GSA General Assembly

February 5th 2019

Meeting starts 6:11 pm

- Agenda
  - Greetings!
  - Community Agreements
    - Votes: 50% +1 to pass (Article II, Section B, Clause E)
    - Respect the speaker
    - No cell phones/recording
    - Be engaged
    - Step up/step back
    - One Mic, One Diva
    - Jargon Giraffe
    - Decorum
  - Last meeting minutes and current agenda approval
  - Roll Call
  - Presentations
  - Advisor/Grad Div. Reports
  - Executive Committee Reports
  - Action Items
  - Announcements
  - Discussion Items
  - Adjournment

- Roll Call
  - 20 departments signed in

Motioned to approve minutes, second, consent, no abstentions
Presentations

● **Cal Fresh (5 minutes)**
  ○ [Website](#)
  ○ Students can receive up to $193 per month
  ○ Increases access to healthier foods
  ○ Won’t affect financial aid
  ○ Accepted at any major retailer
  ○ Requirements:
    ■ US Citizen of permanent resident
    ■ 18 or older
    ■ One of the student requirements (Being a TA, GSR, GSI, having a dependent)
  ○ Steps:
    ■ Speak with an advocate who will assist you with your application
    ■ Wait for a phone call from Social Services to schedule your interview
    ■ Complete your interview (usually via phone)
    ■ Receive EBT card
    ■ Lookout for your SAR-7 that must be submitted every 6 months
    ■ Application time is usually 2-4 weeks
  ○ Cal Fresh outreach hours during the week
  ○ Requirements to apply for grad students
  ○ Other resources for food security

● **Society for Global Scholars Conference (3 Minutes)**
  ○ Transgressing Global Borders Conference
  ○ February 22-23
  ○ Mosher Alumni House
  ○ Open to everybody, if you’re a TA, bring your students!
  ○ Feb 22
    ■ 8:30 – Opening Ceremony
    ■ 9:15 – Panel: Voices from the Periphery
    ■ 10:45-12:45 – Scholar Activism Workshop with Dr. Emiko Saldivar, “Healing from the Effects of Racism”
    ■ 1:30 – Keynote Address, Dr. Vilna Bashi Treitler
Feb 23
- 9:00 – Panel: Rebel Collectives and Power
- 10:30 – Roundtable on Art and Activism
- 1:00 – Keynote: Dr. Stephen Dillon
- 2:00 – Panel: Subjectivities of Resistance
- 3:30 – Panel: Refugees and Migrants
- 4:45 – Closing Remarks by Dean Charles Hale

Co-Sponsorship Application

GSA contributes up to $300 for events

- **Co-sponsorship: Decolonizing Our Lives (3 Minutes)**
  - 4th Annual Symposium
  - March 1-3, 2019
  - SRB MPR & AICRC
  - The symposium participants and attendees will reflect on many emerging aspects and the relevancy of the decolonization project, globally and locally. This includes examining the ongoing contemporary challenges encountered as we confront the consequences of colonization and settler-colonialism. We will discuss the critical conversations and cognitive shifts that emerged throughout our ongoing process, inviting additional conversations across academic disciplines and institutions as well as within our Native communities.
  - Goals
    - Ultimately, we wish to address and critically examine decolonization as a multi-layered project that is always-already in process by assessing the ways in which we as Native and Indigenous Peoples and all contemporary citizens of these lands continue to participate in the colonial project and how we can best move forward as individuals and as communities in our decolonization.
  - If you want to volunteer get in touch with the committee: Gary
  - CFP

- **Co-sponsorship: EEMB Graduate Symposium (3 Minutes)**
  - Graduate student symposium, Starting with first years
  - Informal recruitment weekend. PIs bring their grad students
○ One-day conference (Feb 23, 2019)
○ Presentation opportunity open to all grad students researching
  ■ Ecology
  ■ Evolution
  ■ Marine Biology
○ Asking for $300 to subsidize the cost of dinner

● Co-sponsorship: Media Fields VII: Display (3 Minutes)
  ○ Grad student run collective that publishes a journal and plans a
    conference
  ○ 3 day event: April 3-5
  ○ Objectives:
    ■ To expand the representation of minority scholars, artists, cultural
      producers, and community members on our campus.
    ■ To increase the presence of underrepresented scholarly
      conversations, global regions, and objects of study on our campus.
    ■ To extend the reach of these conversations to broader audiences
      including community members, undergraduates, cultural producers.
  ○ Screening of Shakedown
  ○ Visual journal of events

GSA Advisor and Student Affairs Report / Grad Div Reports

● GSA Advisor/Student Affairs Report
  ○ Don Lubach
    ■ Elections are COMING UP!
      ● Consider being a VP next year!
      ● Contact current VPs if you’re interested in running for their
        position

● Graduate Division Report
  ○ Robert Hamm
    ■ Grad Slam
      ● Extended deadline to Friday 8th, February
- Beyond Academia
  - Registration opened
  - 4th year of the conference
    - Carlos Nash
      - Online Training Module
        - Online Diversity Training Program
        - GSA could give feedback to create a useful program for the Training Program. Work with Student affairs.

- Academic Senate
  - Dr. Karen Lunsford
    - Vice Chair of Graduate Council
    - New Academic Senate Representative
      - Governing Body of the University. Faculty members.
      - The Academic Senate is the voice of the faculty in the University of California. The Senate is the one organization that enables the faculty, through shared governance, to exercise its right to participate in the University's governance. To that end, faculty and administrators depend on a high level of consultation, trust, mutual respect and a tradition of collegial collaboration. It is for these reasons that the Academic Senate seeks wide faculty involvement for all of its councils and committees.
    - Collaborate

Executive Reports

- Cierra, President
  - Graduate Student Working Group
    - Wednesday at 12-1:30 pm in the Lagoon Room of the Faculty Club
    - Email arielledmond@ucsb.edu by tomorrow morning if you would like to attend, or if you would like to participate in future meetings!
  - UCPath Updates & Town Hall
    - Issues with W-2
    - Town Hall with UCPath center representatives
      - Monday, February 11 from 5-7pm
    - Dinner provided
    - Open to the whole UC community
    - Come ask your questions of the folks who run the UCPath Center
○ UCSB Grad Student Mental Health Conference
  ■ Pushed to May
  ■ Committee being formed; let us know if you’re interested!
○ UC Sexual Violence Activism Conference
  ■ April 13 & 14, all UCs welcome
  ■ If you’re interested in participating on the planning committee, let Jenny or Cierra know!
○ Underrepresented Student Reception
  ■ Date TBA soon!

● Jenny Selvidge, Student Affairs
  ○ UCSHIP Updates
    ■ Premium Buy Down
    ■ Infertility Services
    ■ Dental Insurance Updates
  ○ Student Health Town Hall -- working to schedule
  ○ First Student Affairs Work Group TOMORROW at Faculty Club Lagoon Room from 12-1:30

● Luke, Budget and Finance
  ● State of Co-Sponsorship Fund:
    ■ $6,000 co-sponsorship budget
    ■ $2,400 awarded so far
    ■ $3,600 remaining
    ■ So over half left with under half the year left

● Amanda, Committees & Planning
  ○ Mosher Diva Night
    ■ March 1st

● Paulina, Communications & Records
  ○ Graduate Student reps from all departments
    ■ Elections
  ○ GSA Election Committee
    ■ Nomination: March GA - April GA
    ■ Ballot initiatives for Reaffirmation
      ● Graduate Student Night and Weekend Parking
      ● Arts & Lectures Graduate Student Fee Initiative
● Graduate Student Emergency Relief Grant Fund

● Raphael, Academic Affairs
  ○ Interdisciplinary Studies
    ■ Productive meeting with Graduate Division and Academic Senate on interdisciplinary studies.
    ■ PhD emphases are in fact carried by Faculty, not the departments so it is not that easy to extend it.
    ■ Double counting credits should be possible, but needs to go through Graduate Council and needs support from Faculty and probably Graduate Division.
  ○ Call for nominations
    ■ Nominations are open for Excellence in Teaching Award and Dixon-Levy Service Award
    ■ Nominations are due **Friday March the 15th by 5 PM PST.**
    ■ Website for awards: [https://sites.google.com/view/gsa-awards/](https://sites.google.com/view/gsa-awards/)

● Leihua, External Affairs
  ○ Meeting with UC President Janet Napolitano
    ■ Mental health
    ■ Support for graduate housing
  ○ **Campus Climate Conference, Feb-23 & 24, UCSD**
    ■ open registration
    ■ free

● Heather, Internal Affairs
  ○ Puppy or Bagel?

**Action Items**

● Vote on co-sponsorship for 3 events
  ○ **Motion, second, consent, no opposed, no abstentions.**
  ○ **Motion passes**
Discussion Items

- Email after graduation
  - Psychology Rep
  - Partnership with gmail to do it a lifetime possibility

Motion to adjourn the Assembly

- Motion, second, consent. 0 opposed. 0 abstentions

End of meeting 7:06 PM