

## May 2016 Assembly Meeting Minutes

### **"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 5<sup>th</sup>, Navigating ups and downs of grad school, by CAPS, in main building
- May 5<sup>th</sup>, IRB workshop 2-3:30, SRB, MPR

- May 6<sup>th</sup> Lunch and Learn on Friday (Kyle will be speaking and a math guy)
- LGBTQ research showcase, deadline for submissions extended to May 13<sup>th</sup>
- 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
  - o 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.
  - o Seconded.
  - o Consent (No objections)
  - o **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)
  - o 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 7<sup>th</sup>: 12
  - May 31: 13
  - Abstentions: 2
- **Motion:** Let’s change final GSA meeting to May 31<sup>st</sup>
  - 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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:
    - Approved 2016-2017 UCSA Budget: [http://ucsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/2016-17-Budget\\_Board-approved-on-4-15-16.pdf](http://ucsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/2016-17-Budget_Board-approved-on-4-15-16.pdf)
- **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 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- **UCSA May Board Meeting**
  - May 6-8<sup>th</sup>. 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**

- **Organization: VOX/S.K.I.L.L.S (School Kids Investigating Language in Life and Society)**
- 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