

**Princeton USG Senate
Meeting 3
September 19, 2021
8:00PM**



**Undergraduate
Student
Government**

Introduction

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

General updates:

- Committee chairs should be prepared to confirm their new members at the next Senate meeting (9/26)
- Task Force next steps: Christian will be sending emails with Ashwin to introduce leaders and administrators.

September CPUC (Council of the Princeton University Community)

- 9/20, 4:30-6:30pm in Frist multipurpose room
- Agenda
 - Welcome address
 - Q&A
 - COVID-19 update
 - Introduction of new Dean of the Faculty Gene Jarrett '97
 - Update on principles and process to govern dissociation
 - Campus construction update

New Business

- 1. COVID-19 Response: Robin Izzo- Environmental Health and Safety (30 minutes)**

Princeton Environmental Health and Safety:

- Promote health and safety, environmental protection, and regulatory compliance
- Develop a culture of health and safety as core values

COVID-19 Dashboard:

- Updated weekly for number of tests submitted, COVID-19 symptomatic and asymptomatic testing positives, isolation/quarantine numbers by student groups, and vaccination rates.
- Daily positive count added (for symptomatic and asymptomatic)
- Campus risk status levels based on an analysis of campus and neighboring community indicators, including number of cases, positivity and transmission rates, cluster cases, vaccination, testing and care capacity.

- When an individual tests positive through asymptomatic testing, a PCR test is immediately administered. All positive cases thus far have been Delta variants. These variants are then tested for similarity to trace it back to the same source. There have been three instances this semester in which cases may have been linked to one individual/social gathering.
- Mitigation strategies depending on risk status levels, such as vaccine requirements, asymptomatic testing protocol, and face covering policy.

How does EHS make decisions?

1. Analysis team identifies risks and trends. They determine a need for additional mitigation or suggest loosening mitigations.
2. Appropriate teams recommend mitigation. The strategy is applied to all or targeted areas of campus.
3. Senior leadership reviews recommendations and makes final decisions.

Testing

- Fully vaccinated: 1x/week
- Not fully vaccinated: 2x/week
- Testing protocols developed through modeling and data gathering to minimize transmission.
- If a student misses their testing drop off date, they should submit one right away.
- Testing absences can be reported in advance to account for being off-campus.

Face coverings

- When students are indoors, they must be wearing a face covering, unless they are eating/drinking.
- Fully vaccinated instructors may remove their masks. Classes with enrollments of 12 or fewer students may remove their masks at the discretion of the instructor.

Announcements

- COVID-19 vaccination clinics will be offering third doses in the upcoming weeks.
- Flu vaccine clinics will also be offering walk-in vaccinations starting the first week of October.
- Early October, the overnight guest policy, face covering, and unlocking buildings will be discussed.
- EHS and UHS are working together to create more efficient processes for students who are experiencing COVID-like symptoms and waiting for their test result. UHS offers rapid PCR tests for students with COVID-like symptoms (and may have the common cold/flu).

Questions from the Senate:

- What are the disciplinary consequences for missing COVID-19 testing this semester?
 - There are progressive disciplinary measures that will vary depending on the situation. A pattern of missed tests may result in disciplinary action. Starting this week, email reminders will be sent out when students miss tests.
- Will third doses of the vaccine be required?
 - Most likely not.
- What has been the reason for Princeton's low transmission rate?
 - Princeton's universal masking policy has been important in reducing potential transmissions. However, surges in cases may warrant more mitigation policies.
- Does the University have plans to provide free masks to students?
 - All residential college offices and dining halls should have masks available for students.
- Is there a potential for mitigations to increase/decrease in the coming weeks?
 - There have not been recommendations to increase, but there are no plans to decrease given the transmission rates in Princeton's surrounding area.

2. CPUC Meeting Preparation: Christian Potter (15 minutes)

Resolution: 2021 CPUC Executive Committee Election Rules

- Use of OpaVote system (single transferable vote)

3. U-Council Elections- Executive Session (10 minutes)

2021 CPUC Executive Committee Election Rules

Constitutional Rules:

- This election will be conducted according to the constitutional rules applicable to the election of U-Councilors (S. Const. § 303).
- Two U-Councilors will be appointed to serve on the CPUC Executive Committee (S. Const. § 303(a)(1)).
- Voting shall be according to the system of the single transferable vote (S. Const. § 303(a)(1), CPUC Charter § 4.4).
- Undergraduates who are substituting for a voting Senate member have the voting power of that member and may vote in this election (S. Const. § 203(g)(1)(A)).
- Of the two appointees to the CPUC Executive Committee, the president shall select one to serve as the U-Council Chair (S. Const. § 303(a)(2)(A)). The U-Council Chair is responsible for coordinating the CPUC-related efforts of the U-Councilors, and reporting of CPUC actions to the Senate (S. Const. § 303(a)(3)(A)).
- The other appointee will serve as the CPUC Executive Committee Representative, who is responsible for assisting the U-Council Chair in the duties of the U-Council Chair (S. Const. § 303(a)(3)(B)).

In accordance with S. Const. § 406(a), the Senate adopts the following special rules for the 2021 CPUC Executive Committee elections:

Use of OpaVote

- The Senate authorizes electronic voting using the OpaVote system.
- Voting shall be limited to voting Senate members, and their substitutes, actually present at this meeting.
- Per S. Const. § 405(b), a quorum shall be considered obtained if the number of votes cast, including abstentions, is more than half the total number of voting Senate members.
- Ballots shall be tabulated using the system of the single transferable vote. Any surplus vote for a candidate who has already been elected shall be allocated in accordance with the method described by C.H.E. Warren (C.H.E. Warren, Counting in STV Elections, 1 *Voting Matters*, paper 4 (1994)).

Rules of order (used in previous years)

1. Candidates can nominate themselves.
2. All candidates will be asked to leave the room.
3. One at a time, each candidate will come in and speak to the Senate. These speeches should be 2 minutes maximum, and the Senate will not be allowed to ask questions during this time.
4. The Senate will then deliberate and vote.

Approved September 19, 2021.
Members in Favor
Members Opposed 0
Members Abstaining 0

ASHWIN MAHADEVAN '22,
*Vice President of the Undergraduate Student Government and
Presiding Officer of the Senate.*

Attest:

JOSEPHINE KIM '23,
Executive Secretary of the Senate