Graduate Students Association (GSA)
Assembly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 4, 2008

Call to order: 6:04 pm

Motion to approve by David
2nd by Jeremy

Amy: Motion to approve minutes
2nd

Officer Reports:

Ben: Announced:
Elections are coming up, nominations until the 7th
Meeting has been moved to the second Tuesday for next month

Jeanette: most bills are paid, if you have not submitted your committee stipends, get those in.

Kym: grad travel grant committee, we still need someone in the humanities representing to sit on committee. First meeting next week Monday at 6pm

Nominations for teaching awards deadline not set yet.
Neda is taking over as VP academic affairs for spring quarter; But still needs to be voted on.

Reggie: elections committee needs to be filled

Amber: housing – about 150 continuing applicants applied for housing and yet they have not signed their acceptance yet. Accepting applications from new student will be opened soon.

Housing subcontractor has been suspended from working here on campus and tomorrow there will be a rally in front of Cheadle hall at 12 noon, to urge UCSB to take a stronger stance against Ryan's painting. Asking admin to help us form a student watch group to make sure this doesn't happen again.

GSAW begins April 14th! Agenda will be sent out at the end of the month.

Attended student lobby conference this weekend (378) students urged leg to freeze fees

Grad students are urged to sign petitions online, otherwise fees may increase by 19%

Advisors: Students are eligible for University Awards and graduating grad students are encouraged to be nominated. It is one of the highest awards on campus for those who have served on campus committees.
Also: Information is available about student support network.

Jesse: SLC conference, campaign for freezing fees please sign postcards by April 15th
Any postcards past out at your departments should be collected and returned to the GSA Lounge.

The other thing they would like to do is assess financial aide testimonies to compare across institutions.

Jesse was named Grad Student of the Year at UCSA/

Dean Morrison is covering for Jody Anderson; she is interested in collecting the financial aide data as well. New funding resources are available on the Grad div website.

GSHIP: Elly once again spoke about options for GSHIP next year. At the next meeting, the cost will be introduced on what it takes to make changes to the current plan. We will be voting at the next meeting on what the 2008-2009 plans will look like.

Email is gship@gsa.ucsb.edu

SMERF is available for students that need emergency fund instead of raising the entire premium for everyone.

Dental is separate and if you are having problems seeing a dentist then you should send an email to gship

Cosponsorship:
American cultures and global context center grad student's conference.
One day interdisciplinary grad student conf. Citizenship in the era of globalization:
Brook Thomas: From UCI May 24th. Expected between 10-40

Amber said "Whatever"
Amy moved to approve 300
Dan seconded. Consent not objected.

CISM: For music
Open to all, conference is free brings in music folks from all disciplines, Speaker is Dr. Gaye Johnson expecting between 30-50

Rafael moved to grant 300
Allyson seconded.

Announcements: happy hour at OTT! Jesse: freshman summer start program