Graduate Students Association (GSA)
Assembly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 5, 2008

Call to order: 6:02 pm by Ben Shockey

Motion to approve by Alice
2nd by Dominique

Nate Royal: Motion to approve minutes
Allison: second

Officer Reports:

Has announced she is stepping down from the position of VP Academic. Someone will be appointed to replace her.

Ben: Seeking someone to sit on the Student Regent Selection committee. This is a very important committee that meets twice. The first meeting is March 8. It will involve looking at a number of applications and vetting them with a number of other committee members, most of whom are currently Grad Student Association presidents at other campuses in SoCal. People should email me at president@gsa.ucsb.edu if they are interested in filling the position.

Dominique--committee: AS Bikes committee is having a general committee meeting at Wed 2:30 in the AS conference room.

Jesse External Affairs:

1) Student Regent application is due Feb. 21st. Applications online at ucop.edu. More information and applications can be found at http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/regents/studentreg.html
2) Student lobby conference March 1-3rd. Some spaces have opened due to some opportunities backing out. Will meet with legislature, other students from UC's etc. Contact Jesse ASAP at gsavpexternal@sa.ucsb.edu
3) Regents meeting in mission bay, San Francisco when regents will vote on the budget. March -19-20
4) UC system had most registered voters. Grads at UCSB had most

Amber: painters did work for San Clemente and have not been paid
Negotiations have not gone thru and families are owed.
Proposal: Graduate students halt application process until further information is available.
GSAW: April 14-18 – PhD comic Jorge Cham out of LA will here be for GSAW
GSHIP: insurance referral forms can be found in the GSA lounge

Addition by Jesse: Students are being asked to vote on the act, and amend the higher education act. It is a reauthorization.
Reggie: Travel grant application – are new and updated and available.
Elections committee solicited: anyone can be on the committee as long as they are not running for office. Meet me after the meeting.

Ben: open slate for officer candidates

Officers briefly described positions

Jody: grad div
Dean Morrison sends regrets for not being avail
E-newsletter: asking for submissions about research the students are doing and anything pertinent to grad life.
San Clemente: continuing students are guaranteed housing; deadline Feb. 15.

Exec Vice Chancellor Gene Lucas, Mark Fisher
Introduced Campus 2025 Presentation – http://www.ucsbvision2025.com/

GSHIP – Elly, Introduced Guests, to discuss GSHIP Plan draft.
Discussed: Ideas for health insurance plan (get digital copies of SHS information)

UC Santa Barbara Graduate Student Health Insurance Plan2008/2009 Menu DRAFT - 2-8-08

BENEFIT	
1.	Increase SHS-administered immunization (including HPV) benefit maximum from $200.00 per plan year to:
a. $250 plan year maximum	
b. $300 plan year maximum	
c. $350 plan year maximum	
3.	Add Vulvadynia physical therapy benefit with 6 visits at $150.00 per visit
4.	Increase non-parity mental health co-insurance payment from 60% in-network/40% out-of-network to:
a. 70% in-network/50% out-of-network	
b. 80% in-network/50% out-of-network	
c. 80% in-network/60% out-of-network	
5.	Increase number of non-parity office visits from 30 per plan year to 40 per plan year
6.	Dental care options i.e., discount plan and stand-alone vision insurance plan
7.	Increase prescription drug maximum per plan year from $5,000 to:
a. $5,500	
b. $6,000	
8.	Dependent Pricing

For more information contact gship@.gsa.ucsb.edu

Co-Sponsorship – Women of Color Brunch, represented by APAGS
About 200 people attended last year and it is free for anyone to go.
Vote: Agreed to fund for $300

Announcement: GSA Happy Hour Fri, Feb. 8th 5-7 PM at Sharkeez downtown.