

UCSB Graduate Students Association Meeting Minutes 02-02-2010

I. Special guests

Campus ombudsperson Priscilla Mori introduced herself and the Ombuds office. The office provides confidential, impartial, informal consultation to help solve conflicts and problems. She reported that last year 12% of visitors were grad students. Cases involving grads dealt with such issues as advisor-advisee relationships; tension in a research group or lab group, and teaching assistant concerns.

II. Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m.

III. Agenda approved by consensus

IV. January 2010 meeting minutes approved by consensus

V. Counseling services

Jeanne Stanford, director of Counseling Services, asked the Assembly to support putting a fee for counseling services on the ballot to cover existing levels of service.

GSA Assembly voted by consensus to put the Counseling Services fee on the ballot

VI. Student Health Services

Elizabeth Downing, Director of Student Health, discussed both the campuswide and proposed systemwide Graduate Student Health Insurance Plan. According to Downing, 7 campuses including UCSB have committed to pursuing a systemwide GSHIP plan. The idea is to have this plan in place by September 2010, but she indicated that she did not know how this was going to play out. By the end of March, the University Office of the President will have all of the cost validations for a systemwide plan. For campuswide GSHIP, Downing indicated that sometime in April she would bring the menu of options to be included in the plan to be voted on.

VII. Graduate Division

Assistant Dean Christian Villasenor discussed upcoming events for Graduate Division.

- a. Graduate Student Appreciation Week will be April 19-23
- b. Planning for commencement; info will be on GradDiv web site; will be looking for student speakers
- c. Villasenor also introduced the new Graduate Student Peer Advisors: Mario (Diversity Peer, diversitypeer@graddiv.ucsb.edu) and Courtney (funding peer, fundingpeer@graddiv.ucsb.edu)

VIII. Co-sponsorships

- a. Native American Indian Language Group, April 30-May 1; the motion passed 23-7 to fund at \$150. This motion was later amended to fund at \$200 and was defeated, 10-19. Another motion was made to fund at \$300, which passed 19-10.
- b. EEMB Grad Symposium, Feb. 20: the motion to fund at \$150 passed 16-13
- c. Early Modern Center Conference, March 5; motion passed 26-7 fund at \$300

IX. Officer reports

- a. Adam Truxler, VP External: Adam is looking for students to join Lobby Con Feb. 26-March 1. Email him for more information at whykneeme@gmail.com

- b. Aimee Woznick, VP Student Affairs: Send her questions or comments about student housing to vpstudent@gsa.ucsb.edu.
 - c. Indy Hurt, VP Academic Affairs: Now accepting nominations for Excellence in Teaching Award. Go to www.ucsbgsa.org/awards
 - d. Rachel Winslow, VP Budget: New travel grant guidelines (now set deadlines for each quarter); this will be posted at www.ucsbgsa.org
 - e. Reginald Archer, President
 - i. Netzero ballot measure that GSA voted to place on the ballot was renamed and some of the language was changed
 - ii. Campus Elections Committee needs a graduate student representative
 - iii. GSA bylaws proposal will be posted at www.ucsbgsa.org/blog
 - iv. Campus Design and Review Committee needs a graduate student representative
 - v. Happy Hour this Friday at Sharkeez in Santa Barbara (5-7).
- X. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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VP for Communications and Records