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## Princeton USG Senate

October 30th, 2022

### Dean's Date Allocation

Context:

- It costs \$3000-\$5000 per food truck
- Giveaway: \$10 per item (hats, scarves, etc.)
- Current allocation: \$3000
- Historical allocation (pre-COVID when we had full Dean's Date activities): \$14000-\$15000

Proposal:

- \$7000 → 2 food trucks
- \$6000 → \$10 x 600 items

Total: \$13,000 (increase allocation from \$3000 to \$13000)

### Budget

📄 USG Fall 2022 budget

### Eco-Festival Budget Proposal

📄 Core and General SusComm Members 2022 Fall

### Elections Handbook Resolution

#### **A Senate Resolution to Use the 2020 Version of the USG Elections Handbook for the Winter 2022 USG Elections**

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Context:

- At the October 9 Senate meeting, the Senate approved revisions to the USG Elections Handbook, to take effect after the 2026 Class Council Elections (Fall 2022 Elections). *See [here](#).*
- Amid the uniquely difficult circumstances of recent weeks, the Parliamentarians have not yet been able to provide the Elections Team with a fully updated Elections Handbook with the recent revisions.
- With the Winter Election Cycle approaching, there is insufficient time for the Chief Elections Manager to familiarize himself and the Elections Team on the updated rules and guidelines, especially given the complexity of the Winter Election (in particular, the management of class-specific elections, student body wide elections, and referenda).



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- It is a core responsibility of the USG and its Elections Team to ensure the integrity of USG Elections, which requires the comprehensive understanding and fair implementation of all relevant rules and guidelines. By the Spring 2023 Elections, the Parliamentarians and Elections Team will have fully updated the Elections Handbook and elections procedures according to the revisions passed by the USG Senate on October 9, 2022.

The USG Senate resolves that:

- The 2020 version of the USG Elections Handbook be taken as the formal set of rules and guidelines governing the Winter 2022 USG Elections
- The Elections Team include the following option on all Winter 2022 referenda ballots, per referendum question: “Abstain — I choose not to vote and therefore my ballot will not be added to the total number of votes cast in this election.”
- The following definition of abstentions is reaffirmed:
  - **ABSTAIN / ABSTENTION.** — Abstentions give voters the ability to vote in some elections on a ballot without voting in others. A student that chooses to abstain from a particular election does not contribute to the number of students that voted in that election nor does their selection factor into the final vote tallies in that individual election.
    - Example: Candidate A receives 1,100 votes, Candidate B receives 900 votes, and 400 students choose to Abstain. 2,000 students voted in the election, so it meets the required threshold of 1/3 student body participation (assuming an enrollment of 5,000 undergraduate students). Candidate A wins the election with 55% of the vote (1,100 out of 2,000). Candidate B loses the election with 45% of the vote (900 out of 2,000). The 400 Abstentions are not included in the final vote tally even though 2,400 ballots were received because it is interpreted that only 2,000 votes were cast in this particular election.