

1. Greetings
2. Community Agreements/Protocol
3. Presentations
  - a. Dr. Mary Ferris – UCSB Student Health Services – Aetna health insurance plan
    - i. RFP to consider re changing insurance plan
    - ii. Emma Parker and Kathy Swift are grad reps on the committee – Thank you!
    - iii. Question of whether want to rejoining UCShip
    - iv. Decided – keep same plan as now with minimal change in benefits
    - v. Pro/Con
      1. Saving money would have increased the deductible exponentially
      2. Minimal change in dental coverage – major surgeries will cover 50% instead of 70%
        - a. Won't see much impact since only cover \$1200 anyway
      3. Rates go up \$300 per month – a good deal compared to individual plans
      4. Can offer plan to dependents, and same-sex partners (had been discontinued last year)
    - vi. Other considerations
      1. We tend to use more mental health services
      2. We tend to use more out of network services
      3. Question to Assembly - Is it more beneficial if we offered more mental health services on campus?
        - a. Concerns regarding availability of desired specialists in the community
    - vii. Recommendations from Dr. Ferris
      1. Consult with social workers on campus for emergency funds
      2. Only half of the students use their dental benefits – don't have to use our dental office; can go to any dentist covered in the area by Aetna
  - b. Staff reports
4. Advisor/Grad Div./S.A. Dept. Reports
  - a. GSA Advisor Don Lubach
    - i. Town Hall Thursday at 5 pm re Chalked Hate Speech on campus
    - ii. Nominations being accepted for William J Villa (to recognize department for demonstrating excellent service to students) and Margaret T. Getman Awards (to recognize individual for excellent service to students)
    - iii. Grad Division Report – Christian Villasenor
      1. Grad Slam rounds under way – see GradPost for location
        - a. About 80 competing
        - b. Prizes have been increased
        - c. Come cheer for grad students!
        - d. Finals next week on Friday in Corwin Pavillion
      2. Ryan Sims Introduction

- a. Been on campus for 7 years in student mental health services
- b. Now working for Grad Div
  - i. Early intervention and prevention for graduate students
  - ii. Hopes to serve as a “one-stop shop” for those experiencing any issue needing an outside perspective pertaining to graduate student issues – academic and personal support; development plans to get your degree and thrive while doing so
  - iii. Completely voluntary
  - iv. Full time dedicated to servicing grad students in this capacity
  - v. See business card for services (also GradPost write up)

5. Action Items

- a. UC Regents Statement on Principles Against Intolerance
  - i. UCSA has voted to support
  - ii. Consensus - support
- b. Graduate Representation in Hiring Process
  - i. Grad students aren’t involved beyond the Job Talk in every department
  - ii. Berkley GSA passed a resolution that every department have at least 2 students participate in hiring process, decided by the graduate students
  - iii. UCSA campaign – decided this is important and should be done at each UC
  - iv. Discussion
    - 1. Every grad student having their vote be an equal vote
      - a. Pro
        - i. Not equal, just two of the faculty on the hiring committee
        - ii. Because it is the faculty voting ultimately; this is only a vote on the hiring committee
      - b. Con
        - i. Concern that this is going to not be well-received by departments
        - ii. More than just asking for participation
        - iii. We are only here for a few years
        - iv. Faculty should make the decision
    - 2. Demands not that particularly new in the terms of higher education
    - 3. Two students seems much, given that some faculty are very small in departments
    - 4. Issues of diversity

- a. Important, but would like it not to be just about diversity; include research agendas
        - b. UCSA was also talking about
      - 5. Process should be about community; but *requiring* the faculty is problematic
    - v. Motion to support resolution - Second
      - 1. Request for clarification
        - a. What is the support that is being requested?
          - i. Answer – To bring resolution to departments to discuss.
          - ii. Question – Should we bring to our departments to discuss?
          - iii. Concern about demanding without discussion with department
        - 2. Motion for friendly amendment to motion – table and discuss with departments or postpone – support sentiment; uncomfortable with statement
          - a. Amendment accepted – seconded
          - b. Consensus - supported
  - c. Ratify Graduate Bill of Rights
    - i. Amendments
    - ii. Wants ratification, then pursues enforcement
    - iii. Changes made to the 2011 document
    - iv. Point of clarification
      - 1. Christian Villasenor – Two different bill of rights for GSA
        - a. 1995 – approved by GSA and Academic Senate and Graduate Dean – collaborative process
        - b. 2011 UCSA – never went to broader campus approval
        - c. Suggests consultation with the campus (Academic Senate; Gionetti) to hear concerns, instead of imposing upon them
  - v. Motion to approve language of Bill of Rights, version dated April 5, 2016, as draft language and (1) continue process of consulting with campus officials and (2) begin process to consult with the departments for possible further ratifications – Second
    - 1. Consensus - supported
- d. GSA response to chalked messages of racial intolerance and hate on campus last Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup>
  - i. Read to Assembly
  - ii. Edits/revisions done as a group
  - iii. Move to approve pending final proofread – seconded
    - 1. Point of clarification – where are we sending this?
      - a. Are we going to be doing this every time that something happens?

- b. The campus has already made a statement; is there away we can just support prior statement instead of putting out our own statement every time?
  - c. Counter – we don't want to rubber stamp everything; it is a necessary step for us to consciously think it through every time.
- 2. Consensus - supported
- e. UCSB GSA Solidarity with UC Davis Students Statement (calling for resignation of Chancellor Katehi)
  - i. Move to approve with Timothy revisions - second
    - 1. Discussion
      - a. Want to make sure that everyone knows that it says we think Katehi should be fired
    - 2. Consensus – supported
- f. UC Regents Statement on Principles Against Intolerance
  - i. Discussion
    - 1. Objection to labeling of groups
      - a. Counter – Important thing is to recognize that the document needs to be read in its entirety
      - b. Clarification – doesn't require immediate action or action at all; already made by the UC Regents;
    - ii. Motion to Table until next meeting – second
      - 1. Consensus - supported
- g. UC Policy on Sexual Violence
  - i. Motion to have GSA sign on with the letter – second
    - 1. Point of Clarification – what is this objecting to specifically?
      - a. Issue of not taking input from interested groups
      - b. Does not address specific objections to policies
    - 2. Consensus - supported
- h. Co-Sponsorships
  - i. Move to approve all co-sponsorships (without presentations or discussion) – second
    - 1. Consensus - supported
- i. Budget Line Items
  - i. Student Affairs Request for Funding: \$500 – Amy Goodman, host of Democracy Now!
    - 1. Motion to approve with stipulation that articulate that we hope to meet with you – second
      - a. Discussion
        - i. Concern about how political GSA should be; where is the line?
        - ii. Concern about giving more than \$300 to campus groups that are not student groups – need to figure out the limit

- iii. Maybe treat as a co-sponsorship, but increase the amounts we give for co-sponsorships
        - iv. Uncomfortable about the university asking for money from us
        - v. Christian Villasenor clarifies that in the past GSA provided a whole dinner—costly; but lately has been more a joint venture that is better than the orientation that GSA was doing alone (GSA is spending less than it used to) – may look like it is Grad Div asking for money, but this is the history
        - vi. Need to categorize
      - b. Motion withdrawn
    - 2. Motion to approve, with the caveat that we need to look at these types of events in how we fund moving forward, with report back next month –second
      - a. Consensus – supported
  - ii. Student Survivor Fund: \$1000
    - 1. Questions – Will we require a quarterly report – yes
    - 2. Clarification – Originally idea as a lock in fee, but not done in time; so looking to support as a line item this year
    - 3. Move to approve – second
      - a. Consensus – supported
  - iii. Childcare Grant Fund for Graduate Students with Dependents
    - 1. Changes to allow greater access
- j. Spring 2016 Fee Initiatives
  - i. GSA Daily Nexus Independent Student Journalism Support
  - ii. GSA General Fee Increase for Administrative Manager Support
    - 1. Student Affairs Support \$25K per year for 2 years
    - 2. Meeting with Grad Div to ask for support: in progress
  - iii. Motion to approve iii-v, above, but for iv: remove “potentially” and change the word “blogs” to “online content specific to graduate student needs” – second
    - 1. Consensus – objection
    - 2. Vote – 26 approved; 2 opposed; 1 abstained
- k. 2016-17 GSA Executive Committee Nominations – see Aaron for names
  - i. President
  - ii. VP of Internal Affairs
  - iii. VP of External Affairs
  - iv. VP of Budget of Finance
  - v. VP of Academic Affairs
  - vi. VP of Communications & Records
  - vii. VP of Committees and Planning
  - viii. VP of Student Affairs

- ix. Move to extend nomination for 48 hours, with expectation that all Assembly members take flyers back to departments; solicit acceptance/statements from all nominees – second
    - 1. Consensus - supported
- 6. Executive Committee Reports
  - a. See slides
  - b. Motion to extend deadline for candidate statements for 48 hours (8 pm Thursday) – second
    - i. Consensus – supported
  - c. Motion to approve Bylaws Amendments – second
    - i. Consent - supported
- 7. Announcements - nothing
- 8. Discussion - nothing
- 9. Adjournment – **8:24 pm**