November 6, 2018
GSA General Assembly Meeting
GSA Lounge
6:10pm-8:40pm

Meeting Minutes:

Greetings
• Hi everyone!
• Some technical difficulties with projector- not to fear though! We will email you the powerpoint slides and the meeting minutes!

Last meeting minutes & current agenda approval
• Approved (consent)
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Roll Call
• 17 departments in attendance

Presentations:

1) Library- Collaboratory
   o Collaboratory serves grads & undergrads-
   o Teaching Python & R with “Carpentry” program- series of 2-day workshops
   o User-driven programming/consulting
   o Twitter analytics (Collaboratory can help with methods and ethics)
   o UCSB Library has one of the largest collections of aerial photographs in the world

2) Upcoming lecture with Dr. Yofu Li- Virtues of Martial Arts
   a. 11/08/18 3:30pm-5:00pm in UCSB Lotte Lehmann Concert Hall
   b. Kung Fu Demonstration; Lecture; Q&A
   c. Organized by Jiamin Zhang (Dpt. Chemical Engineering)

3) Upcoming Conference: Society for Global Scholars- Transgressing Fortified Global Borders
   a. 2-day conference
   b. Feb 22-23
   c. Looking to partner with GSA for financial assistance (asking for $300; action item)
   d. Emphasis on interdisciplinarity

4) Grads for Implicit Bias Education (GIBE)
   a. Meeting 11/07/2018 10am-11am Elings Hall 3205
   b. Advocating for mandatory implicit bias/cultural sensitivity training for faculty
5) **UAW**
   a. Newly elected leadership (6 UAW leaders at UCSB)
   b. Monthly membership meeting 11/07/2018 at noon in GSA lounge
   c. Currently working to address UC Path issues (e.g. online survey)
   d. Interested in working to unionize GSRs
   e. Looking for any and all grad students to get involved! Email: santabarbara@uaw2865.org with questions, concerns, etc.

6) **Daily Nexus- UCSB news**
   a. Encouraging graduate students to submit opinion pieces
      opinion@dailynexus.com
   b. Encouraging grad students to submit science@dailynexus.com
   c. Daily Nexus working to report on food insecurity at UCSB. Encouraging graduate students to submit surveys on food insecurity

**Staff Reports: Don Lubach; Robert Hamm; Carlos Nash**
http://www.gradpost.ucsb.edu

1) **Graduate Health & Wellness**
   a. Addressing issues of food insecurity: Food pantry, CalFresh
   b. Ongoing mindfulness series

2) **Graduate Success Series**
   b. International grad student reception- upcoming at San Clemente Center (Tues 11/13/18 4p-6p)

3) **Diversity Initiatives**
   a. Increased faculty mentorship

**GSA Exec Committee Reports:**

1) **President’s Report**
   a. Mental Health Conference (contact Cierra, Amanda, or Jenny if you’re interested in joining the planning efforts)
   b. Underrepresented Student Reception- Thurs 11/29/18 6pm-7:30pm GSA Lounge
   c. Resolutions:
      i. Resolution on UC Path
      ii. Resolution in supporting certain types of strikes
      iii. Resolution on retroactive endorsement of AFSCME 3299 Local Strike
   d. UCPath Implementation and Problems
      i. History- previously implemented at UCR and UCM; lots of issues on these campuses.
      ii. Survey
iii. How can GSA help?

2) VP Committees & Planning
   a. Mosher Time was a hit! Stay tuned for info about Winter Mosher Time
   b. New committee reps- http://www.gsa.ucsb.edu/delegates/committees

3) VP Communications
   a. Grad student goals survey results
      i. PRIORITIES: graduate student mental health; Increasing grad student participation & representation
      ii. SECONDARY GOALS: Bringing resources to the GSA Lounge
      iii. OTHER GOALS/PRIORITIES: financial funding/support; affordable housing; building community; conference travel funding; parking
      iv. MORE OTHER GOALS/PRIORITIES: food insecurity; Title IX, childcare grant; improving advisor-student relationships; family involvement in GSA events; diversity accountability in departments; grad student parent resources; TA appreciation...
   b. Grad reps- updated numbers (different departments have different numbers of representatives). Please make sure that you have registered as a grad rep!

4) VP of Academic Affairs
   a. Report from grad council
      i. Reviewing proposed changes in presidential policy for sexual violence
      ii. OISS (office of international students and scholars) planning to implement hard registration block to enforce compliance with federal law
   b. Classes on how to be a grad student (ongoing project, working with grad division)

5) VP Student Affairs
   a. Lunch & Learn- mental health community discussion (forthcoming)
   b. UCSHIP Oversight board updates
      i. Proposed resolution to remove health insurance from students who withdrew for medical reasons
   c. Renegotiation of benefits for next year
   d. Title IX Student Advisory Board Updates
      i. Jenny’s suspension and resignation

6) VP External Affairs
   a. UCPGC: UCPath; planning for conferences
   b. UCSA: Graduate representation and membership fee
   c. UC President: housing and international students

7) VP Internal Affairs
Action Items:

1) Co-sponsorship vote - unanimous approval for global scholars conference ($300)

2) Resolution on UCPath (this year only!)
   a. 27-yes
   b. 1-no
   c. 0-abstain

3) Resolution on Supporting Certain Types of Strikes (this year only!)
   a. Motion to table resolution: favor- 12; opposed- 7; abstain- 8 **motion tabled**
      i. Do we want to say “within reason” or “non-violent”?
      ii. Is this too vague?
      iii. Does it give GSA too much power?
      iv. Suggestion- period of revision, take resolutions back to home departments

4) Resolution on Retroactive Endorsement of AFSCME 3299 Local Strike
   a. In favor of tabling- 14; opposed to tabling- 9; abstain- 1- **motion tabled**

Meeting adjourned ~8:40pm