

Assembly Meeting 12-6-11 (19 voting members)

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6:00 p.m.

Jessica first Joanna Lee approve agenda

Gary first Miles second minutes from last meeting

Emergency grant will be sent out soon. President reviews possible issues covered by grant.

I. Christian Villasenor: Grad Division Updates

Petitions overview. Grad Div website now has a Change of Status Petition. Fee has not changed. This individual form provides Grad Div with more information than the last one. (Leave of Absence; Intercampus Exchange Program, etc. . .)

Effective Winter Quarter, Grad Div will require all students to file Dissertation or Masters Theses electronically. (92% had been filing electronically before) As a result, the library will not require a paper copy; they will store an archival copy of the electronic copy. This Fall Quarter, the paper copy option is still allowed.

II. Don Lubach: Student Affairs Updates.

Students were curious what Student Affairs thought about student activism. We love activism. Many of the greatest protests that have happened on campus were organized by graduate students. Most activity on our campus organized by grad students. This is pretty consistent across the UC system. Does the Students Affairs Office support activism? Yes. One of the lines we have is to protect the spaces where we have instruction.

Recognition of multi cultural center.

Jobs: Gaucho Space shows 79 part-time jobs. You can look daily at our jobs system run by our career services. There will be another massive career fair during Winter Quarter. More than half of last quarter's employers were specifically looking for graduate students.

III. President: Del Pueblo Café discussion re: programs and services needed on campus for the population of students who self-identify as a racial/ethnic minority.

IV. Jessica: Bagel Hour- none this week. Extended lounge hours this week. Shut door if you are the last one in here. Lounge closed 12/24 – ½.

Winter Break Food Bank hours: as.ucsb.edu/foodbank. Closed 12/24 – ½.

Lily: GSA Excellence in Teaching Awards. Nominations through end of Winter Quarter. Spring quarter: review nominees. Contact Lily if interested in serving on committee.

President: Joannalee, what was your experience serving on that committee?

Joannalee: It really shows you how much of a TA you can be.

V. GSA Issue Letters. GSA drafting 3 letters: to Yang, Yudof, and Gov.

Brown. Issues: in solidarity with student action across the UCs; Against prop 13; in response to recent letters drafted by those gentlemen themselves. Encourage all grad students, esp. you assembly reps, to think seriously about what to include in these letters. What can we as GSA make publicly known to these public representatives? E-mail Jessica any statements you want included. While at GSA we do not push a political agenda, it is important to realize that not everyone in your department has funding like you may have, so we are in fact all affected by tuition increases and budget cuts.

VI. Ellie: UCSA Update

UCSA Grad Student Campaign – Add 2 new student regents. Right now it's made up of 26 individuals, 18 of whom are appointed and one of whom is a student. Right now students are more of a stakeholder than the state. Also, having only one student regent is unbalanced, because they can be either an undergrad, professional, or graduate students. Right now the student regent is a professional student, and so is the student designate. With our plan, we'd have 3 student regents, and 3 student regent designates. We'd like to accomplish this through a bylaw change. I'm asking you today for this institution's official approval for the campaign. Right now we contribute 40% to the UC general funds, and have only a 4% representation on the board. Many of the current regents have not attended a UC institution. Having multiple student regents will broaden the perspective that regents hear from UC students. This is considered the first presentation. I will present again at the February meeting, and then you will vote. Questions:

Aaron: Why not change wording to 'fully supports' instead of 'takes a stance in full support'?

Ellie: that's fine; draft language by UC Berkeley. Any feedback on wording or anything will be taken seriously and is extremely valuable.

Miles: Is the intent to have a structure for these 2 additional Student regents with the designates?

Ellie: This would cost UCOP more money, since they are financially supported the full two years.

Galen: The regents pick who the student regent is?

Ellie: Yes, they have final say. We choose our favorite 3, they make the final decision.

? : Is there an effort to get faculty support?

Ellie: that could be a next step.

?: Has this been tried before?

Ellie: yes. It's not precedented at this level.

VII. Filiberto: UAW chair for UC Santa Barbara (Grad student union rep) Petition to organize GSRs. Right now they have no rights under our contract. Usually they have the same pay scale, but that is not guaranteed.

Ellie: We are trying to change our charter to make us a 5013C non-profit. There must be changes in the UCSA charter to allow this to happen.

Filiberto: This way we can be a separate entity. Other advantages; independent, no longer part of the UC (we already have to pay separate taxes).

Ellie: to some extent, it changes the nature of what we are. Our dependency on the UC would be challenged.

F: The charter changes only say that we can become a 5013C, not that we will be

E: so changes themselves pretty uncontroversial

F: we are at the minimum level for participation in UCSA.

E: These changes in and of themselves to not directly impact UCSB students.

F: We have a good contract, but it depends on all of you to be a part of it.

President: Limitations for student activism?

F: we can't engage in a strike without going through a legal process related to our bargaining agreement. We can't help you with not showing up to work, but you can bring your section.

Diana: if you think your salary is not enough to support your basic needs, this is the person to talk to.

Marcel: We have to work through grievances without endangering our jobs.
Go to Filiberto, he does a great job.

VIII. F11 committee Appointments (Dusty)

- new appointments
- current process. GSA assembly confirms appointments.

***Motion to Approve Appointees**

motioned by Miles, seconded by Gary.

Approve.

-Goals

-Process revisions to meet goals

- -New application language (includes criteria: experience, diversity, skills, vision, goals, etc. . .)
- -Appointment:
 - VPCP appoints applicant when running unopposed (after 5 days?)
 - VPCP circulates applications between EO meetings, reads them and makes recommendation based on criteria of experience, etc. . .
 - VPCP updates website to show filled committees
 - No GSA Assembly confirmation?

Feedback?

Miles: I was thinking along the same lines; making a tentative assignment but having confirmation vote as the confirmation.

Dusty: that is the current process. Once exec. Officers appoint someone, they can sit on the committee as an interim appointee until assembly confirmation.

President: If we remove it, what is the current mechanism for assembly to object?

Dusty: the 2/3rds vote for removing someone

Diana: I think this was built on for a 2/3rds vote to be initiated. If you don't have this here as a platform, people may not know they have the right to eject someone.

Galen: No one has any info. about who these candidates are, so why are we voting on it in the first place. So if we can expedite the process that would be good. The biggest problem is there's no information.

Jessica: This new position – VPCP – will report back to you what committee reps did. By eliminating this we leave more room for VPCP to report back. As Part of assembly training, you will be informed that you can vote to remove someone.

Dusty: We can post quarterly reports from committee appointees online.

Galen: that's a great idea. And we should have an executive summary of all of the reports

Dusty: good idea.

Gary: Second Galen's comment about voting being blind without all the info. Can I motion a vote on this now?

President: Next quarter, as part of the bylaw changes. (I was playing Devil's Advocate)

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FOOD BANK (Jessica)

IX. Food Drive Feb. 1 – 14th. Being moved from Fall to Winter quarter

Tiesha: remove this from e-blast

X. AS/GSA Partnership (Jessica)

- Current lounge rental fee is \$30/quarter to undergrad student groups who meet weekly
- Single event use is free to all groups
- GSA profit per quarter on average is \$150
- Fall quarter AS org use: 4 groups (\$120).
- Other departments do not charge

Benefits

- Solidarity between undergrads and grads
- Resources the GSA lacks AS could provide (i.e. ticket sales, copies)
- Current lounge fee (\$30) is not enough to cover damages and lounge maintenance. We could bill AS groups for damages.
- Yearly supply budget of \$1,000 includes office supplies, copies, and lounge maintenance.

President: Will these copies and things be free to us or reduced?

Aaron: we'd have to negotiate that.

Jessica: We have to speak about this one more time, so we will have the exact cost break down then.

Potential Disadvantages:

- As groups may take priority over OSL groups

- Difficult to institutionalize

XI. BAGEL HOUR/ART WALL

- No Bagel Hour this week
- Bagel Hour will resume Jan. 11th
- Winter Quarter Bagel Hour will be **going green** with the Bren School
- Grad Student Activism Community Art Wall will begin week two during Bagel Hour.

F: UAW suggested we use banana leaves instead of plates.

Marcel? Does this mean no go-gurt but a trough of yogurt?

7:19

XII. Housing Update (Diana)

Survey put together, to be sent out via GSA e-blast. Will cost you a total of \$17.

Bylaws: will be done tonight and **Tiesha will send you a proposed pdf of all the changes.**

Brand new section: Emergency, Childcare and Travel Grants.

Send e-mail to President over break with questions/comments.

XIII. Budget (Malaphone)

We have about \$127,000 left for year from projected budget.

Foresee us going over budget in committee stipends.

Co-Sponsorships:

1. EEMB Graduate Student Symposium requesting \$300. Emily here to represent.
 - An all-day symposium where grad students are invited to present their research.
 - 12th year in a row?
 - Research Life Sciences dependent, but have received research from Geography and Marine Sciences. We send invitations to Life Science related liftservs. Would only have to be tangentially related.
 - Dinner Price (not covered): \$15/person last year
 - Around 80 attendees; open to grad students, prospective grad students, faculty & staff
2. Studying the Cognitive Underpinnings of Language (SCUL). No Representative Present.
3. Workshop of East Asian Languages. No Representative Present.

Motion to Recommend an Amount?

Joannalee: motion to recommend \$300.

Second: Kyle

Majority passes. No objections.

XIV: Purchasing a NEW PRINTER (Jessica)

Rationale:

- Network vs. non-network access
- Color printer, fax, scanner tech needs
- Yearly supply budget \$1,000
- Cost: \$350 – 550
- Future benefits to GSA

Christina: And we don't even know if the AS partnership is going to happen, so we should operate as usual

Gary: What do you mean by wireless?

Jessica: The color printer will be non-network, the black will be network.

Miles: Separate wi fi network?

President: yes

Galen: Why laser v. inkjet

Jessica: laser is more environmentally friendly and better quality than inkjet. Also, future boards may need this purchase.

President: cost will come out of reserves, which is \$61,000.

Gary: useful to have the actual amount before voting on it?

Jessica: our events and potential programming often go flat b/c we aren't able to do basic things. The community art wall cost \$150 to print. With a color laser printer that cost would have been significantly less.

Marcel? Is this a time-sensitive issue?

President: It helps us print the newsletter we are doing over winter break.

Miles: Motion to Vote for new color printer

Galen: seconds

Motion passed with 18.

iCLICKERS FOR VOTING (President)

\$1600 cost (UCEN's quote)

Thoughts?

Kyle: not that much more useful, esp. with a group of 20 people.

Motion to disprove purchase of iclicers:

Corrie

2nd: marcel
passed by 2/3rds vote.

OPEN FLOOR

Kyle: Psych students want chunky peanut butter

Motion to adjourn: Niccole

Second: Ryan