Welcome

6:18 Meeting begins. Motion to approve the agenda.

GradDiv/Student Affairs Presentation

6:19 Don Lubach and Christian Villasenar celebrate the success of the GSA. Robert Hamm presents.

- Grad Student Showcase - Monday, April 6, through Saturday, April 18. A two-week series of events to celebrates UCSB’s extraordinary graduate students and their remarkable accomplishments
- Grad Slam – A campus-wide competition for the best three-minute research talk by a graduate student. This year, the Graduate Division will award more than $13,000 in prizes
  - $5000 grand prize
  - 2 runners-up - $2,500 each
  - Semi-finals - $200 each
    - Winner will advance to UC-wide competition for prize of $5,000+
- February Programming
  - Writer’s Room
  - Tax Information Session
  - Publication Workshop
  - Finding Funding Workshop
  - Versatile PhD Workshop
  - Financial Literacy

Vice President of External Affairs

6:23 Vice President Yanira presents.

- Student Lobby Conference – April 18 thru 20 - The Student Lobby Conference (SLC) is an annual event that brings UC students to the State Capitol for the opportunity to develop lobbying skills, learn more about issues affecting students and California higher education, and directly engage elected officials on these issues.

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- Legislative Liaison - Currently recruiting for the legislative liaison position.
  - Oversee the development and implementation of grassroots legislative campaigns on campus.
  - Serve as the voting proxy for the VP of External Affairs at University of California Student Association (UCSA) board meetings.
  - Speak in UCSA board space.
  - Attend closed UCSA sessions, including the Student Regent Interviews.
Isla Vista Work – Community members met at the Isla Vista Clinic on January 15 to discuss the history of Isla Vista.

6:26 Vice President Emma presents updates about the health insurance negotiations with Aetna. She does not have a lot of firm details to report. They will be reaching out to graduate students with dependents on their health insurance with viable options. A new graduate student health insurance package will be presented to graduate students at a later date. Soon there will

**Vice President of Committees and Planning**

6:30 Vice President Matt presents.

- **February Happy Hours**
  - Endless Summer Café
    - Friday February 6, 5-7pm

- Moshertime
  - Thursday February 19, 5-7pm

- Stella Mare’s Bistro
  - Friday February 27, 5-7pm

- Lunar New Year Event*
  - Storke Family Housing, Saturday February 21, 1-3pm

  GSA Spring Training
  - East Beach Batting Cage
    - Sunday March 1, 1-3pm

2015 Summer Funding Opportunity

- **March Happy Hours**
TBA
Friday March 13, 5-7pm

Moshtime
Thursday March 19, 5-7pm

Finals Pizza Party*
Storke Family Housing
Sometime Week 10 or 11 … TBD

Chancellor’s Sustainability Graduate Research Program Funding Opportunity
Applications are due on February 25
Email Carly Marie Miller Karly.miller@lifesci.ucsb.edu or Katie Maynard kmaynard@geog.ucsb.edu

Vice President of Student Affairs

6:38 Vice President Alex Pucher presents about the Excellence in Teaching Award. We need graduate students to apply to be on the nominations committee for the award. The nominations go until March 27th.

- GSA Excellence in Teaching Award 2015
  - Honors outstanding graduate students teaching at UCSB
  - Official announcement this week
  - Spring quarter action
  - 4 Categories
    - Humanities and Fine Arts (TA)
    - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (TA)
    - Social Sciences (TA)
    - Lecturer / Teaching Associate

- Nominations
- Packets
- Award committee
  - Timeline
    - Nominations until March 27th
    - Packets until April 24th
ETA Committee meetings between April 27th and May 22nd
Awards May 25th to June 1st

**ETA Committee**
- 10 judges + VP Academic
- Select favorites + runner-ups
- Ambush winners in their sections
- (profit personally by seeing top-notch application material)
- Applications count from now (Feb 3rd, 6pm)
- You must be available during Spring quarter
- Talk to me, or email
- Early birds, email again to be sure

ETA Committee meetings happen between April 27th and May 22nd. The ETA committee is comprised of 10 judges and the vice president of Academic Affair. Applications for the committee are available today, February 3rd, at 6 PM.

Awards are given from May 25th to June 1st.

**President**

6:48 President Zach Rentz explains that the Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on Housing mentioned that graduate students have housing they can’t afford and they want to look into other options. They are interested in creating a committee. In the spring, they will be looking over the numbers (how much they will be saving, how many rooms are available) and present a forum where graduate students can ask questions about this. There is going to be enough space in Santa Ynez for graduate students to live, and graduate students will not be forced to live in Santa Ynez.

**Co-Sponsorships**

1. Symposium on Native Food Ways and Biocolonialism - $300
2. Truth Claims by the Artist History Graduate Student Association - $300
3. Women, Gender, and Sex – A Conference in Honor of Dr. Patricia Cline Cohen - $300
4. 1st Annual ALPHA Male Power Luncheon - $300

What are Native Foodways?

- Many tribal communities are regaining control of their food supply. They’re growing traditional foods, plants and medicines. They’re reconnecting to the land and rediscovering growing practices in tune with the environment while revitalizing rich cultural traditions tied to seasonal growing and gathering practices.

What is Biocolonialism?
• In former times our ancestors fought their battles on land and in courtrooms. Today some of the battles have moved to scientific laboratories and patent offices. Our weapons are awareness, knowledge, and choices, rather than arrows, guns, and treaties. Call it "the new wave of colonialism," "the new biotechnology," "the bio-revolution," or "bio-colonialism," it is here and will be with us for a long time. In a very broad sense, what we are talking about is "biotechnology."

What is the 1st ALPHA Male Power Luncheon?

Date: April 4, 2015
Time: 12:00 PM to 2:30 PM
Location: The Visitor’s Center, Multicultural Center Theater
Theme: Re-Defining Personal Wealth and Wellness
# of People: 60 to 70
Emcees: Elroy Pinks and Quintarrius Shakir
Giving out certificates from state senator and the assembly member Dash Williams