

## 12-8-2010 GSA ASSEMBLY AGENDA

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

- I. Approval of agenda by consensus
- II. Approval of November 2010 minutes by consensus
- III. Special Presentation: Tuition & Aid
  - a. Dean Gale Morrison, Graduate Division
    - i. Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011: fee increase approved by UC Regents for all UC students; TA/RA– campus will still pay their fees as always; Fellowship recipients still covered; 50% “Return to Aid” comes back each year to the campus; Fee Fellowship/Block Grants will be used by departments to set off increase for graduate students; Grad Div can connect GSA to legislators for special Assembly presentation
  - b. Assistant Dean Christian Villasenor, Graduate Division
    - i. Grad Div “Finding Funding” workshop: debuted last spring including Financial Aid Advisor, Fellowship Director, Office of Research in workshop; covers various aspects of funding searches in their domains; will add more on demand; drop-in hours in Graduate Student Resource Center have examples of successful funding proposals; Graduate Post for comprehensive funding sources
  - c. Diana Dyste Anzures
    - i. Financial Aid able to increase cost of attendance for students with dependents; requires annual update
    - ii. Financial Aid can also advance Fall quarter payments by one month to account for processing delays
  - d. Dustin Walker
    - i. Alumni Association partnership: \$5000 fund for small loans exclusively for graduate students in financial distress; due back within 1-2 years; no questions asked; available in 24-48 hours; \$150-\$500 per loan with ability to borrow more than once
- IV. Safety Zone Training, Part II
- V. Discussion Items
  - a. Ellie Sciaky
    - i. Student Bill of Rights: needed to serve for arbitration; survey for graduate student feedback will be sent out in early 2011
    - ii. Regent’s Meeting: all costs paid for graduate students able to attend
  - b. Dustin Walker
    - i. GSHIP: systemwide next year for all graduate students; considering same for undergraduates
- VI. Officer Reports
  - a. Eddy Alvarez
    - i. Art Exhibit in GSA Lounge: call for artwork, includes reception and staff
    - ii. Bagel Hour tomorrow

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.