Graduate Students Association (GSA)
Assembly Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, November 7, 2006

Meeting-Call to Order 6:08

1. Approval of Agenda Ellie from History, Alice from EEMB
2. Roll Call and Introductions
    a. Graduate Diversity Coordinator, Noel Gomez
3. Introduction to the GSA
    a. Robert's Rules of Order
4. Approval of Minutes from October Amber, Education, Jeannette, Earth Science
5. Information Items
    a. Officer Reports
        i. Only have officers speak if something important has come up
        ii. Jeannette suggests we have written reports available to read later
        iii. Ellie suggests that we post officer reports online
        iv. Ben: Found at Grad Council that there will be significant changes going on in graduate fellowships this year (what they will be is unknown). Also this year, National Research Council will be updating their evaluation of the campus, which affects the ranking of our programs on the national level. They will be interviewing anyone who has gone ABD in a certain range of years in certain fields as part of a pilot program. There is also a committee for it, which Ben is planning to sit on if no one else is interested. They meet weekly now, but will soon become every couple of weeks or once a month.
        v. Tess: Please give me your petitions, even if you're a returning rep.
    b. 2006-7 budget: motion to amend the Budget to include the New Grad Student Reception and Social: Parties, Steve, Computer Science, Dominique, Bren, no objection to consent.
    c. UCSA-On the voters guide, certain candidates just referred the UCSA to their website, which is why the guide only had the website for certain candidates. Student of Color Conference in two weeks, if anyone would like to go, they should speak to Christine. It will be in Berkeley.
    d. GSA Logo contest-Deadline extended to next meeting
    e. Interdisciplinary Civic Engagement of Graduate Groups (ICEGG)-Kickoff event at the Bacara (a fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club). Next week we will start going to tutor at the Power Hour, from 1-5 Monday through Thursday, Goleta, downtown Santa Barbara, and at Rob's Gym on campus. There are also sports from 5-7. Email ucsbcivicengagement@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

f. GSHIP-Send thoughts about what's working and what's not with our current healthcare to gship@gsa.ucsb.edu. Eye care was added, so please go use your eye care. 50% off at the exam, 30% off on other services. You have to go online now to view the policy and you can also print off a card or go in to get a card.

6. Action Items
    a. Approval of Committee Appointments-Once we approve them, they will be automatically removed if they are not registered students. Paul Myers is listed twice for Public Safety Committee by computer error. Eva, Education, Amber, Education, no objection to consent. Additional appointments will be approved at the next meeting
    b. Approval of Funding Requests/Co-sponsorships
        i. Graduate Film Society Film Screenings: Kung Fu Hustle and ao Lin Soccer, put on by graduate students and open to everyone. The money would be to pay for the actual film rentals. The cost will be $3 for two movies. They are requesting the full amount. Applying for other OSL grants. Currently have $300 secured. Move to fund at $300, Jeannette from Earth Science, Eva Education, no objection to consent.
        ii. Discussion of the policy for co-sponsorships. Question of whether we should continue doing things first come, first serve or to partition our available funds for the year into $900 per quarter. Andy, Psychology moves to table this discussion until the next meeting and make decisions the way we normally would, Ellie, History seconds, no objection to consent.
        iii. Graduate Students from the Film School: Interdisciplinary graduate conference bringing graduate students from across North America to discuss the way we study media. Currently affiliated with the Environmental Initiative. Two day conference in April with a key note speaker. Already have $1500 and matching funds. Request for $300 for food. Steve moves to fund at $300, Ellie moves to table to a future time, Jeannette seconds Christine seconds Steve's motion. 6 in favor of tabling, 18 opposed, 2 abstain, motion doesn't pass. 22 in favor of funding at $300, 4 opposed, 1 abstain motion passes
        iv. Engineers without Borders: open to graduate and undergraduate students. Request funding for upcoming project to help people in Mali to improve their quality of life. Biodiesel project. Total budget is $17000. They request $300 for supplies. Already have $5000 from other sources. Steve, Computer Science moves to fund at $300, Amber seconds, no objection to consent.
        v. Language Interaction and Social Organization: Conference in May. Graduate students can submit papers and there are plenary speakers who hold workshops the day before. They request $300 for food. Normally they don't charge, but last

year they had to because they didn't get enough funding ($12-15 for students, $20-25 for faculty). They don't want to charge this year. LISO is an interdisciplinary organization. Amber moves to fund at $300, Uldis, Linguistics seconds, no objection to consent.

8. Upcoming Events
    a. Bagel Hour- Every Wednesday, 8:30am-10:30am, GSA lounge
       A campus resource will be showcased each week
    c. "I Scream" Social- 3rd Friday of month, Nov 17, 1-3PM GSA lounge

    Next Assembly Meeting- Tuesday, Dec 5, 5-7:30
7. Vox Populi
8. Adjourn, Uldis moves,