Graduate Students Association (GSA)
Assembly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 1, 2008

Meeting called to order @ 6:04 By Dominique, VP Internal

Dominique entertained a motion to approve agenda
Motion was made and seconded
Dominique entertained a motion to approve minutes
Motion was made and seconded.

Officer Reports:

VP Academic - Neda: Teaching & Excellence Awards nominations
Needs to know if anyone would like to sit on a committee to help select the award recipients. Commitment is in May and may be 10-15 hours, contact her at vpacademic@gsa.ucsb.edu

Amber: Grad Student Appreciation Week 4/14-18. Calendar available via email
Highlight: 4/17 PhD Comic will be here, see GSAW events calendar for details.

GSHIP will be later on in the meeting.

Jesse: If anyone is interested in serving on a UC system wide committee: there is a new application process beginning today. You can go to http://www.ucsa.org to fill out applications.

GSA execs called for lift of boycott, and have been working with administration to keep this from happening in the future. Support has been given and efforts made to give loans, etc to families affected by the events that occurred.

Regarding the UC President. A new president was appointed: Mark G. Yudof. Many students are in full support and supported highly nationwide and system. Only concern is how much he is paid but he brings in millions of dollars and we are really excited about continuing his work with students.
http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/17548

UC Regents presented a picture of UC budget and they have proposed an increase of 7-10 %, chancellors recommend a 10% and some even proposed a freeze or decrease of graduate fees.

Postcards are due today and will be taken up north after tonight's meeting.

Students for California's future (http://studentsforcalifornia.org/), incorporates k-12 and anyone affected by public education and public education funding. On April 21st is a mass day of action across the state to participate in some action to protest budget cuts and

promote a highly educated, highly skilled workforce for California's future. For more information go to
http://studentsforcalifornia.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=62&Itemid=88
May regents meeting: May 13-15 students encouraged to attend especially on the 14th.
Email forthcoming.

Reggie: Funds will begin to be allocated for travel grants.

Grad Div: Gail – Welcomed the assembly to spring quarter and encouraged participation in GSAW.
Introduced Tony Jimenez to discuss some of the details about GSAW.
Infornation is available on GSAW calendars.

Nominations/Officer/Elections Brief statements
As of the beginning of the meeting, the nominees for GSA offices were as follows:

President: Amber M. Gonzalez, Education
agonzale@education.ucsb.edu

Vice President, Budget and Finance: Emily Tumpson Molina, Sociology
tumpson@umail.ucsb.edu

Vice President, Student Affairs: Jesse M. Bernal, Education
jbernal@education.ucsb.edu

Vice President, External Affairs: Jesse M. Bernal, Education
jbernal@education.ucsb.edu

Vice President, Communications: Reginald S. Archer, Geography
rarcher@umail.ucsb.edu

Vice President, Communications: Daniel Olmos, Sociology
olmos@umail.ucsb.edu

Vice President, Academic Affairs: Neda Maghbouleh, Sociology
<neda@umail.ucsb.edu>

Vice President, Academic Affairs: Danielle Antoinette Hidalgo, Sociology
daniellehidalgo@umail.ucsb.edu

Those present gave their statements: Amber, Jesse, Emily, Reggie. Neda withdrew and April Harris was nominated for VP Academic. She also gave a brief statement.

Carolyn: Submit nominations for a university award: due April 7th.

GSHIP: Dr. Downing: director of student health
Roy: May be a new cap of 7% which is unheard of!
Elly: Because we are in such good shape right now, we really want to consider negotiating for a better plan.

Recommendations are explained in presentation.
We are really trying to match graduate and undergrad student plan.

Under number 5: a letter c was added for prescription max
We would like to have an option c. at $8,000 if we can get it for $4.00

GSHIP is recommending a 19.25 increase or 20.25 increase which would bring us to a total cost of 718.25 or 719.25

The assembly voted to accept the GSHIP recommendations
33 yes
0 no
0 abstentions

Jesse: Ballot language: He explained justification for the budget increase: 3.06 increase per quarter == 2.30 + 25% Return to aid. To total 11.80

Motion to change the re issue inflation to 3 yrs instead of 5
Assembly voted:
Yes: 24
No: 2
Abstentions: 0

Motion to approve new language
Yes: 32
No: 0
Abstentions: 0

Childcare: March 31st Nexus, pg 6: Asks for reaffirmation of Student families continued subsidies etc, If passed, subject to reaffirmation in 2010.

There was a motion to approve reaffirmation and seconded from the floor.

Do you approve reaffirmation of MTD super ticket bus program:
There was a motion from the floor to accept and approve and was seconded from the floor.

Motion to amend to remove the summer 2008 reaffirmation language from the fee increase ballot.
2nd

Announcements:
Sharkeez happy hour Friday

Motion to adjourn and meeting adjourned.