC expresses its deep concern that failure by Duke to sign a cooperative agreement with GoTriangle would jeopardize the future of the Durham-Orange LRT project and endanger years of effort and significant expense.

2) the GPSC further expresses its support for the Durham-Orange LRT project and urges President Price and university leaders to commit to signing the DOLRT project cooperation agreement by February 28, 2019, and focus on resolving the university’s concerns with the project through open, constructive cooperation and dialogue with involved stakeholders.

C) Discussion:

i) Jeff Lasser, ECE: What are the remaining hesitations for why the university is not signing?
   a) Seaver Wang: Duke University showed concerns: it has been bringing up the concerns periodically and with very little time for response. Duke has acknowledged they have answered their concerns but are still not satisfied. Mainly Emergency access and vibrations have been addressed. Ambulances may be impeded during construction, and we will work on the process of making sure we can do this. EMS department, they have no concerns.

ii) Jeff Lasser, ECEL What concerns, if any, have not been addressed?
   a) Seaver: University asked for 2 billion dollar indemnification policy for ensuring any potential loses. None of the other members involved in the projects requested one. The insurance policy was asked for only 1.5 weeks ago.

iii) Jay Lusk of Medicine: What can we as individual members besides being reps do to make sure they cooperate with this project?
   a) Seaver: We have been making efforts to collect signatures to sign on to a statement, and we can suggest speaking to leadership within the department.
Medical school specific relations, and the problems through the medical school leadership may be helpful. We encourage you to write an oped about the light rail system.

iv) Emma: Can you explain what happens if we do not sign on Thursday.
   a) Seaver: There will be a risk that the light rail does not receive the federal funding. You can call president price’s office and ask that he support the light rail.

v) Han, Medical Physics: President Price has open office hours tomorrow (February 27th, from 11am-12pm: you can talk to president price, and encourage you to sign up for the time accordingly.

**MOTION to CALL TO QUESTION** to end discussion and Vote on passing the Resolution on the Light Rail support by Regan Fink of the Nicholas School. Seconded by Jay Lusk of Medicine. Vote commenced (84 votes in favor, 0 oppositions, 0 abstentions). Motion Passes.

Vote on passing the resolution commenced (65 votes in favor, 0 oppositions, 19 abstentions) motion passes.

**20:15-20:51 Discussion of Bylaw Changes, All**

I) Operational Amendments
A) Young Trustee Screening Committee (YTSC) Amendments
   i) President: Travis Dauwalter (travis.dauwalter@duke.edu)
   ii) Small portion that basically references article 10.
   iii) The YTSC bylaws does not give a lot of direction, and does not give us a lot of ability to check the organization.
   iv) Appointing the YTSC occurs early in the year, and some members do not even know what it is at this point.
   v) Putting more structure into the YTSC. Putting more checks and balances on the committee itself.
   vi) Judicial committee as the main oversight for the YTSC, and judicial committee is also overviewing exec.
   vii) Cementing the announcing of the finalists in the chronicle as well. Want to put a bit more structure right now.
   viii) I think it is also the constituents job to come to you and tell you what they think about the respective candidates.
   ix) Structuring what questions we want to ask the candidates for the chronicle article is also a given.
   x) We are only introducing these amendments, we will vote on them in a future meeting

B) Discussion and Questions
i) Maddy Sell, PCB: Did something happen this year that sparked these changes?
ii) Travis Dauwalter, President: No, Richard Ridell (Secretary of the Board of Trustees) came to me, and wanted us to think about democratizing the process this year. Went to Colleen McCLean, current YTSC Chair, and there have been no complaints.
iii) Samuel Montes, MBS: Secretary had asked you move more toward the popular vote? Would we allow this to happen?
iv) Travis Dauwalter: In conversations with screening committee, popular vote would encourage campaigning among the finalists.

v) Emma Dolan: So there was no complaints or issue this year that prompted the changing of the YTSC bylaws?

vi) Max Ramage: At this time, I am not allowed to answer that question.

vii) Joyce Zhang: For clarification, was there a concern or complaint with this year’s selection process? Please clarify the question that Emma asked.

viii) Max Ramage: Judicial committee affairs must remain confidential for a certain amount of time. Unfortunately I cannot give you a timeline and I am not at liberty to confirm or deny if a complaint was raised.

ix) Donald, Economics: Relevant or governing rules that make it so you cannot comment on these questions?

x) Travis: Unfortunately we have no rules or comments about this process in the bylaws.

xi) Emma Dolan: Can you please point to the bylaw where we can go read that you are not allowed to tell us what is happening.

xii) Max: There is no law that we have to tell you what is happening, nevertheless one that says we have to remain silent. If there were a complaint, hypothetically, an investigation would be carried out and if the investigation were to yield some information, then you would be made aware.

xiii) Emma: Basically, you have admitted that there is an investigation, and this feels like a betrayal of the GA’s trust.

xiv) Max: This is not admitting to this, this is me explaining what the process would be.

xv) Emma: You made the decision for us about the complaint information, and you handled this improperly.

xvi) Travis: Please, if you want someone to blame, please blame me, this is not Max’s or any of the executive committees fault.

xvii) Ethan Rex, Public Policy: There is no robust ways of explaining the interest, but there is no procedural way of bringing that to the GA, and knowing the bylaws that would address. Phrasing: past GA or lack of robust knowledge and there are more remedies for this process.

xviii) Travis: part of it was a timing component, looking into the collection, and last piece is more transparent for the general assembly.

xix) Max: Job of the judicial committee is to investigate charges, it is to collect evidence, and once that evidence is collected, then the judicial committee makes a presentation to the GA.

MOTION by Jason Woerner of Cultural Anthropology to extend discussion for 5 mins. Seconded by Ethan Rex of Public Policy. Vote commenced (71 votes in favor, 0 oppositions, 0 abstentions). Motion Passes. Discussion extended by 5 minutes.

xx) Ethan Rex: if there was investigation and cast doubt on the Young Trustee elections. Would those young trustees stay in office? Also is there a reason this hypothetical complainant would choose to not reveal the complaint?
xxi) Jay Lusk: related to judiciary committee functions. 1) Is the standard procedure is brought anonymous and everything kept anonymous?

xxii) Max: does not go into detail, but when it investigates a complaint against the executive committee, for example, yes.

xxiii) Travis: Hypothetically, because we did not have a curative process in our bylaws, what we did was we reverted to the bylaws for exec removal, and the right to speak in trial and call witnesses on your behalf, and keep.

xxiv) Emma: GA did not have the opportunity to delay the vote accordingly, hypothetically, then we could have decided to how to proceed.

xxv) Travis: I made this choice, and made by the recommendation of the person who brought this forward.

xxvi) Emma: Power has been stripped away and we cannot get it back.

xxvii) Maddy Sell: If there is found that there was a problem about how it was elected, what can we do?

xxviii) Robert Denault: Investigations is hard to rush to judgement, and especially having evidence, trying to understand what you are saying in regards to the fact that the person allowed you to let the process continue without letting the GA know.

xxix) Max: We asked if this was something they wanted to raise, and then they did not respond. You have to test the voracity of the claim, and we were prepared to stop the election, and it was told to us that we did not need to investigate until after it was completed. Complaint appeared so close to the election. The timeline was so close, that even if things were of concern, they would not have been discoverable by the election.

xxx) Emma: Hypothetically we went through with the illegitimate process of the election.

MOTION by Jay Lusk of Medicine to extend discussion for 10 mins. Seconded by Heer Majithia of MEMS. Vote commenced (69 votes in favor, 1 opposition, 1 abstention). Motion Passes. Discussion extended by 10 minutes.

xxx) Max: Was trying to take their consideration into account by not publicly announcing the complaint.

xxxii) Bobby Harris: these amendments that we are seeing tonight, they are aimed at trying to prevent this from happening in the first place correct?

xxxiii) Max and Travis: Yes

xxxiv) Samuel, MBS: Clarify. Proposed amendments, is the stuff highlighted in blue what you are changing.

xxxv) Travis: Yes, any text highlighted in blue. Red text stricken is old language that will be removed accordingly.

xxxvi) Donald, Economics: 1) Proposed amendments, is there anything allowing the GA to be made aware of an investigation accordingly, or reopen nominations. If no, would like to propose this as an addition to the amendments 2) if questions are asked about an investigation or concerns, that the people of the exec or judicial committee must confirm the question.
xxxvii) Ethan Rex: In lieu of those questions, is there a place where judicial committee must tell GA of a complaint?

xxxviii) Max: the accused is offered 3 days time to offer a defense and then the complaint is heard by the GA and each person’s point of view is presented.

xxxix) Travis: they get full discovery

x) Travis: Richard Ridell would know if there is a way to rescind a proposed nominated candidate, however, both the graduate and undergraduate Young Trustees have been approved by the board.

xli) Jay: Talk a little bit about Roberts rules and our bylaws. Prescribed set of rules were the bylaws are insufficient and Robert’s rules of order provides guidance. This assembly to put forth that would select William Brody, and that could be rescinded in open assembly. Whether or not it could apply to the timeline. How does one discipline? Every organization can discipline their committees accordingly. Applaud both of you for handling the situation accordingly, and now is the time for the exec and GA to take this off line and allow us to talk about potential solutions.

xlii) Robert Law: I would like to say, I am reading this and we want them to apply to any young trustee screening committee and YT individuals as well.

xliii) Travis: Agrees accordingly. Send Travis and Max emails about any suggestions

xliv) Mary Patrice: YT specifically is unfit for the role, 2nd selection committee was unfit, as YT were voted in, and excellent and qualified candidates. Ask you directly, have you learned that the young trustee were fit for the role?

xlv) Travis and Max: Yes, all the information shared with you is true to the best of our knowledge. Complaint for not a finalist.

xlvi) Emma: potentially, someone who was more qualified could have come in front of us, we might not have seen the true top three, and the person we put forth can do the job accordingly. The process does not have enough oversight and it may be the best Way.

xlvii) Max: Investigation was rolled out accordingly to the accusers wishes.

Next GA Meeting: March 19th, 2019 (3 Weeks Away)

MOTION by Jay Lusk of Medicine to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Reed Perry of the Nicholas School. Vote initiated for approval (71 votes in favor, 0 abstentions, 0 oppositions), motion passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 20:51.

Signed: Anthony Monroe
Executive Secretary
Approved by General Assembly on: