

## 1-4-2011 GSA ASSEMBLY AGENDA

### Call to order at 6:00 p.m.

- I. Approval of agenda by consensus
- II. Approval of amendment to agenda order by consensus
- III. Approval of December 2010 minutes by consensus
- IV. Discussion Item
  - a. UCSA – Ellie Sciaky – Lobby Congress in Sacramento: meet with politicians; agenda forthcoming; call for graduate students to attend fully funded
  - b. UC Regents meeting – Ellie Sciaky – call for graduate students to attend fully funded
- V. Administrative Updates
  - a. Grad Div – Christian Villasenor – quarterly workshops for grad students coming up; more can be scheduled/arranged based upon request/demand
- VI. Action Items
  - a. Cosponsorship – request for funding – Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Marine Biology: grad student symposium emphasizing presentation skills and personal research; \$250 requested for food costs; vote to fund at \$250 – unanimously approved
- VII. Special Presentation: Library Services for Graduate Students – Dr. Mathews
  - a. Davidson addition and renovation project approved: two-year project with some removal of in-house science/engineering journals otherwise accessible online; begins summer 2011
  - b. Gains: seating, technology, outlets, group study areas, seismic upgrades, café, expanded 24-hour access areas, open space possibly for grad use
  - c. Grad student input: report forthcoming requesting grad feedback on library use; grads test drive new website before launch
  - d. UCSB Reads: open committee position for grad student next year
  - e. Concerns: permanent moves of library materials and inaccessibility - need for prior notification; grad space – possibility of isolation from undergrad areas; cost – funded by state and will not affect grad student fees
- VIII. Vox Populi & Grad Rep Updates
  - a. Library Director Search Committee update
  - b. In absentia policy issue: reduced registration fees based on passage of last year's requirements; hard for students conducting field research in-state but far from campus; exceptions for in-state rare
  - c. Financial Aid delay: release date error; contact Fin Aid if funds still missing
  - d. UCEN Committee: remodel of 3<sup>rd</sup> floor space; working on ballot initiative
- IX. Officer Updates
  - a. Kara Otto: Happy Hour
  - b. Natalie Fawcett: cosponsorship forms
  - c. Eddy Alvarez: call for artwork
  - d. Lily Yumi Welty: GSA, Grad Council and Academic Senate – travel grants
  - e. Dustin Walker: Ad-hoc Hunger Committee – loan program; food pantry; potluck scheduled for 2/11
  - f. Diana Dyste Anzures: ballot language initiatives

**Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**

