

GSA Assembly 04-06-2010

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

I. Agenda approved by consensus

II. Minutes approved by consensus

III. CAMPUSWIDE GSHIP

*The campuswide GSHIP is currently moving ahead parallel to the systemwide plan. Specific considerations from the menu plan that will be voted on at the next GSA meeting include: Increase inpatient alcohol and drug detox; provide per month prorated cost for early entry grad students; amend outpatient emergency care copay; amend year maximum of \$300,000 per condition; amend prescription drug plan year benefit maximum; parity for mental health conditions

IV. SYSTEMWIDE GSHIP

UCSB Chancellor has committed the university to go along with the systemwide plan.

GSA VP Student Affairs (Aimee Woznick)

*PROS: UC saves money, spreads out risk, ease to get services at other UCs

*CONS: We may lose services; likely have to pay copays; copays may go up for dental plan; implementation issues (short amount of time); may be to the detriment of graduate students

Executive Vice Chancellor Gene Lucas

*Consultant identified systemwide GSHIP as a way to save money; up to \$10 million could be saved systemwide (\$1 million a UCSB possibly);

*UCSB has the opportunity to opt out after cost-validation study; still waiting for information to make that call; don't know cost of implementation, don't know whether it is better or worse; UCSB will opt out if there is not enough information by the end of April, and will be on the path to go on systemwide next year;

*UCOP will set up office to administer systemwide GSHIP

For more information about various constituents

*UAW 2865: Uaw2865.org

*GSA GSHIP: GSHIP@gsa.ucsb.edu

*Executive Vice Chancellor Lucas: gene.lucas@evc.ucsb.edu

V. Resources available to Teaching Assistants and Associates (TA development program)

*TA workshops: (Gauchospace for TAs; TA outreach – Thursday at San Clemente; mock interview workshop)

*Certificate in College and University Teaching

*Summer Teaching Institute for Associates

*For more information, go to <http://oic.id.ucsb.edu/ta-training-programs>

VI. Announcements from Graduate Division (Christian Villasenor)

*Graduate Student Appreciation Week – week of April 19-23

*Funding basics workshop: led by GradDiv Funding peer

*April 22: current UCSB postdocs – panel of social science and humanities postdocs

VII. Graduate Student Appreciation Week – GSA Event

*GSA Event at Pattaya restaurant (watch out for upcoming promotions)

VIII. iClicker presentation

*iClicker is an audience response system used in classrooms. Contact Indy Hurt (GSA VP Academic Affairs) at GSAVPacademic@gsa.ucsb.edu for more information.

*Also, special thanks for paying for sponsoring tonight's dinner

IX. GSA Officer Candidates

*VP Internal Affairs: Eddy Alvarez

*VP Student Affairs: Liberty Stanavage; Dustin Walker

*VP Academic Affairs: Lily Welty; Elizabeth Sciaky

*VP Communications and Records: Kara Otto

*VP Budget and Finance: Natalie Fawcett

*President: Diana Dyste Anzures

Candidates' statements will be available at www.ucsbgsa.org/elections

X. Co-sponsorship request

*Raagmala: Friday, April 23, 8:00 p.m. at Girvetz Hall

*Voted to fund at \$300 (20 to 31)

<http://orgs.sa.ucsb.edu/raagmala/>

XI. Announcements

*Next meeting: May 4

*Next happy hour: May 7

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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