Graduate Students Association (GSA)
Assembly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Meeting called to order @ 6:05 By Ben Shockey, President

Call to order at 6:05
Ben entertained a motion to approve agenda
Nate moved and
Seconded
Approved by consent.

Officer reports

Jesse

4/21 day of action: 800 students turned out statewide and in a coalition to combat the budget increases. Provost is presenting a 7% fee increase with idea to increase to 15% mid year which means during fall quarter.

Regents meeting is at UCLA and students are encouraged to attend. May 14th. There will be a press conference, a rally, etc. students should go to protest fee increases.

Fees have increased 115% in the last few years and the question is have the fee increases improved quality of education, quality of lie for grad students.

May 19th a statewide coalition day of action "Study in" as opposed to a sit in. in Sacremento. Contact Jesse for more information. gsavpexternal@sa.ucsb.edu

Neda: TA nominations were due April 11th . Grad students have been nominated and have to collect a dossier but people are still needed to sit on a committee to review the information submitted. Awards go out at end of the month and will be announced at next GSA meeting.

Amber:

1) Focus group for library services that are offered for grad students.
    a. Ben; basically its an event sponsored to attract grad students to come to library and talk about services that are provided and how they can be improved or what services could be added. They just want grad students that can comment on all services provided. Date will be emailed
2) After hour health care concerns.
3) WASK: Accreditation, Amber wanted input on which subcommittee she should sit. Assessment, Sustainability, Internationalization – undergrad research committee

4) San Clemente; A forum will be held at GSA lounge at 7 PM on Sunday (May 10th) to discuss next housing meeting will be on Tuesday. Discussing rent increase and comparison of rates for single vs family.

Grad DIV
Tony Jimenez; GSAW was really good..successful.
They would like to know which depts. had their own GSAW events; ed, soc, bren, german etc. all said their departments has separate events.
Fulbright workshop upcoming.
Grading options and dropping classes is 6th of June
Deadline for grad housing is May 16th
Grad Div will be present at bagel hour

Grad student support network:

GSSN: grew out of a conference that many attended and wanted to further develop the network here at UCSB for grad student support. Those people involved include:
Mary Jacobs, Amber, Joel, Tai, Jesse: and depts., housing etc.

GSSN looks at ways to improve and enhance grad student life. They have done an overview of what is provided for students here on campus and it will be on the grad div website. We've also have benchmarks also available at grad div.

They have been working on behalf of the grad students and they are wanting to hear about concerns that grad students have wether social, academic, or financial and making sure the students get their degrees on time.

1) Grad student support at the departments
2) Advertising for grad students does not really promote events that grad students would like to attend.
3) Dept websites with limited information so that grad students can plan effectively
4) Spam filters may grab grad dive stuff

Send any concerns to Carolyn Buford

March minutes had to be amended.
A motion was made to approve the amendment removing: Amber said "whatever"
Seconded. Amended minutes approved.

Voting: Special election held to replace 2008-2009 VP Student Affairs
Only reps and proxies can vote.
Nominees must be present. Other members may join in discussion but may not vote unless they are reps.

Nominees: Steven Gosnell, Todd Foose

Official Votes:	For	Abstain
Steven Gosnell	25	3
Todd Foose	6	

Steven Gosnell is new VP Student Affairs

Cosponsorships:

EWB: Funds to support the group in general. Requesting $300 to cover materials and Supplies. Anyone is free to participate with the projects.

Moved and seconded for $300. No objection to consent.

Collectiva: Through this event we would like to inform people of the many facets of Chicana art and it's relevance to culture. Dr. Laura Perez is a leading scholar in Chicana/o Studies and has recently published a book entitled "Chicana Art". The intellectual performance needs a reception and publication. May 14th 150 expected attendance

Moved and seconded for $300. No objection to consent.

BEERS: Annual chili cookoff! EEMB Interdepartmental Chili Cookoff. June 6
Move for $200 and seconded.

Announcements:
BIObeers every Friday $1.50
Bike to work day (May 21st)

Motion to adjourn
Meeting adjourned 7:30