

GSA Assembly Meeting 1/13/15

6:18pm Welcome by Zach

6:18pm Christian Villasenor

- Changes in graduate student funding. Campus approved the recruitment fellowship for international students starting Fall 2015 admission. After 1st year, non-resident fees will be covered until they advance to candidacy. All departments have been notified.

6:21pm Dr. Robert Hamm

- Long-term projects: Grad Slam April 6-18.
- UC Grad Slam in May somewhere in the Bay area.
- Design competition to design logo for Grad Slam → all information is all GradPost.
- Campus-level career education conference for non-academic jobs in May. Student Committee meeting tomorrow.
- Re-open writer rooms for all grad students; free coffee, tea, etc.
- CLASS-Thursdays 6-10pm; also for writing.
- Different events can be found on GradPost including the interview & negotiating workshop. January 20th Finding Funding Workshop. Taxes Workshop on January 27th @ SRB.
- Any ideas for events send him an email.

6:25pm Approval of Agenda; motion approved.

6:25pm Sasha Coles

- \$2000 line-item for sponsorships.
- Deadline for travel grants is from 1st-5th of the month in which you are travelling. No late applications.

6:27pm-Send email to Quinn to make sure you are getting the agenda before Assembly Meeting

- Alex: If you have not sign-in, please make sure to do so.
- Zach: Your department gets \$50 if you come for 2/3 of meetings.

6:28pm CAPS-Andrew Choi?

- Referendum gave extra funding to increase staff
 - A full-time clinical psychologist that works specifically for graduate students out of San Clemente. Individual therapy (Dr. Richard) but might include group therapy in the future.
 - All will host therapist out of South Catalina specifically for Family Student Housing.
 - They do refer out if it is a longer-term clinical issue.

6:32pm Rebecca Metzger (slide presentation)

- UCSB Reads “Orange is the new Black”
- “Girls in Justice” exhibition on Feb. 3rd.
- April 15-Author is coming. It is a free events and doors open at 7:20pm
- Panel discussions→want grad students who are doing research on this to contact her so that they can participate in panel discussions.
 - Aviva: “What professors are part of the panels?” Various from UCSB.
 - Zach: “How should we contact you?” Left business cards.

6:36 Ignacio Gallardo from Career Services

- Fee Initiative
 - Collect signatures or GSA assembly votes to get in on the ballot.
 - New initiatives for staff expansion and pre-professional career ed. program.
 - Benefits to grads: industry-specific events, extended grace period, jobs & internships, career counseling appointments, pre-professional career education program, career assessments fees (waived).
 - Have any other campus services said yes to funding this initiative? Yes.
 - This initiative may benefit undergrads more than graduate students because graduate students don’t use career services. It seems graduate students won’t be supported with this initiative.
 - This is an Associated Students and Campus Election Committee initiative

6:56 Vote on Fee Initiative

- 1st and Seconded
 - Yes: 16 and No: 16
 - Vice President Alex Pucher looks up bylaws to figure out what to about a tie.

6:59 Student Affairs Special Election

- Chair: Aviva Milner
- 7:02 Emma Parker and Shari Sanders nominated
- Questions for Emma Parker: (1) Her relationship with the GSA in terms of involvement and knowledge? (2) How she plans to practically reach out to people with mental issues?
- Questions for Shari Sanders: (1) How will she reach out to diverse communities?
- The executive board explains that Emma was nominated by a near split vote.
- 7:40 Vice President Emma Parker wins by 1 vote.

7:43 Co-Sponsorship

- WAIL – Workshop on American Indigenous Languages; Ecology, Evolution, and Marine Biology Graduate Student Symposium; The Lindy Circle; Media Fields Conference
- Motion 1st and 2nd
- All four pass with unanimous “Yes” vote

8:08 Officer Reports

VP Academic Affairs

- Happy New Year 2015!
- Excellence in Teaching Award
 - Accepting nominations until end of winter quarter
 - GSA website and Newsletter with nomination form link
 - ETA committee to be formed in March
 - Excellence in Teaching Award!!!one

VP of Community Planning

Committees

- F14 Committee Stipends
 - Processed and Sent to Grad Division !!
- F14 Committees Summary Report
 - Now Available on GSA Webpage !!
- Open Positions
 - There are several committee vacancies. Please see GSA Committees webpage for an up to date record of open positions.
Join Us on MeetUp!!! <http://www.meetup.com/>
 - Upcoming W15 GSA Happy Hours
 - Inaugural Moshertime: Thursday January 22, 5-7pm
 - Endless Summer Café: Friday February 6, 5-7pm
 - Moshertime: Thursday February 19, 5-7pm
 - Stella Mare's Bistro: Friday February 27, 5-7pm
 - TBA: Friday March 13, 5-7pm
 - Moshertime: Thursdsay March 19, 5-7pm
 - GSA Spring Training
 - East Beach Batting Cage: Sunday March 1, 1-3pm
 - Other Events, TBA

President's Report

Priorities for Winter Quarter:

1. Hiring of GSA Part Time Employee
2. Housing
3. Strengthening relationship with Alumni Association
 1. Moshertime
 2. Networking Opportunities, especially via web

Meeting ends 8:30