

NAY COMMITTEE REPORT

For the record, the members of each committee are as follows:

Amendment 1 "Nay" Committee - Alex Ntelekos, Louis Lee, and Daniel Raburn

Amendment 2 "Nay" Committee - Steve Hassani, Louis Lee, and Daniel Raburn

Why should you vote "No" on Amendment 1?

Although the proposal to increase the GSG fee by \$5 is not without merit, several factors should be kept in mind. First, although the GSG sponsors and co-sponsors many events, a large number of graduate students do not attend any of these events; these students would be forced to provide money for those events, and this is unfair to them. Given the size of the Princeton graduate student body, \$5 is already very reasonable. Second, there are many other graduate student organizations, some of which have their own membership fees; these organizations may be better at serving the graduate student body with regards to their members, for both events and advocacy. Third, those members of the graduate student body who wish to make a contribution to the GSG can already do so in a number of ways, so even in their case, a fee increase is unnecessary. These factors should be kept in mind by all members of the graduate student body when voting this year.

Why should you vote "No" on Amendment 2?

Given the recent continual state of inflation in the US, it is natural to consider having the GSG fee keep pace with inflation. However, the current proposal has a number of drawbacks. For example, since the AI and AR rates are averaged across departments, students in departments with smaller stipends would be required to pay a greater portion of their stipend to the GSG. Also, consider what would happen were stipends to go down in the future: the GSG would have less funds available to address the problem. In general, tying the GSG fee to a number that is beyond the control of both the GSG and the graduate student body can be seen as reducing the influence and authority of graduate students, and such a proposal should only be undertaken after exhaustive deliberation at all levels.
