

## November 2016 Assembly Meeting Welcome!

**Start:** 6:08 p.m.

### Meeting Agenda

- Greetings!
- Introductions
- Roll Call/Community Agreements
- Presentations
- Advisor/Grad Div. Reports
- Executive Committee Reports
- Action Items
- Announcements
- Discussion Items
- Adjournment

### Meeting

#### Agenda

- Approved

### Community Agreements

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

### Presentations

- **CAPS Services, presented by Turi Honegger, Clinical Director**
  - Graduate School is stressful
  - CAPS has 20 full time licensed psychologists, multilingual (6 languages)
    - Goal: trying to have one per 1,000 students
  - Locations: main office on campus, Isla Vista, San Clemente, Santa Catalina, EOP office in SRB
  - Cost: All registered students can come; no extra fees
  - Graduate Student Concerns:
    - General life stress
    - Academic anxiety
    - Mental health
    - Difficulty in relationships
  - Services available
    - 24hour/day

- individual/group therapy
    - workshop for creating community
  - 21 grad and undergrad peers
    - 9 different languages spoken
    - peer-to-peer counseling
    - 4 massage chairs
- **Big Ideas @ Berkeley**
- Presented by: Joanne Nowak, Academic Coordinator - UCSB Blum Center for Global Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Development
  - Social innovation contest hosted by the UC Berkeley Blum Center for Developing Economies,
    - Open to all UC students
  - Themes and Teams: Students (individually or in teams) propose an idea that addresses a pressing social problem in 1 (of 8) thematic categories, and can win up to \$18K
  - Deadline: November 16<sup>th</sup> at 12PM
    - a 3 page pre-proposal is due
  - Visit the Big Ideas Website for resources, Skype advisor appointments, and past winner profiles, or contact: [joanne.nowak@ucsb.edu](mailto:joanne.nowak@ucsb.edu) (UCSB Blum Center)

### Co-Sponsorship Applications

- **Indian Association of Santa Barbara**
  - Bollywood Nights: bridge gap between culture and social welfare
  - Event Raises Money for cancer
    - Last year they raised \$3,300 for charity
    - See Agenda slides for partners and sponsors
    - Also will have a professional dance therapy instructor
  - Request: \$300 for food
- **IEEE Photonics Society Distinguished Lecture**
  - Organization name: IEEE Photonics Society UCSB Student Chapter
  - Event title: Guest Lecture “Space-Time Dualities and Temporal Imaging” by Professor Brian Kolner.
  - Goals: The focus of this event is to introduce the primary research area of our guest lecturer to the audience. And by having this seminar, we hope to broaden the interests of our audience and to inspire them in their own area of research.
  - Audience/impact: Anybody whose research interests overlap with the lecture topic (Grad student/faculties in the ECE and physics department).
    - Event time: Friday Nov. 4 at 12-1:30pm
    - Event location: ESB 1001
    - Attendee size : 50
    - Free to attend the event
  - Promotion plan: Set up a webpage in our IEEE Photonics Society UCSB Chapter website; We would post flyer around ESB, HFH and the physics department

building; All members of our student Chapter will receive email contain detailed information of this event.

- Amount requested: \$150
- Purpose for the requested fund: The seminar is hosted during lunch time, the requested fund will be used to provide light refreshment to our attendees as well as balance some of the promotion cost.
  
- **23rd Annual Conference on Language, Interaction, and Social Organization (LISO): “Encounter and Interface”:** A biannual graduate student conference
  - May 19-20, 2017
  - LISO group consists of faculty and graduate students from the departments of Communication, Linguistics, Sociology, and the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education, and is expanding to include graduate students in the department of Spanish and Portuguese.
  - The LISO conference, which is jointly organized each year by graduate students at UCSB and UCLA, provides one of the most established, but generative, forums for scholarship on linguistic and social interaction.
  - 23rd Annual Conference on Language, Interaction, and Social Organization (LISO): “Encounter and Interface”
    - The three confirmed 2017 plenary speakers are Patricia Baquedano-López (UC Berkeley, Education), Tanya Stivers (UCLA, Sociology), and Erica Cartmill (UCLA, Anthropology). Scholarship
    - In addition to the five UCSB academic departments represented in the LISO Research Focus Group, listed above, the themes of the 2017 conference may also appeal to students and faculty in other departments and research groups on campus. In particular, we plan to invite members of the Departments of Anthropology, Feminist Studies, Black Studies, Chicana/o Studies, and Psychology to submit abstracts and attend talks and other conference events.
  - 23rd Annual Conference on Language, Interaction, and Social Organization (LISO): “Encounter and Interface”
    - The engagement and involvement of graduate students is integral to this conference. The annual conference is always organized by graduate students, and graduate students are strongly encouraged to submit papers to present at the conference. We aim to create a friendly environment in which graduate students can receive productive feedback on their work, and engage in conversations about their work with each other, as well as with top scholars in their fields. We aim to include presentations by several UCSB graduate students during the conference; we expect graduate student presentations from students in at least four UCSB departments.

### **Staff Reports**

- GSA Advisor/Student Affairs Report: Don Lubach
  - CAPS said it all

- Graduate Division Report: Christian Villasenor
  - GSRC events, Graduate Student Resource Center
  - Monday: Hosting Humanists at Work Summit
  - NSF Programming (funded by grant)
    - Thursday: Talk by Paula Chambers (founder of versatile PhD)
      - Followed by networking reception
  - Friday: Lunch & Learn: Localization and Little Liberia

### **President's Report**

- Chancellor's Coordinating Committee on Budget Strategy
- UC Santa Barbara Foundation (Fundraising for campus)
  - Will include details to be added to minutes
- GSA Assembly Representation
  - Want to include more representation at GSA
  - Working on recruitment efforts

### **VP of Internal Affairs**

- Campus Planning Committee
  - Reiterated items from their last meeting (Adjusting Rates for Design and Construction Services and Edible Campus— both items recommended for Approval at last meeting).
  - One discussion item (no action items: demolition of the northern wing of the Music quad (currently holds faculty offices) because of outdated seismic issues.
    - This is one of the oldest buildings on campus.
    - No action was taken, but there was a discussion on its demolition, and the construction of a newer space in its place, one that includes classrooms that the university is in great need of, which can be used by the entirety of the campus.
    - Those in the offices to be demolished will be given new offices in the new building and/or assigned offices in already existing buildings with space in the Music quad.
- Making the lounge a multi-faceted space
  - Use for hanging out and meeting other grads AND for doing work.
  - Rules about noise will be revisited as new additions come in (especially the pool table).
    - We may have quiet hours, have the staff hold on to pool balls, sticks, etc. during certain hours of the day,
    - Our goal is to make the lounge a more functional space.
  - We will be listening to our grads, and are setting up an online anonymous suggestion link so that we can get your feedback.
- Lounge Additions
  - Pool Table— approved and purchased
  - White Board— approved and purchased
  - Little Free Library— approved and purchased
  - Artwork and decor— working on it
  - Using existing TV for some purpose— looking into it

### **VP of External Affairs**

- Goals to Work On for the Year
- Website - Grad/Prof Agenda Added
- Also see Interview with State Of regarding the Agenda
- Preparation for UCSA Students of Color Conference
- Increased Grad Focus This Year
- Meeting between UCSA and President Janet Napolitano on 10/31
  - Having cultural centers on campuses that don't have them
  - Looking at diversity for faculty hires
- Meeting between Grad/Prof Committee and UCOP Council of Graduate Deans on 11/10

### **VP of Academic Affairs**

- Nothing to report.

### **VP of Student Affairs**

- Health Insurance
  - First meeting with Aetna took place, and plans for next year's Gaucho Health Insurance will be made over the next few months
  - UCSB has the 2nd lowest graduate student health insurance premium among UC schools: \$3,150 per quarter (compared to \$4,804/quarter at highest)
    - UCSB's plan has graduate and undergraduate students paying the same rate, with the graduate rate heavily subsidized by the undergraduate population
    - UCSB thus has the highest undergraduate health insurance rate of all the UC schools, also \$3,150 per quarter
    - Legislation recently passed such that this is still a legal arrangement, but rising insurance costs, particularly for our older demographic, may instigate a paradigm shift
  - Furthermore, Aetna is not really making any money by providing health insurance to us
- Housing
  - The San Clemente housing office has closed/consolidated with the Santa Ynez housing office up the street.
    - This was an effect of the budgetary restraints put in place after rent was lowered.
    - Are people upset?
  - After being reviewed by lawyers, the proposed IV lease addendum is much more palatable.
- Sexual Violence
  - First monthly forum convened last week
  - Annual report on students' sexual violence reports has been released: <http://sexualviolence.ucsb.edu>
  - Reach Out app (use it) for campus resources and reporting options

## **VP of Communications and Records**

- Nothing to report.

## **VP of Committees and Planning**

- Committees
  - 21 remaining Committees that need Graduate Student representation
  - Multiple committees have applicants who have submitted and are now waiting for approval from the committee itself
- To visit Committees website:
  - Visit: <http://www.gsa.ucsb.edu/>
  - Scroll over Delegates, Click on Committees
  - Click first hyperlink: GSA Committees File
- Committees with new representatives in Fall 2016:

## **VP of Budget**

- Review: Money for Mosher Time, Lounge Upgrade, etc.
  - See slides for details
- Co-sponsorship funds slide
  - Funds declining, but enough for now

## **Action Items**

- Co-Sponsorships
  - IEEE Photonics Society UCSB Student Branch
    - Funded by department
    - Motion to approve. Seconded. Consent.
      - **Approved.**
  - Indian Association of Santa Barbara
    - Motion to approve. Second.
    - Discussion:
      - Advise: not to approve, since we need money for on-campus funding
      - Question: can we fund for less? Yes. Counter argument. Should fund for all or no.
      - Point: 60% of attendees made up of graduate students
      - Point: funded them last year
    - Motion to Vote
      - Yes: 26
      - No: 3
      - Abstain: 4
      - **Approved**
  - Language, Interaction, and Social Organization (LISO) Planning Committee
    - Move to approve. Seconded. Consensus.
    - **Approved**

- [Resolution on Graduate Student/Advisor Relationships](#)
  - Toward best practices and accountability in mentorship
- Resolution:
  - Graduate Division publicly acknowledge best practices in relationship and what are the results if it doesn't happen
  - Implement of reciprocal evaluation process (advisor/advisee review each other)
    - External person to review the process
  - Report: Data without personal identification from evaluations, published on websites
  - Mentorship training for faculty
- Motion to table. Seconded.
  - Yes: 14
  - No: 5
  - Abstain: 12
  - **Approved**

### **Announcements**

- CARE – searching for a permanent director

### **Discussion**

- Creation of online directory for Assembly members
  - Also, email addresses requested by MCC
  - Are GSA reps public servants, want email posted publicly
  - Point: all reps in attendance supposed to be in published minutes
  - Exec committee will discuss further
- Travel Funds: First Come, First Served basis that it's given
  - Question: Think of better way to award funding: it's here and then it's gone
  - Issue: Overspent last year: so less this year
  - Issue: fund limited to fee initiative
  - Future: increase fee for next year
  - Exec committee will discuss further
- Pool Table Installation
  - Concerns about disrupting the use of space
    - Already used as a study/social space
    - Is there better use of money?
    - Other hand: pro pool table, would use lounge!
    - Idea: vote given to all students
  - Motion to put on hold. Seconded.
  - Yes: 6
  - No: 17
  - Abstain: 5
    - **Motion not approved.**
    - Result, pool table is on order and will be installed

**Adjournment**

8:14 pm

Farewell!