"VOGHJUYN!"
(also translates as: uplifting, lifting up ones spirits)
MEETING AGENDA (Structured)

Start: 6:02

Greetings!
Community Agreements/Protocol
Presentations
Advisor/Grad Div./S.A. Dept. Reports
Action Items
Executive Committee Reports
Discussion Items
Adjournment

MEETING
Community Agreements
   Respect the Speaker
   Cell Phones/Recording
   Be Engaged
   Step Up/Step Back
   One Mic, One Diva
   Decorum

PRESENTATIONS
Jonathan Gomez (Sociology), POOR Magazine, THEATRE OF THE POOR
   - Works at education program at minimum security facility for incarcerated youth
   - Youths at facility can earn high school and college credit, and can attend SBCC
     when they are released
   - There will be a free program, Theater of the Poor, open to all, in MCC Lounge,
   - Program is short on funding to housing
   - Asking for funding to house Poor Magazine members: $200-300
   - Housing for this Friday, May 6

Staff Reports (done by Don Lubach)
GSA Advisor Report
   - Not today
Graduate Division Report
   - Housing reduced by 20% for grads in San Clemente, good work GSA
   - Financial literacy on loans on Wed, 11am
   - Workshop on Cover Letter on Wed, led by awesome Kyle
   - May 5th, Navigating ups and downs of grad school, by CAPS, in main building
   - May 5th, IRB workshop 2-3:30, SRB, MPR
- May 6th Lunch and Learn on Friday (Kyle will be speaking and a math guy)
- LGBTQ research showcase, deadline for submissions extended to May 13th
- Beyond Academia Conference, May 20-21

Student Affairs Report
- Not today

ACTION ITEMS

UCSB Family Student Housing Tenant's Association Statement & Support
- Just sent out today
- Asking for a freeze on rent increases for family housing until housing and infrastructure is improved
  - Sidebar
    - Rate Decrease for San Clemente Questions:
      - Question: How is 20% being paid?
        • Answer: Hearsay, increase in undergrads might offset decrease in grad housing
      - Question: Will grads still have preference for San Clemente?
        • Answer: Most likely.
- Motion: To sign on as endorsers of this statement to support Family Housing Association call for freeze in rent increase. Then GSA to send emails to relevant parties.
- Friendly Amendment: GSA will sign as endorser. Family Housing will advertise our endorsement of their statement.
  - Seconded.
  - Consent (No objections)
  - Motion passes

Graduate Representation in Hiring Process
- Call for a full and Permanent participation of grad students in the Faculty hiring process
- Currently, UCSB does a better job than other UCs in having grad student representation, but more needed
- This is also good for grad student professional development (reading rec letters and cover letters)
  - Feedback/Discussion of constituents
    - Music faculty were comfortable with a liaison but not comfortable with two voting students on a committee
    - Geography Department:
      • 2 student reps sit on hiring committee in Geography.
      • These students relay information to the other graduate students in the department about candidates
      • All the grad students then vote on the candidates so that 1 graduate student vote is cast in the faculty hiring process
      • This one vote on the hiring committee more or less represents the opinion of the entire department graduate student body
Motion: change from 2 grad students to 1 student on a committee “at least one grad student”
- Seconded
  - Discussion:
    - We should ask for more and see what happens
- Motion Withdrawn
- Motion: To support resolution as written (with call for 2 students)
  - Seconded
  - Favor: 20
  - Opposed: 5
  - Abstentions: 2
  - Motion Passes

UC Regents Statement on Principles Against Intolerance
- Motion: Move to table
  - Seconded
  - Consent (No objections)

MCC/UCSB Center for Black Studies Research Request for Funding: $500
- Funding is for the free program at MCC, Teatro de Los Pobres
- Motion: to provide funding event (was it 500?)
  - Seconded
  - Discussion: Added as line item? Or as co-sponsorships?
  - No clear answer to this
- Consent (No objections)
- Motion Passes

Date of last 2015-16 GSA Assembly Meeting (06/07, 05/31,...)???
- If we meet on Tuesday, it will be during finals week
- Straw Poll:
  - Keep on June 7th: 12
  - May 31: 13
  - Abstentions: 2
- Motion: Let’s change final GSA meeting to May 31st
  - Seconded
  - Discussion
    - Favor: 13
    - Opposed: 5
    - Abstentions: 6
  - Motion Passes

3- Cosponsorships (See Budget report for details)
- Motion to approve all 3 together
- Seconded
- Consent (no objections)
- Motion passes
Congratulations 2016-17 GSA Executive Committee!!
President – David McIntosh
Vice President of Budget and Finance – Luke Arthur Rosendahl
Vice President of Communications and Records – Kyle Crocco
Vice President of Academic Affairs – Heather Macias
Vice President of External Affairs – Michelle Oyewole
Vice President of Student Affairs – Jenna Schaal-O’Connor
Vice President of Internal Affairs – Anchal Agarwal
Vice President of Committees and Planning – Matt Giles

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
- San Clemente 20% rent reduction!
  o Thanks to Zach, Emma, Carol and Christian
  o Chi-5 (undergrad) transitioning to all triple occupancy to accommodate increased student enrollment
- President’s reflection on failed fee initiative
  o Five votes!!!
  o Support is there.
  o Up to next year’s Exec Committee
- Campbell Hall Renovation Project Update
  o Been in need of renovation for many years (need roof repair, doesn’t meet ADA compliance), 3 years ago, thought it cost 20 million to update, so decided to build a new one
  o Money is there: going to be split between UC/State
  o Be built in one of the parking lots
  o 1200 seat structure (900 floor/300 balcony)
  o Satisfy needs of lecture and performance space
  o Four years to groundbreaking (aggressive timeline)
- Meeting with reps from the Telluride Association
  o http://www.tellurideassociation.org/
  o 1 of 3 schools in consideration (all CA.)
  o 2-3 year timeline IV Safe Report to the People
- Isla Vista Conference - The Beloved Community
  o https://ourislavista.as.ucsb.edu/
  o May 20-22, 2016
  o Over 40 proposals submitted
- Faculty Panel on pedagogical practices around difference (Genetti) - May 17th, 6 PM, MCC
- Transitioning/Swearing In

INTERNAL AFFAIRS
- We have employees now; fully staffed; all but one carrying over for next year

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
- **April UCSA Board Meeting**
  - Met for a short meeting: 5 hours
  - Wrote letter asking for the resignation/firing of Chancellor Katehi
  - Budget Approved for UCSA:

- **Student Lobby Conference**
  - 6 people attended (undergrads and grads lobbied together)
  - Bills Addressed
    - Budget priorities asks including $6 million for graduate students
    - **AB 2017 (McCarty)** Establish the College Mental Health Services Act Trust Account
    - **AB 1653 Campus Climate** (call for climate report every 2 years)
    - **AB 1747 (McCarty)** College Student Hunger Relief Act of 2016
    - **Endorsing the California Automatic Student Voter Registration Program’s Implementation**
      - It was gutted; we didn’t really lobby for it, unless people had time during their lobby visit.
    - Left a “Supporting UC Graduate Students” one-pager
      - Planning a Graduate Lobby Day at the end of June

- **Food Security:**
  - Tentative offer from UC President:
    - $151,000 per campus per year for the next two years to address food insecurity

- **Family Student Housing Tenant’s Association**
  - Campaign to address yearly rent increases in family housing and quality of life issues
  - Planning end of year **Graduate Students of Color** event (June 3rd)

- **UCSA May Board Meeting**
  - May 6-8th. Interviewing our next student regent designate

**Student Affairs**
- Met with Jenna Schall-O’Connor, new VP to talk about transition
- Graduate Bill of Rights status
  - Academic Senate: stalled. No progress with Academic Senate.
  - Dean Genetti: wants GSA to stick to the old version of Bill of Rights (the earlier 3 page version); GSA had updated the newer, 20 page version, (which was created by UCSA, but never approved by Academic Senate)
- Shared Governance with Academic Senate update
  - Working for shared governance and having students on board for input
  - Need to change university culture to be more student friendly (away from a corporate culture)
  - Pushing for a Grad Advocate

**Communications and Records**
- GSA Website update is under way
  o If you want to have input, contact Kyle
- GSA Banner Design
  o Colors based on UCSB colors
  o If you have feedback or want to help with design, contact Kyle

**Academic Affairs**
- Need volunteers to serve on Dixon- Levy committee
- Lunch and Learn, Friday, will be in Library Sunshine Room
- Lunch and Learn will continue over the summer, and be held twice a month
  o GSA will host (pay) for one session a month
  o Grad Div will host (pay) for one session a month

**Budget**
**Co-Sponsorships**

- Julia Fine (presenter)
- Requesting $300
- Event: SKILLS Day
  o What is SKILLS?
    ▪ Interdisciplinary, including graduate and undergraduate students from Chicano Studies, Linguistics, and Education; part of the Center for California Languages and Cultures
    ▪ Service/outreach focused, helping local Latino & indigenous high school students prepare for college by taking a course for college credit
    ▪ Academic, with opportunities for grad students to conduct research in the SKILLS classrooms
- How does SKILLS benefit grad students?
  o Research opportunities that lead to papers, journal articles, and books (‘Sociolinguistic Justice in the Schools: Student Researchers as Linguistic Experts’)
  o Teaching experience in an informal and creative setting that allows for experimentation
  o Weekly discussion group in which we explore the relationship between linguistics, education, and race/ethnicity
  o Fulfillment through mentorship

**LGBTQ Research Showcase (June 3, 2-3pm)**
- Presenter Alex Kulick
- Request for $300
- Undergraduate and graduate student presenters (multi-disciplinary)
  o LGBTQ-identified researchers
- Research on topics related to gender and sexuality
- Performance and keynote address
- Reception and networking opportunities

**IEEE Photonics Society at UCSB, Wednesday, May 4, 6 pm**
- Daniel Becerra
- Request for food: $300
- *Social Events: Ice Cream Social + BBQ*
- Photonics Banquet 2016

Fees Passed
- Childcare, so more money for the fund

Proposal for GSA Fee Increase
- Going to ask for 50% time for GSA Staff person for next year
  - 12,500 funded from Student Affairs
  - 37,202 funded from GSA savings account (Currently have 100,000 in bank)
- Have 2-3 years to campaign for GSA fee increase until GSA spends all its savings

Co-Sponsorship Bylaw Revisions
- Keep same rules for student co-sponsorships
  - 6,000 line item, with 300 per request
- Create separate line items for other annual events (UCSB Reads, Orientation, etc)

**Committees and Planning**
Survey for Stipend Payments
Flyers
Bylaws Amendments
- A Special Surprise
**Survey for Stipend Status**
http://goo.gl/forms/EJU63WG2BA
At least there will be a record of the lack of payments...

**Flyers**
You get a flyer - you get a flyer! EVERYBODY GETS FLYERS!!
Please take these back to your Departments and have your Grad Program Advisor/Coordinator (GPA/C) post them in grad lounges and hand to TAs to post up

**Bylaws Amendments (last time, I swear)**
Adjusting name of a standing committee from “UCSB Student Oversight Committee” to
“UCSB Joint Student Advocacy Committee”

**Bylaws Link**
Committees and Planning (ComPlan or VPCP)

**Mosher Time is Back (probably - 83% sure)! (need 3 more signatures)**
Tentatively save the date
**May 19th, 5pm-ish**
Still having final alcohol purchase forms signed….
Help check out the beer vendors at
M. Special Brewing Co.
Big round of applause to CAMILLE ENDACOTT & the Graduate Engagement (Party Planning) Committee

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- Planning Graduate Students of Colors Event, June 3rd

**DISCUSSION**

End Time: 7:27