

May 31, 2016 Assembly Meeting Minutes

Welcome & Farewell!!

**Relocation of meeting: Moved to Student Resource Building, Multipurpose Room
Start: 6:30**

MEETING AGENDA

Greetings!
Community Agreements/Protocol
Advisor/Grad Div./S.A. Dept. Reports
Action Items
Executive Committee Reports
2016-17 Executive Committee Oath
Discussion Items
Adjournment

MEETING

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

Staff Reports

GSA Advisor Report

- No report

Graduate Division Report

- GSRC doing great work in professional development
- Lunch and Learn will continue during the summer
- Contact Robert Hamm if you want to be a presenter

Student Affairs Report

- Greatest challenges for students at end of year: lots of services for support
- CAPS and CLAS are both useful

ACTION ITEMS

\$500 - Summer Lunch and Learn

- Completely funded by GradDiv at moment
- Going to do 2 a month this summer, so we need to contribute

- Motion: Approve 500 for lunch and learn this summer
 - Seconded
 - Consent (No objections)
 - Motion Passes

Budget Line Items Combination

- VP Budget and Admin Manager must triple-check and quadruple-certify everything or else it backs up for days (or weeks [or months [or years!]])
- Motion: Combine our leftover Spring Beach Barbecue and Mosher Time budget line items into the Social Hour and Spring Social budget line items
 - Seconded
 - Consent (no objection)
 - Motion Passes

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Reflections on our year together.
 - Hopefully, we are passing along an improved GSA.
 - Met with challenges (and overcame them), took stances on important issues, worked for shared governance, had membership on important committees
 - Want to thank you all, it's been a hell of a ride

VP INTERNAL AFFAIRS GSA LOUNGE

- Thank you for honoring the shared space of GSA lounge
- We inherited great staff members from Emma Levine
- Gained two new members to pass on to next year's group
- For summer reservations, contact UCen
- No Bagel Hour next week; but UAW will have Donut hour on June 8, 8:15-11:15

VP EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

May UCSA Board Meeting

- Paul Monge
 - First year law student at Cal Berkeley. Former AS UCSB president, started the Food Pantry here at UCSB and co-wrote the California Automatic Student Registration Bill this year!!
- Overall, had amazing applicants for this position (undergrad and Grad)
- Resolution on Graduate Student and Advisor Relationships* by Michelle Oyewole UCSB GSA Legislative Director & Ricardo Gomez UC Berkeley GSA Legislative Director
 - Similar to the Bill of Rights worked on this year by GSA
- Updates on Legislation
 - Both UCSA sponsored bills for the year made it out of Appropriations Committee!! **AB 2017 (McCarty): Campus mental health** (co-sponsor) and **AB 1747 (Weber): Campus EBT cards** (co-sponsor) will both continue to the Assembly floor for votes, where we are confident they will pass.

Family Student Housing

- Asked UCSA to support our residents in Family Student Housing by adding their name to the petition and it passed unanimously!
- Attended Family Housing Tenant Association Meeting on May 11, 2016
- Family Housing meeting with Housing Administrators: May 16, 2016
- Please sign the TA's petition letter to freeze rent increases!!
 - <http://www.ucsbta.com/fight-the-fees-petition/>

CalFresh Clinic

- Amy Lopez, Outreach Manager with the Foodbank of Santa Barbara County was in the GSA Lounge from 2-4pm.
 - We hope that this is the beginning of a relationship with CalFresh
 - If you do application on your own, you might be rejected. Best to have someone help you with the application
- Please contact her directly if you want to see if you qualify for CalFresh food benefits at ALopez@foodbanksbc.org as the application process can be tricky for graduate students.

Pressure the Legislature & Governor to Support Grad Students in the Final 2016 Budget

- The 2016 budget is due to the Governor's desk by June 15. The UC has requested \$6M from the State to enroll 600 new graduate students in order to support graduate student success and meet the enrollment and instruction needs of incoming undergraduates.
- The CA Senate included the \$6M in their budget, and a few days ago we found out that thanks to our lobbying efforts, the State Assembly is now supporting additional funding for graduate students!
- To make sure that Governor Brown does not veto this additional funding we need to collect letters! We are calling on UC graduate students to fill out the form below to be sent as a letter to your representative and Governor Brown!
<http://ucsa.org/fundgrads/>

Become the 2016-2017 GSA Legislative Director!

- Represent the interests of UCSB's graduate students and lobby on their behalf!
 - \$1500 Stipend and all travel expenses to UCSA Board meetings will be covered!
- Job Description: 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.
- To apply, please email gsavpexternal@gmail.com indicating your interest and answering all of the following questions:
 - Why do you want to be a Legislative Director and what do you think are

the most pressing issues facing graduate students?

- What experience do you have in legislative/lobby work?
- How familiar are you with UCSA and its lobby work?
- Board meetings take place once a month over the weekend and the 2016-2017 Calendar will be finalized at the upcoming UCSA Board Retreat (July 19-21st in San Francisco). Are you available to attend all UCSA Board Meetings, including the upcoming Board Retreat?

Applications are due June 15, 2016.

Graduate Students of Color End of the Year Event!

- Friday June 3rd, 2016 7-9pm in the GSA Lounge
 - Free food, drinks, and a lot of fun!!

VP of Graduate Student Affairs

No report

VP Communications and Records

- New GSA Banner: David McIntosh will be working on some improvements to draft version.
- New GSA website: Will be updated this summer.

VP Academic Affairs End of Year Officer Report

- Lunch and Learn series is a big success. It will be continued this summer and into next year.
- We increased the number of ETA winners to 8. Assembly members will be informed by email of the winners over the weekend.
- Winners of Dixon-Levy Service Award:
 - M. A.
 - A. L.
 - J. S.
 - K. T.

VP Budget and Finance

- Greg Maier currently busy working on a manuscript, so he is not here tonight.
- Report via Aaron
 - Income in good shape
 - There is money for staff position
 - Greg will send a follow up report to assembly
 - Greg did a fantastic job this year

VP Committees and Engagement (VPCE)

Events Review

- Mosher Time and Social Hours went great! Bigger turnout each consecutive event
- Will need to increase budget slightly for next year, but - concomitantly decrease Spring Barbecue

- GSA Spring Celebration next Monday, June 6; planning underway; RSVPs closed

Priority Committees (Need committee members)

- CCSIS and Subcommittees
- Sustainability and Subcommittees
- Conduct, Diversity/Equity Committees
- Major Events ; MCC Governance Boards
- Program Review Panel
- AS CLS Faculty Executive

Survey Summary and Report

- goo.gl/RwNb8U
- Most Pressing issues
 - Housing overwhelming issue
 - Lack of grad student community
 - Insurance and mental health
 - Frustration with bureaucracy
 - Will hand off to incoming GSA Officers-elect
- Meeting with Dean Ginetti (Grad Div) and Willie Brown (Housing) before terming out

Action Item: Memo on Financial Issues

- Aaron: \$200+; Timothy: \$1500+; Yanira: \$2000+
- Memo covers issues of stipend and reimbursement payments, requests more resources to support GSA, highlights disparities between AS and GSA
- Literally uses the words “not intended to castigate or blame any one individual or Division“
- goo.gl/AAeUcv
- Requesting entire EC sign on, and any GSA Reps and/or Employees sign on, too, if interested

Oath of Office for the 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

Officers Sworn In (David McIntosh, Jenna Schaal-O’Connor, and Kyle Crocco)

DISCUSSION

- Advice to future GSA Assemblies:

- Find a way to communicate among yourself and the assembly
- Find a way to agree to disagree
- Continue forwarding reports and action materials for next year's Assembly: it worked
- New board should have more training, help with communication among members, which is essential
- Finances: reimbursements still pending. GSA shouldn't be adding to the financial stress; hopefully this will be cleared up for the next GSA Assembly
- Add alternative Foods for GSA Bagel Hour
- Try to get more departments represented; encourage members from your own department to join

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Motion to Adjourn

Second

Consent (no objections)

7:09 pm