

April 2017 Assembly Meeting

4/4/17

Welcome!

Start: 6pm

Meeting Agenda

- Greetings!
- Roll Call/Community Agreements
- Presentations
- Advisor/Grad Div. Reports
- Executive Committee Reports
- Election ballot initiatives discussion
- Action Items
- Announcements
- Discussion Items
- Adjournment
- Meeting

Roll Call

Academic Departments Present

Community Agreements

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

Presentations

Global Poverty Action Week – Caitlin Rathe

UCSB Library – Sherri Barnes

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- Global Poverty Action Week taking place across UC campuses on April 17th, 18th, and 19th
 - Led by the Student Action Council for the Eradication of Poverty and Inequality, an initiative of the UC Blum Federation
- Key events at UCSB:
 - April 17-19: Visual displays across campus highlighting key facts related to responsible production and consumption
 - April 19: Afternoon coffee and snacks with experts from UCSB faculty and local business (please contact: joanne.nowak@ucsb.edu)

- April 19: Panel discussion with faculty, student and business experts on responsible production and consumption issues – comparing theory vs. reality on the ground, and in particular what students can do

UCSB Library Scholarly Communication Program Coordinator – Sherri Barnes
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- Scholarly Communication at the Library
 - Purpose: to monitor trends, bring attention to changes in the system
 - Services: presentations, events programming, copyright info questions go to copyrightinfo@library.ucsb.edu, Digital Scholarship Portal,
 - Open Access Week
 - Fair Use Week
 - Trends: data curation, management, and planning; open access publishing (publish with open access journal or deposit in open access depository), copyright reform, altmetrics (measure impact of your work beyond citations)
 - Tools & Resources: eScholarship, Research Data Management Guide, DMPT, EZID, Fair Use Checklist, Library-Sponsored programs

Co-Sponsorship Applications

Art History Graduate Student Association - Maggie Mansfield and JV Decemvirale

- Title: Poor Taste and the Exclusionary Mechanisms of Cultural Consumption
- Keynote: Mark Steven Greenfield
 - Keynote Conversation with Los-Angeles-based artist and curator, Mark Steven Greenfield will occur from 1:30-3:00. As the Director of the Watts Towers Arts Center and the Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery, Greenfield has supported artistic practices that investigate taboo topics and traumas and has also been caught up in public responses to such politically sensitive material. Within his own artistic practice, he has tapped into the deep history of racialized American visual culture, redeploying images of blackface and minstrelsy. As he says: "These images have haunted us for a very, very long time — unless we exorcise the demons that these images have conjured up, we'll never really be free." Unafraid to confront difficult subject matter, often deemed in poor taste, we are pleased to welcome him to campus to speak on his wide-ranging work and activism.
- Poor Taste Budget
 - Request: \$300 from GSA

Staff Reports

- GSA Advisor/Student Affairs Report: Don Lubach
 - Financial Crisis Response Report Team
 - So this team will be consolidated group; students in financial crisis can go to them and then this group will send them to the appropriate campus resources, rather than students having to seek out help from all over campus

- Award Season
 - Nominate undergraduates for these awards (and it changes their life)
 - Don't be afraid to nominate yourself for these awards (and people will write supportive letters)
 - Join awards committees: see the great work going on
- Graduate Division Report
 - Christian Villaseñor:
 - Be a commencement speaker: apply now
 - Robert Hamm
 - GradSlam between April 10-21
 - Beyond Academia Conference, May 5-6
 - Workshops, May 5
 - Career Panels, May 6
 - Registration: \$10 (includes a book, food, and the conference)
 - Lana Smith-Hale
 - Graduate Student Career Mixer: Wed, April 19, 3:30-5:30, Mosher Alumni House
 - Bring your resume; dress business casual
 - Graduate Student Internship Scholarship Program
 - GradDiv gave \$5,000 seed money for fund (2 x 2,500 scholarships)

President's Report

- GSA accounting
 - AS wants senate to come up with resolution to support it
 - However, the move has been approved by all others and we are working on the changeover now
- Dean Genetti
 - Informed her of accounting transfer and she has helped it along
 - Explained Internship grant and she was for it (offered money: see Lana Smith-Hale report above)
- Faculty Legislature
 - Enrollment caps: proposing a cap of 25% non-California undergraduate students for incoming class
 - Discussion of implications of cap are ongoing

VP of Internal Affairs

- Extended lounge hours Tuesdays and Thursdays (beta version)
 - Set up system so people can use whenever they want; a monthly code will be sent out
- Bagel Hour sponsorships
 - Keep telling people to sponsor the event
- Artwork
 - Encourage everyone to contribute art; don't have to be an artist
- Make some extra cash by working Bagel Hour
 - Contact Ali to work Bagel Hour and make cash!!!

GSA VP External

- UCSA Student Lobby Conference, 3 UCSB Grad Delegates attended
- Alexander Markovitch (Global Studies, UCSB) gave a research presentation on water rights in Colorado
- SB 201, state bill for research assistant rights passed out of labor committee; our grads and undergrads did extensive lobbying for the bill
- I'll present UCSA budget next month
- Complete intent to submit to the Graduate Policy Journal by 4/11 (check last week's GSA emails for more info)

VP of Academic Affairs

- Excellence in Teaching Award
 - The GSA Excellence in Teaching Award (ETA) recognizes graduate students who have shown excellence and gone above and beyond as teachers at UCSB.
 - Award committee to be formed now
 - Need three additional members
 - See me after the meeting to sign up and be considered
 - Will meet no more than three times
 - You will be paid!
- GSA Dixon-Levy Service Award
 - This award acknowledges that service to graduate students at UCSB comes in many forms, not only through serving as an elected GSA Officer, but also through advocacy of graduate student interests in a variety of other ways. This prestigious award will be given to outstanding members of the university community who have unselfishly devoted themselves to the improvement of graduate student life.
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VP of Student Affairs

- Housing
 - Nothing to report; meetings coming soon
 - San Clemente nearly 100% grads for next year
 - Lease Addendum has been tabled; will not go into effect
- Parking and Transportation
 - Nothing to report
- Health Insurance
 - Our 2017-2018 insurance provider will be...
 - AETNA!!!
 - Pressure from Admin to go USHIP, but AETNA prevailed
 - Cost is going up slightly, but still less than other UCs

VP of Communications and Records

- No updates

VP of Committees and Planning

- Report to General Assembly
 - 14 committees that need Graduate Student representation
 - Please submit Committee Reports!
 - Looking for 1-2 volunteers for Thursday night (Moshertime) to cover cancellations!
- To visit Committees website:
 - Visit: <http://www.gsa.ucsb.edu/committees>
 - Click first hyperlink: GSA Committees File
- Moshertime, April 2017:
 - Please email me (MATT@UMAIL.UCSB.EDU) with any requests, questions, suggestions.
 - Please spread the word – send out an additional reminder to your peers in your program that there is free food and drinks for you!
- GSA Social Hour, April 2017:
 - Woodstocks, end of month.

VP of Budget

- Plenty of co-sponsorships money to go around
- Childcare Grants
 - Chancellor approved fee discontinuation
 - Currently in the process of developing new guidelines
- Summer Bus Pass Grants
 - Same situation: too much money
 - Solution: vote not to reaffirm

2017 Election Commission

- Members
 - Dell Rose (Religious Studies)
 - Corinne Carpenter (Chemical Engineering)
 - Ali Rahman (Comp Lit)
 - David McIntosh (Ex-officio, History)
- Job: certify candidates and results
- Motion to certify commission
- Seconded. Consent
- **Approved this committee**

2017 Ballot Initiatives

- Reaffirm Student Medical Emergency Relief Fund (SMERF): .89/quarter
- Reaffirm Travel Grant Fund: 4.28/quarter
- Sunset Summer Bus Pass Fun: 2.85/quarter
 - Motion to sunset

- Seconded
- Consent; no objections
- **Approved: we will sunset the summer bus pass fund**
- Propose Summer Internship Initiative: 4.96/year
 - Raises 10,000 for scholarships
 - Hope to raise funds from businesses and endowments
 - Motion to Approve. Seconded.
 - Consent. No objections.
 - **Approved: Summer Internship will be placed on ballot**

Nominations

- Final Call for Candidates
- Nomination: Matt Giles, Committees and Planning

Action Items

Co-sponsorship applications

- Art History Graduate Student Association
 - Motion to approve. Seconded.
 - Consent. No objections.
 - **Approved: request for \$300**

Announcements

- Davidson Library
- Problem with access to specialized libraries (especially for History students), and for access to tables and use of oversize materials
 - Materials used to be in music library
 - No priority space for grads
- Wants to know if others have had similar experiences

Discussion

Adjournment: 7:20 pm

Farewell!