University of Chicago Student Government

**Graduate Council**

April 21, 2014

Booth C07

6:00-7:00 PM

**Bold=In attendance**

**Law School:**

Gillian Seaman
Hunter Vance

**Booth:**

Kristen Uyemura

Zeynep Gunay

 Eric Adler

 **Jason Forte**

Humanities:

Ahona Panda

Daniel Morgan

Social Sciences

Ella Butler

**Harris:**

Andrés Pérez (proxy)
Emilio Franco

**SSA:**

**Julia Tier**
Aaron Mallory

**SSD:**

**Tom Worth**
Misha Teplitskiy

**BSD:**

**Erin McAuley**
Jeffrey Steimle

**PSD:**

Anthony Martinez
Noumaan Shamsi

**Div:**

**Ted Good**

**Pritzker:**

Hannah Roth
Dominic Catalano

**Josh Johnston (Chair)**

Anthony Martinez (Vice Chair)

**Jimmy Brown (ORCSA)**

**Don Krause (consultant)**

**Chase Rehwinkel (proxy for Andrés Pérez)**

6:04 pm **Meeting called to order**

**General announcements**

* **Party in the Sky** is coming up; **April 25th from 6:30-10:30 pm**
	+ Tickets sold, all allocated and paid for
	+ 630 requests for tickets
	+ Sent emails to those who could not receive tickets
	+ For next year:
		- Demand was high this year
		- Will need alternative funding source for next year, without Unity fund
		- To make larger, will need to find new venue
		- For a larger audience at a different location, that might not work
* **Chair/Vice-chair elections** are coming up
	+ Elections next week. Have only heard interest from one person so far.
* **Liaison to the Board of Trustees**: General student government elections coming up; there are three liaison positions:
	+ Community & Government Liaison
	+ 2 Liaisons to the Board of Trustees (1 undergrad, 1 grad): no graduate students have applied to run yet. Can no longer get name on ballot, could run a write-in campaign; **Jimmy Brown** or Alex Miller (at ORCSA) could help with this, contact them if interested. An email will be sent to Grad Council listhost to encourage candidates.
* No grad students are currently in the running for Student Government
* **Consultants (Don Krause)**
	+ From Booth Business School class; here to help with 2 issues
		- How can GC have better influence over grad student community
		- How can GC better influence administration
		- Feel free to use consultants as a resource; contact info will be sent over email
* $1500 left in this year’s budget

**Funding Request from Polsky Center**

* Center for Entrepreneurship here on campus. GC funded them for $2500 for an event last year.
* Last year, leftover budget money was used for Beer & Cupcakes at pub; if we do not fund Polsky, could host a similar social event if there is funding left over this year.
* Not enough members present to vote tonight; voting will happen via email
* Mary Kay Longcock (Asst Director of Operations)
* Seeking support for **3rd Annual Chicago Innovation Showcase, Thursday May 29, 4-6pm, in the Winter Garden at Booth**; culmination of Innovation Week, which has events for whole university community.
* The Showcase is a campus-wide presentation of innovation and New Ventures challenges; science-fair style set-up, with 40-60 presenters set up at tables to answer questions.
* Food and beverages are included
* Media is present
* About 400 attendees
* Winners of various innovation challenges are announced at event
* In 2012, this event was supported by the GC (funding not allocated last year due to the fact that no funding was left at time of request)
* Funds requested will go towards: 75% toward catering, 25% for media, programs, easels and posters
* Polsky Center is expanding programming to expand programming to the whole University
* Goal is to foster cross-discipline conversation (for example, between Booth students and science students)
* Polsky Center supports the Harper Court Center for the University of Chicago, which will be space to promote innovation
* Looking to expand presence among graduate student community; want to expand reach beyond Booth, where the Center is located
* GC logo would be included on any publicity materials, if funding is granted
* Deliberation
	+ Unable to vote due to low attendance; voting will take place online
	+ Last year’s budget and publicity materials requested for further review

**Special Guest, Marlon Lynch, Chief of UCPD**

* UCPD in charge of all security officers, parking
* 100 UCPD employees are police officers
* Coalition for Equitable Policing (CEP) submitted a petition to UCPD demanding:
	+ 1) UCPD makes information/data public. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) means private organizations are exempt from this, but Yale is compelled by Connecticut to publicize records
	+ 2) UCPD makes policies and protocols public on the website; this is not considered to be a best practice in law enforcement. UCPD is seeking accreditation, which is considered a best practice. We do submit general orders/policies to review board.
	+ 3) Eliminate need for sworn affidavit during complaint process. Internal investigation is completed; state of Illinois requires this, so that officer knows who is bringing complaint. UCPD officers are in a union, and this is one of their union demands.
	+ UCPD responded, April 7; CEP requested meeting, April 9; not yet scheduled
	+ There was an open SG meeting in the fall quarter to discuss these points.
* Why can’t we make incident reports public?
	+ For traffic stops by UCPD, voluntary participation in demographic information requested by state; this information is available publicly online
	+ Contact cards are not public, because those are within the private institution (contact cards record contact with people on street, non-criminal)
	+ Benefits of not having public records: helps protect students involved in incidents
	+ No other University department publicizes records unless legally compelled
	+ Willing to discuss these points further with students and institution
	+ Any student directly involved in an incident can get a copy of the incident report
	+ When required by court proceedings, any report provided
* What are checks, oversight for UCPD?
	+ Must report to state of Illinois
	+ Law enforcement agencies, relevant insurance agencies have access to information
	+ Uniform Crime Report goes to FBI, Department of Justice
	+ Under Cleary Act, information goes to Dept of Education
	+ Independent Review Committee oversees UCPD (has access to all reports). Has students appointed by SG.
	+ Crime on Campus and in the Neighborhood Committee: faculty, staff, students appointed to this group (has access to all reports)
* Two meetings ago, CEP asked General Assembly to sign petition; since GC not in attendance, GC gets to vote separately on what to do about the petition
* List of demands is not a productive mechanism for dialogue. The Freedom of Information Act demand could set a major precedent for the University that demands serious consideration.
* Undergraduate SG nearly unanimously in support of CEP petition; UCPD not invited to speak with SG before vote
* More interaction from students, with UCPD, is welcome. Interested specifically in graduate student population, because this is a majority of the campus population- increased communication would be helpful to better meet grad student needs. Grad students’ main contact with UCPD is mainly as victims of property theft.
* Security officers are posted outside 4pm-2am on most campus corners; some remain until 8:30am
* Bike patrol began fall 2013; back on patrol now, scheduled throughout the day. These officers receive 40 hours of special training for this patrol.
* Students are encouraged to use shuttles for transportation. Officers offer walking escort services.
* Extended patrol area- UCPD has authority to 37th and Cottage Grove, west to Lake Shore Drive (authority given by the city to UCPD; same level as CPD). Expansion accommodates University charter schools, assist with security and Safe Passage for schools
* This quarter, UCPD has begun posting security officers off of University campus, but in areas of high student residency, and also at 55th and Woodlawn, as well as 53rd St, where the University owns property.
* Please reach out to UCPD with any questions. Mr. Lynch would be happy to schedule another meeting after the new council is elected.
* Planning to get a copy of the petition and the recommendations made to CEP, to be emailed out to GC
* WBEZ Afternoon Shift: CEP did a spot on their petition, another source for information
* Deliberation:
	+ Meeting minutes from General Assembly meeting are in conflict with some of Mr. Lynch’s statements
	+ Julia will get in touch with CEP members, GC wants to hear from someone on that side at the next meeting

**More announcements:**

* It would be really helpful to meet with Mr. Lynch again, after elections
* Come to GC Pub Night!
* **Annual Allocations:** Next General Assembly Meeting is voting on budgets, pushing for more money in GC travel fund. Seeking to remove earmarks from budgeting. This meeting is **Thursday of 6th week**, attendance is very important. Proxies are allowed. Presentation is being prepared by Josh.
	+ One issue to be addressed is the effort to make elected SG positions paid
	+ Annual Allocations funds regular student events; SGFC reviews special or new events

7:09 pm, Meeting adjourned