

GSA Assembly Meeting
February 2, 2016
Happy Groundhog Day!!!!

Meeting Start: 6:01

Pre-Meeting Motion:

- Motion: No other outside recording other than the VP of Communications for this meeting
 - Seconded
- Reason: Undergrads taping or recording, possibly in response to Solidarity Letter
 - In favor: 15
 - Opposed: 2
 - Abstentions: 8
- **Motion carried**

MEETING AGENDA

- Introductions (please sign in)
- Community Agreements
- Presentations
- Advisor/Grad Div./S.A. Dept. Reports
- Action Items
- Executive Committee Reports
- Discussion Items
- Adjournment

Community Agreements

- Community Agreements (examples)
- Respect the Speaker
- Cell Phones
- Be Engaged
- Step Up/Step Back
- Others?

PRESENTATIONS

Michelle Oyewole's Survey

- Giving presentation at ABC conference.
- Please do brief survey during meeting. Return to Michelle in envelope.

GSA Support for Emancipatory Sex Education

- Background: Spearheaded by Berkeley. They are asking for either GSA support or feedback or support for the amendment.
 - Question: Would this Education be mandatory training or optional?

- Propose to move to March for discussion (Timothy Irvine).
 - Seconded.
 - Consent
 - Objection to Consent? None
 - Motion passed.

IV Lease Addendum Proposal

- Background: Lease addendum in IV; disturbing things in there for student rights, penalties for things like smoking in public.
- Concern 1: Committee Claims that students are involved. However, only two students there at meetings: grad and undergrad.
- Concern 2: Document under consideration from IV committee lawyers to see if new proposals are even legal
- UCSB Ties: Headed by UCSB Housing Office with all property owners.
 - Housing Office has maintained relationship with property owners for years
 - Housing Office is acting as a facilitator
 - Concern 3: Meetings are not public. Tenant Union was not invited.
- Title: IV Safety and Security Addendum
- Concern 4: Making off-campus student behavior punishable by campus
 - Partly in response to rapes, Deltopia, shootings
 - Trying to control student behavior off campus
- Concern 5: Sheriff's Department Foot Patrol in Isla Vista has been pretty harsh
 - For example: Police are allowed to come into apartments and issue tickets, for a noise violation
- Concern 6: Possible triple Jeopardy for one student violation: apartment eviction, police fines, and UCSB punishment

Daily Nexus (Emile Nelson)

- Proposal, approve campus wide fee increase \$2.83 per student, per quarter, for Spring Ballot
 - This will raise about \$17,000 for Nexus
 - Money will allow to pay staff and promote grad events
 - Also propose to do more grad features in Nexus
 - Nexus will get \$2 of the new fee and .83 for admin
- History of Nexus Fee: Never has been a fee for grad students, just for undergrads

Recovery Peer (Adam)

- Recovery Peers provides support for students who are addicted (sex, alcohol, drugs, or other addictions)
 - Also they help to build allies for people who are in need of support
 - Do 12 Step Meetings: Wed Nights, Embarcadero Hall
 - Office Hours: M-F, 3-7, Embarcadero Hall, also snacks and wifi available
 - Provide outreach to Grad Students, if someone needs help or support, they can come to us
 - No current plans for a Grad Peer.

- Reason: No money in budget for new peer
- However: always looking for volunteers to help in events
- More information: Flyers on front desk
- Or: <https://alcohol.sa.ucsb.edu/Recovery/ssr.aspx?print=1>

Staff Reports

GSA Advisor Report (Don Lubach)

- The Haven at UCSB: A Community for Students in Recovery from Substance Use Issues (<http://thehavenatcollege.com/the-haven-recovery-grads-ucsb-landing-page.html>)

Graduate Division Report (Robert Hamm)

- Grad Student Events
 - Transitioning PhD Skills: Thursday
 - Research Poster, Thursday
 - CAPS: Riding the Wave
 - Optimizing Motivation and Well Being, Elings Hall
 - Writer's Room: M/W 1-4, T/R 9-12
 - Saturdays
 - Health and Wellness: Super Bowl Bowling Party
 - Lunch and Learn, next Friday

ACTION ITEMS

Co-Sponsorships

- Funding: Have enough to fund (Thanks Greg Maier)
- For more information on all 3 Co-sponsorships see February 2016 Agenda PPT

1) Vox California/SKILLS

- Event: UCSB Day
- \$300 for food
- Opportunities:
 - Research: Grads have produced papers and presentations from information from this event
 - Teaching:
 - Discussion
 - Mentorship

2) American Indian Graduate Student Alliance

- Event: Symposium on Repatriation, Revitalization and Cultural Appropriation of American and Indigenous Peoples: Feb. 19, 2016, 8:30-5
 - Have student presenters (Linguistics, Chicano/a, Religious studies), keynote speakers, local Chumash Presenters
 - Goals

3) Environmental Humanities Center (Chris Walker)

- Event: Power Dynamics: 2016 Media and Environment Conference. April 29-20, Loma Pelona
- Interdisciplinary work, creative projects, installations, keynote speakers, and a roundtable
 - o Had projects from across departments
- Co-sponsorships from 11 departments
- Publicity: Will be published widely: email individual departments
- Request: \$300 for food

Motion: Bundle all 3 Co-sponsorships

- Seconded
- Approved

Motion: Approve bundle of 3 Co-sponsorships

- Seconded
- **Approved all 3 Co-sponsorships**

2016 Fee Initiatives to place on Spring Ballot

- **Childcare Grant Fee**, currently \$3.97 fee
 - o Proposal: Change wording of the grant (see February 2016 Agenda PPT)
 - Change have to be a milestone to get funding
 - Instead: Have a statement of need
 - Change need memo from committee chair to get funding
 - o Other Proposed Changes:
 - Change fee amount
 - Change amount per child
 - Increase number
- **GSA General Fee**, currently \$12.56
 - o Fee not increased since 2008
 - o Need: Staff Position
 - New GSA staff position needs to be funded
 - Concerns: More than 50% position
- **Motion:** Continue moving forward with trajectory of two fee proposals
 - o Seconded
 - o Objections? None
 - o **Passed.**

AS Open Source Textbook Proposal

- Introduce Resolution to Support Open Source Textbook Proposal
 - o Problem: Rising Costs of school. Students have not bought a book because too expensive. Education at risk.
 - o Solutions:
 - Create grants for professors to switch over to open source system so students can access free online

- Grants: Give \$500-\$1,000 to faculty to switch to open source textbooks; facilitate new reader
 - Create open source bank for students and professors in UCs to use in their courses
 - Cut out middleman of publishers
 - Targeting Letters and Sciences to provide funding for grants
- Concerns:
 - Copyright issues for adjuncts and faculty, especially in regard to faculty ownership of materials and tenure considerations (being published in peer reviewed journals).
 - Counter Argument: textbooks already have previously published material and facts; maybe not such a concern for tenure
 - Who gets the money from publishing materials?
- Motion: Wait until funding source identified before GSA Assembly will create a complementary proposal
 - Consent
 - Objections. None.
 - Passed

Daily Nexus Fee Initiative

- **Motion to Table:** Table Nexus fee vote until Spring Election ballot fee language until next meeting; also request how grad students will benefit from fee increase
- **Approved**

IV Lease Addendum

- **Motion** to allow GSA members to send draft proposal to departments, and make clear that it is a draft of a proposal and not finalized (1:35)
- Objections: none
- **Approved**

Change Advertising Requirement in Daily Nexus

- Teaching Excellence says must be advertised in Nexus
 - **Motion:** Amend bylaws to any referenced to advertise in Nexus to advertise campus wide
 - Consent
 - Objection. None.
 - **Passed**

Officer Reports

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- MLK Silent March Recap (THANK YOU!)
- GGSE Dean Search Committee Update
- OJA Search Committee Update
- Council of Presidents Report

- Student Regent(s) Visit - Student Advisor Approved!
- Grad Prez Meeting w/ Napolitano (03/15)
- GSA Survey Responses Meeting w/ Dean Genetti this Friday (02/05)
- Campus Regulations Committee
 - Campus review every four years (unless requested by Administration)
 - GSA has two seats on committee (VPIA & VPSA: hope they will take the seats)
- CCCIV – Meeting this week
- UCen Governance Board
 - Starbucks (\$500,000-\$750,000), aiming for Fall 2016
 - 3rd Floor Renovation Survey Forthcoming/GSA Issues Agenda
- UCSB Campus Story Meeting (01/20/16)

External Affairs

January 23rd & 24th

- Students from community colleges, Cal states and UC's from across the state to address food insecurity and learn best practices

Free Meal Ticket to Campus Dining Commons

- The application for a free meal ticket at a campus dining common is now open.
 - Available to graduate students!
- In the process of scheduling a workshop with our CalFresh representative for graduate students

Student Regents

- Meeting with Student Regents
 - Addressed graduate specific issues: housing, financial stability to lay out the work for next academic year.
- Student Regent Advisor proposal was approved!
- Apply to be a Student Regent
 - All students currently enrolled at a UC campus and who will be enrolled through the 2017-18 academic year are encouraged to apply.
 - The deadline to apply is February 28, 2016.
 - Applicants must submit a completed and signed application, a current resume, and an essay as described on the application form.
 - The Student Regent will be appointed by the Regents at their July 2016 meeting.
- External Affairs
 - Intent to submit by February 19, 2016.
 - Expected publication date: August 2016.

Call for Graduate Student Policy Journal Editors

- The UC Student Association Graduate and Professional Student Committee seeks editors for it's upcoming Graduate Student Policy Journal, Volume II. Policy Journal editors may be any Graduate or Professional student enrolled at a UC.
- An honorarium of \$175 will be awarded to each student editor upon publication of the journal.
- Apply today by visiting: <http://ucsa.org/submit-journal/>

- Questions? Please contact gpdirector@ucsa.org

UCSA Board Meeting this weekend!

- Please stop by and get an idea of the work UCSA does
 - o Great way if you're interested in running in the upcoming elections
 - o Meet student leaders from across the UC
- Saturday meeting starts at 9am in Room Flying A Studios (Ucen)
- Sunday meeting starts at 10am
 - o Public comment at the beginning of each meeting

Student Affairs

- **UCSB Community Housing Office Report**
 - o This raises the question of IV self-governance and perceived student misconduct problems
 - o 2. UCSB's solution: The IV Safety and Security Addendum. This would be added to regular leases in order to curtail student parties and other kinds of "illegal" activity
- **Graduate Health Advisory Committee Report**
 - o At the next meeting on Feb. 19, 2016, the committee will review the various insurance bids received from different insurance carriers in order to choose either a new plan or to remain with Aetna

3. Suggested Revision of The Graduate Bill of Rights in the GSA Bylaws

- A. Reconcile two different versions of the Graduate Bill of Rights.
 - o One version was adopted in 1995 by the UCSB Graduate Division, GSA, and Academic Senate.
 - o The other was adopted in 2011 by the University of California Student Association (UCSA) and is currently on the GSA website
- B. Update the Graduate Bill of Rights by merging the two versions we currently have, further refining key areas and implementing it campus-wide
 - o things like committee formation, time-to-degree deadlines, and clear criteria for evaluating the work of graduate students need to be addressed
- C. Creation of a Student Oversight Committee or Student Review Board to address graduate student grievances at UCSB.
 - o As can be seen in the recent spate of lawsuits and protests against UCSB, student rights are not being honored. There needs to be a mechanism for ensuring the prompt, impartial redress of student complaints without retaliation by University officials

Communications and Records

- Website move: www.gsa.ucsb.edu
 - o Redesign by Student Affairs (approved by Exec Committee)
- GSA name change: Graduate Students Association

Academic Affairs

- **Teaching Award nomination form now online.**
 - o Please consider serving on the Excellence in Teaching Award Committee.
- **January Lunch and Learn Event, Feb. 12, Friday**
- **Excellence In Teaching Award Bylaw Changes**
 - o Increase the number of awards from 4 to 16.
 - o Decrease the honorarium attached to each award from \$1000 to \$250.
 - o Include honoring the award winners during the Spring Social event.
 - o Change advertising in the Daily Nexus to the award must be advertised on campus.
 - o Some details still to be worked out, namely award categories.
 - Increase number of times TA can win the award to 3, but not consecutive awards
 - Number of wards for Teaching Associates increases to 3: one in each division
 - Rest of awards reasonably divided amongst the three divisions

Budget

- We are under budget (see Agenda PPT for February 2016 for details).

Committees and Planning (ComPlan or VPCP)

Social Hours

- "Social" Hours = great success!
- Soon want to have quarterly:
- Graduate Students of Color Social Hour
- Women Graduate Students Social Hour

Graduate Engagement Committee

- Camille Endacott Officially on it! (Can I get a witness?)
- Mosher Time Revival...slowly but surely
- Spring Celebration combining with Awards!

Constitution and Bylaws Revisions

- GSA name change to "Graduate Student Association"
- Cut Daily Nexus specifically from Bylaws for advertising, switch to "local media"
- Adjust committee stipends to 1-2 hour blocks
- Clarify voting and motion-making and -seconding powers of Advisor and Administrative Manager during EC meetings
- VPCP name change to Committees and Engagement
- Elections language: clarify that anyone who is a graduate student, on-campus the coming year, may stand for election
- Specify that Internal Affairs is Parliamentary
 - o timing and other duties
- Committees for GSA VPs
 - o Student Affairs: take over External's Housing committee duties
- Budget and Finance: Clarify Fee Initiatives language

- Teaching Award number, type amount of awards
- Committees and Planning (ComPlan or VPCP)

Survey / Gift Card Winners

- Please continue telling people to take the survey!
- If you've taken it, remember you can enter the raffle!
- Will announce winners and analysis in March meeting!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- SBCC Superintendent/President Search
- Search Committees: Call for graduate reps to join committees
 - o Vice Chancellor of Research
 - o Dean of Social Science

DISCUSSION

- Career Fair/US Customs & Border Patrol Protest
 - o No Discussion

- How to engage with unnamed representatives from alleged organization that shall not be named
 - o Consideration: GSA meetings open to public, so anyone can attend
 - o Idea: We decide who can participate in AGenda.
 - Have to be official organization to participate or a grad student
 - Currently No Public Comment
 - Would have to add in bylaws
 - However: not enough time to this
 - Concern: give one group 5 minutes; we have to give everyone
 - o Motion: To look into incorporating public section comment into bylaws for the following, which considers the following provisions:
 - To present at GSA assembly, undergraduate students must be must be part of officially part of an undergraduate organization or staff, with a time limit for speaking, and no audio/video recording permitted
 - o Seconded
 - o Consent
 - o Approved