Graduate Students Association (GSA)
Assembly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Meeting

1. Approval of Agenda, motion to approve by Alice, EEMB, second by Monique, Bren
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Minutes from April, motion to approve by Uldis, Linguistics, Monique, Bren
4. Information Items
   a. Election Results
   b. Officer Reports
   c. Action Agenda Items
      i. Civic Engagement
      ii. Travel Grants
      iii. Diversity Forum
      iv. Presentation Skills in the Classroom-May 8th, 10 am, on graddiv
      v. Managing Difficult Students in the Classroom
      vi. Summer Teaching Associate Institute
      vii. EndNote Workshop-sponsored by GradDiv peers and GSA; make sure to register if you're interested because there are a limited number of computers in the lab
5. Action Items
   a. Co-Sponsorships
      i. Native America Linguistics Conference-10th annual grad-student-run program to pull together people working on languages indigenous to the Americas; mostly grad students present; 2 day conference promoting grad student research; requesting $300 for registration supplies and food; anyone can come to the talks; execs recommend $150; Steve, Computer Science, motions to fund at $150, Uldis, Linguistics, seconds, 13 for, 1 abstention, motion passes
      ii. Chili Cook-off-anyone is welcome to enter their chili recipe, this year there will be a performing artist; $5 for a bowl and unlimited chili, and there are rewards (only for UCSB affiliated people); if you want to participate, contact the organizers; people who cook the chili are generally reimbursed for some of their expenses; requesting $150, $125 for the performing artist, $25 for the bowls and utensils; execs recommend $150 to be put towards supplies, reimbursements for the cooks, non-alcoholic drinks but not honoraria or alcohol; Jeannette, Earth Science, motions to fund at $150, Monique, Bren, seconds, 18 for, 3 opposed, 0 abstentions, motion passes
      iii. Raagmala-concert May 11th with Indian violinist, $6 for student, $10 for outside people, fundraiser for organization that helps underprivileged children in India; requesting $300 for artist reception, equipment and personnel; execs recommend $150, $75 for equipment or reception, $75 to tickets for grad students to go for free; motion to put all $150 towards equipment or reception, Uldis, Linguistics, motions to fund at $150, Steve, Computer Science, seconds, 19 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, motion passes

6. Upcoming Events
    a. Graduate Student Appreciation Week (GSAW) April 30-May 4 (see flyer)
    b. Happy Hour @ Zodos, Thursday, May 3 9PM
    c. Bagel Hour- Wednesdays, 8:30-10:30am, GSA Lounge
    d. Last Assembly Meeting- Tuesday, June 5
7. Vox Populi
    a. Ellie-students who are not registered students but still need health insurance pay $711 per quarter; the university does not want to cover the entire cost of our health plan for TAs, teaching associates, etc. and is trying to bargain with the union about the level of the cap of the total they are willing to pay, while the union is trying to get the university to cover all of our health care; contact the union if you are concerned about this issue.
8. Motion to adjourn by Monique, Bren, second by Jeanette, Earth Science