GSA Lounge Assembly Meeting Minutes 6:00 p.m. April 2nd, 2003

I. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda: Russell Knight, Daniel Mandell. Motion approved through unanimous consent. Meeting begun at 6:01pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes: Daniel Mandell, John Gamber. Motion approved through unanimous consent.

III. Announcements from **Graduate Division** and/or **Student Affairs**: John Hajda, Graduate Division

- Commencement: Registration is still under way. You can not register through GOLD; go to graduate division office to register in person.
- Central fellowships: Last day to apply was yesterday. Results will be out at the end of May.
- Career workshops are being planned -- look for further information in funding listservs.

IV. Presentation #1: Michael Young, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs

- Real issues will be revealed later this year (fall 2003).
- Possibility of mid-year budget cut this year (see Appendix XII of agenda).
- Possibility of permanent cut next year, a system-wide cut to student services that works out to $2.5m hit to UCSB services.
- UCSB budgeting committee will made broad-based policy recommendations to Chancellor Yang; see green handout for budgeting principles.

V. Information Items (Vox Populi!)

A. **Announcements from the floor**: (again, ~1 min each)

B. **Officer Election Nominations Are Needed**: (Appendix III) e-mail elections@gsa.ucsb.edu

C. **Officer Election Candidate's Forum:** April 9th, 6:00 pm. (Announcement, Appendix III)

D. **Open Officer Position:** VP Comm. and Records: John Corbett has resigned. (Appendix XI.) Nominations are in order. Voting is scheduled for the 9th.

E. **GSHIP Meeting**: April 30th. We will develop and vote on the plan. (Relevant data: Appendix I.)

- This information is sensitive -- please restrict sharing of pricing information to UCSB graduate students only.

F. **IV-PAC Rep**: We need a new rep. for the IV PAC. See www.islavistaplan.org.

G. **Open Positions** (See Appendix IV)

H. **Committee Representative Reports**: Reports aid GSA and are required for stipends. (Appendix VII)

I. **Lock-in Fee Results: Women's Center**: (Appendix XII)

J. **Campus Plan Carettes**: These meetings will help planners design the campus. (Appendix XIII)

VI. Discussion Items:

A. **Request Not to Lobby the Regents for reduced fees**

- Not discussed.

B. **Voting Dates**: The election is to occur from April 17th to 25th, ending at 4:00 pm on the 25th.

C. **Officer Election Candidate Forum**: This is scheduled for April 9th.

D. **Constitutional Amendment Language**: (Alan Levy) Please give input. (Appendix IX)

- Revisions are labeled in the appendix.

E. **Ballot Language and Format:** Please give input. (Appendix IX)

- Note new language and background for each issue.
- We need to advertise to get pro and con statements, and also make clear which initiatives are GSA or CEC.

F. **SHS Fee Discussion**: A fee initiative will be discussed. (Appendix X)

- We don't want to reduce services -- the fee options listed in the appendix are our best options to preserve easy access to health care.
- **Straw poll:** Vote for one of the following options:
  - Fee added to GSHIP
  - Fee as lock-in (on ballot)
  - "Pay-as-you-go" access fee

  Majority show of hands for option #1, fee added to GSHIP.

G. **Graduate Fundraising and Alumni Outreach**: Jonathan Pearl will propose a GSA plan or motion to collaborate and support efforts to increase external (private) sources for graduate funding and fellowships. See Appendix VI. (There have been significant text changes since last meeting.)

Motion to make this an action item: Jess Barrie, Mark Yeary. Motion approved through unanimous consent.

Motion to accept text as-is: Jess Barrie, Mark Yeary. Motion approved through unanimous consent.

VII. Presentation #2: Isla Vista Plan Progress: Jamie Goldstein will describe plan progress. (Appendix XIV)

- Due to time constraints, this presentation was postponed until the next GSA Assembly meeting.

VIII. Action Items:

A. **Officer Nomination Closing Date**: Ideally, nominations would be closed at the discretion of Elections Committee Chair during the Candidate Forum after a request for nominations from the floor.

Motion to allow closing of officer nominations at the discretion of the Elections Committee Chair during the candidate forum after a request for nominations from the floor: Matthew Allen, Jeremy Johansen. Motion approved through unanimous consent.

B. **Officer Election**: Vice President of Academic Affairs, announced last meeting.

- This election is effective up to the end of the 2002-2003 term, specifically June 30, 2003.

Motion to nominate Sarah Kris for the office of VP of Academic Affairs: Jonathan Pearl, Mark Yeary. With no objection to consent, Sarah Kris is elected to the office of VP of Academic Affairs.

C. **Funding Requests**

- No requests.

D. **Committee Assignment**: Sabrina Pinnell → Council on Planning and Budget

Motion to appoint Sabrina Pinnell to the Council on Planning and Budget: George Fujii, Mark Yeary. Motion approved through unanimous consent.

E. **CRENO Resolution**: Matt Andrews generated a statement for consideration. (Appendix II)

Motion to accept the statement as written: Daniel Mandell, Mark Yeary. Motion approved through unanimous consent.

F. **Budget Revisions**

- No revisions.

G. **Graduate Fundraising and Alumni Outreach**: From Section VI-G in Discussion Items.

- Discussion about wording of text.

- Questions regarding funding for this effort.
- Much discussion about viability of fundraising methods

Motion to authorize GSA Officers to establish a fundraising committee and assign an officer as chair, along the principles outlined in the proposal: Russell Knight, John Gamber. Motion approved through unanimous consent.

IX. Officer Reports:

A. President:
- Parking: A parking lot is proposed for the West Side. Parking machines are replacing kiosks.
- DSP Survey: We must pass through Human Subjects for student verification information.
- Faculty Senate: An anti-war resolution was passed.
- CEC: Considerable discussion and decisions on voting rules, this must be watched in the future.
- On-line Voting through Graduate Division: work continues.

B. VP Internal Affairs:
- No report.

C. VP Academic Affairs:
- You are encouraged to meet the Vice Chancellor for Research.
- We need two people to serve on the Excellence in Teaching committee, primarily to help determine the recipients of these awards. Please email for further information: sarah@gsa.ucsb.edu

D. VP Graduate Student Affairs:
- We need representation on the following committees: Financial Aid, Major Events, and Activities and Awards. Please email for further information: jess@gsa.ucsb.edu

E. VP Budget and Finance:
- No report.

F. VP Communications and Records:
- No report.

G. VP External Affairs: UCSA student lobby day is this Monday, April 7. Please contact tonight if you are interested in attending. The regents have changed locations of their meetings to avoid student participation in decisions regarding fee increase and CRENO.

X. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn: Daniel Mandell, Jess Barrie. Motion approved through unanimous consent. Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.