

December 2016 GSA General Assembly Meeting
Agenda
December 6th, 2016 - 6pm
GSA Lounge

Agenda:

- 1. Greetings!**
- 2. Roll Call/Community Agreements**
- 3. Presentations**
 - a. EEMB GSS Committee Co-Sponsorship Application**
 - b. Office of the Registrar – Records Fee Proposal**
- 4. Advisor/Grad Div. Reports**
- 5. Executive Committee Reports**
- 6. Action Items**
 - a. EEMB GSS Committee Co-Sponsorship funding (see application below)**
 - b. Resolution on Graduate Student and Advisor Relationships (see resolution below)**
 - c. Statement in support of GSA AS Finance transition (see below)**
 - d. Vote to move January meeting to 1/10/17**
- 7. Announcements**
- 8. Discussion Items**
- 9. Adjournment**

Agenda

- Approved

Roll Call

Community Agreements

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

Presentations

- Office of the Registrar--- Leesa Beck leesa.beck@sa.ucsb.edu
 - Proposed fee structure change
 - Change paper records with data
 - Students are disadvantaged with a paper system, employer verifications, common app, etc.

- Students are hit hard with the transactional fees, diploma fee
 - Taking advantage of new technologies
 - Basically... replace current fee structure with one time or quarterly fee for records
 - Unlimited supply of transcripts, enrollment verifications, etc.
 - Elimination of rush fees and other special handling fees
 - Advantages--- enabling new services, benefit electronic applications, faster, easier, ability to take advantage of student discounts more easily
 - Questions--- how much is the fee? Proposed as \$16 per quarter, but will grads really need this service?
- 13th annual EEMB Grad Student symposium
 - One-day conference 2/11/2017
 - Open to all grads researching ecology, evolution, marine biology regardless of department
 - Informal recruitment weekend--- PI's come to see what kind of research is going on
 - Attendance is open to everyone at UCSB
 - Need \$300 for subsidizing the dinner (they charge \$10 per person)
- Advisor Student Affairs Report---Don Leubach
 - Winter refunds--- won't hit direct deposit until 1/5/17, checks not mailed until 1/9/17
 - You can send letters to landlords, housing departments, etc. if this is a problem and they should be able to accommodate you
- Grad Div report from Christian
 - 5th annual grad slam 2nd and 3rd week of Spring quarter (April)
 - registration opens on 1/17/17 a Tuesday

Officer Reports

- President
 - General assembly membership
 - Low turnout, actively recruiting to get more people to come, go to GSA website
 - GSA accounting
 - Switch to AS from general university finances
 - Meeting with library executives
- Internal Affairs
 - Lounge additions (white board, little free library, artwork)
 - Extending lounge hours next quarter (evening access through ID)
 - Cleaning couches and carpet over break
 - Quiet hours for Finals Week

- Working with library to ensure better utilization of grad dedicated spaces
- Campus Planning Committee canceled, will be held in late January
- External Affairs
 - November Meeting with Council of Graduate Deans, UCOP (11/10)
 - Discussion on Mentorship
 - Will work in partnership to reform mentorship policies
 - Discussed: Individual Development Plans, Mentorship Training, SREPs, etc.
 - Students of Color Conference 2016, UC Irvine
 - Theme: Dismantling Anti-Blackness
 - 11 delegates from 6 departments
 - November Board Meeting at UC Irvine
 - Update from CoP on Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition
 - Resolutions Passed: Solidarity with Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Against White Supremacy, Solidarity with IT Workers at the UCSF Campus, Involvement in IIEE Syrian Consortium.
 - Council of Grad Deans UCOP 11/10
 - SOC conference at Irvine
 - November Board Meeting UCI
 - Update on pdst
 - December Board Meeting at UC Davis
 - Response to proposed tuition and PDST changes
 - Better way of communication grad cost of living
 - Intro of UCSA President Ralph Washington Jr.
- Academic Affairs
 - Little Free Library coming to GSA!
 - Starting winter quarter, keep an eye out for the official grand opening of our very own Little Free Library in the GSA Lounge :)
 - Donations are welcome anytime before then as I work to build up our book supply and reserve.
 - Used, leisure books are preferred, but recent, gently used textbooks will also be accepted.
 - Email me to arrange a pick up: Heather.macias@gmail.com
- Student Affairs
 - Health Insurance
 - Aetna is gathering some data for us, negotiations for next year's policy will resume in January.
- Communication
 - Nothing to report
- Committees and Planning
 - Report to General Assembly
 - 16 remaining Committees that need Graduate Student representation
 - End of quarter report requests will be sent out after this week to make sure that students get paid for committee work.

- Anticipated Students of Color Social Hour, Jan. 2017
- To visit Committees website:
- Visit: <http://www.gsa.ucsb.edu/committees>
- Click first hyperlink: GSA Committees File
- MosherTime, Fall 2016:
 - Anticipated Budget: \$1200
 - Anticipated Attendance: 120
 - Final Costs: \$1144.60
 - Total Attendance: 186
- **NOTE: Some grads aren't getting announcements about GSA events – spoke with GSA Communications VP. Department Reps: Please spot check to make sure that individuals are getting contacted.**
- Budget
 - Co-Sponsorships
 - One Request This Month
 - EEMB Graduate Student Symposium
 - Budgeted for two/month and currently above budget
 - So we have the funds
 - Switching finances from general fund to AS because it makes sense
 - Problem: Slow Financial Processing
 - Reimbursements, co-sponsorships taking months
 - September co-sponsorships still processing
 - All other transactions also taking much longer
 - Travel grants taking >1 month
 - Analysis of Workflow
 - Luke processes paperwork (grant applications, etc) – 1-3 Days
 - UCSB processes the paperwork - 3-7+ Weeks
 - Money is disbursed
 - Conclusion: Slow UCSB processing is negatively impacting GSA operations
 - Solution: Switch to Associated Students Finances
 - Currently oversee a current budget of >\$10 million
 - Our transactions will easily and quickly be handled without University slowdowns
 - Advantages:
 - Will result in a 3-5 day financial turn-around
 - Will free our GSA Admin staff position to focus on lounge operations
 - Lounge cleaning, upkeep, maintenance, electrical socket repair, etc.
 - Disadvantages:
 - More work during the transition for Luke and other officers
 - Conclusion: Pros outweigh the Cons

- Action Items
 - EEMB GSS Committee Co-sponsorship funding (asking for \$300)
 - Motion to approve. Second. Consent.
 - Approved
 - Resolution on Grad student and advisor relationships
 - Document in link
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TujL3rSU6097ZwQ85UAJenrbh8K6G-Pt-Op0WKb1SPbg/edit?usp=sharing>
 - Motion to approve. Second.
 - In favor: 24
 - Opposed: 1
 - Abstained: 6
 - Approved
 - AS Finance Transition
 - Motion to approve. Second.
 - In favor: 31
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstained: 0
 - Approved

January Meeting date changed to 1/10/2017 because first Tuesday is during break

Discussion Items

- Statement to support students under attack POC and undocumented students
 - Michelle will gather emails of people wanting to create statement to approve by January Assembly meeting
- UAW state meeting--- how to help when there is a joint session here at UCSB in January (probably late January)
- Question about AS finance switch
- Why can't we control our own money--- answer: university won't let us
- Issues with San Clemente Housing--- people got accepted got housing but contracts were cancelled, should take issues up with Grad Div and Christian, Dean Genetti
- Who to talk to about library issues? Rebecca Metzger

Adjournment

7:24pm