Graduate Students Association (GSA)
Assembly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Meeting Called to order by President Ben Shockey at 6:04PM.

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by Nate (Geog)
Seconded by Alicia: Bren
Approved without objection

2. Roll Call and introductions

37 representatives in attendance – Quorum met.
Officers absent: Dominique. Jeanette

3. Approval of Minutes from Nov

Motion to approve by
Seconded by Emily
Approved without objection

4. Information Items
    a. Officer Reports

Amber Gonzalez (VP Student Affairs) – mentioned the labor fight that is going on by workers who feel like they have not been paid in 7 weeks; they are working on housing (San Clemente).

Jesse (VP External) – Looking for interested people to volunteer to attend UC meetings.

Kimberly VP Academic: Getting back to emails about campus committees that are open
Dominique: Email is not working for the time being.

BEN: IV Commission: hard time getting filled. Attempt to coordinate universities response to IV issues.

We should have a rep on GSAW, usually the last week of April

    b. Advisor Report

Carolyn Buford: No Report, Except "good luck on Finals"

Jodi Anderson from Graduate Division. Keep your ears open for recognition awards: i.e. Teaching and mentoring
Memo: from Barbara I., working on newsletter for grad students. Looking for students to volunteer information about their departments to add to the newsletter.

Zia Isola: Diversity Coordinator Grad Div
AGEP Society: Coffee Hour from 4-5, Pie Extravaganza

SRB: SREB/AGEP conference talk 1:15-2:15

Lock in fee:
Carolyn: Suggested inviting Britney Foster to come answer questions at the January meeting.
Some questions include:
Is this a student initiated fee? How long will the fee be covered?
Alana: Faculty will benefit, so why are the students burdened with the brunt.
Chris: Is there a campus vs off campus cost that is equitable?

Information Items: Attendance: Rebates are for each individual that attends

Dan Lowrey: MTLS: objects to change in Bylaws as understood from last meeting.
Ben: Bylaws are unclear and have been interpreted by the GSA Execs.

Discussion:
GSA Lock in Fee
Ben & Jesse are drafting a proposal to increase the fee from 9.50 to a little bit over 11.50
Assembly Member: Adam: has never been to bagel hour, could care less if it goes away
Assembly Member: Where does the fee come from, it adds to the current fee.
Assembly Member: What has been done to decrease budget spending?
Ben: Bagel Hour, Assembly member increase, Projected income was overestimated. In addition, we have cut the budget by over $6000 this year.
Assembly member: Will we be voting on this? Ben: Ballot language will be next quarter.

Geol: Do not get rid of Bagel hour
AM: Why haven't we tried to do any fund raising in general?
She would be willing to work with students on a letter writing campaign
Ben suggests forming a committee to come up with initial proposal

Allison from comparative literature: would like to see bagel hour gone.
Jamal from education: Can we vote to decrease it?

Announcements:
Next assembly Tuesday January 8th:

Vox Populi:
Deerborne: Apt for rent

Nate: Motion to Adjourn
Chris: Second
Meeting Adjourned