

10-06-2009 GSA Assembly Meeting Minutes

- I. Introductions
 - a. GSA executive council
 - b. GSA advisor – outgoing (Carolyn Buford) and incoming Britt Andreatta
- II. Approval of agenda
 - a. Approved by consensus
- III. Approval of minutes
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- IV. Reports from Graduate Division and Student Affairs
 - a. Dean Gale Morrison introduced herself, thanked representatives for playing a role, emphasized importance of coming to Graduate Division ask questions as they come up. Emphasized willingness to come talk to GSA Assembly
 - b. Asst. Dean Christian Villasenor: Deans will be having open office hours in Graduate Student Resource Center. Encouraged students to come by. Funding workshop: this week, this Friday, announcement has gone out; 12-1 Oct. 13 workshop for first and second year student, introduction to academic services, will be here in the GSA lounge. Furlough days: Grad Div will be closed on a certain number of days, announcement will included that that Grad Div will be closed (posted on grad div web site and Google Calendar)
 - c. Asst. Dean Carolyn Beauford: Be aware of parking restrictions during Halloween weekend
- V. Reports from Executive Officers
 - a. President (Reginald Archer)
 - i. Mission: Building and strengthening community; want to make the lounge a place where people feel comfortable
 - ii. Committees: *UCEN governance board; *project area committee (IV redevelopment and master plan) need committee members ASAP.
 - iii. Race Matters Workshop: The GSA is co-sponsoring a workshop in the Race Matters series. The talk will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Multicultural Center and will focus on the experiences of grad students of color at UCSB.
 - iv. Budget: Look on the web site (www.ucsbgsa.org) for up-to-date information
 - v. Follow up on request for feedback on effects of budget crisis: Information and anecdotes were forwarded to UAW 2865, Graduate Division, and UC Regent Jesse Bernal for feedback; responses to questions were sent to students

- b. VP Internal (Diana Dyste Anzures)
 - i. Action agenda items: goals and objectives that guide our actions; Executive Council would like feedback from Assembly on these action items. Note: Items that are in brackets are means of addressing action items.
 1. Advocate for grad funding (committee membership, talk to alumni to increase travel funding)
 2. Advocate for diversity
 3. Strategic partnerships (working with IV Coop, cohost events with Grad Div, co-hosting education on walkout)
 4. Support for professional development (iClicker training)
 5. Sustainability (furniture orders, recycle and reuse day)
 6. Clarify UCSA role for GSA (UCSA's connection for GSHIP)
 - ii. GSA lounge
 1. Lounge rental: free for grad students to rent space
 2. Reminder re: bagel hour
 3. Students who are nursing may use the lounge
 4. GSA wall art space
- c. VP Budget (Rachel Winslow)
 - i. Travel grants: Grants for conferences are available to students who have not yet advanced to candidacy – please tell people about the grants; need to have already traveled in order to get the money, but you may apply beforehand as this money is provided on a first come, first served basis.
 - ii. Committee membership: GSA pays grad students for sitting on committees; web site will have forms to submit reports and receive compensation for service
 - iii. Department rebates: Talk to Rachel about departmental account number; Assembly representatives need to be here for two out of the three meetings during the quarter in order to receive departmental rebates.
- d. VP Academic Affairs (Indy Hurt)
 - i. Meeting minutes from Academic Senate will be posted on the GSA web site
 - ii. Hoping to fill a number of committees, for example, GSA excellence in teaching awards; Commence Committee; CCUT oversight committee; classroom design; undergraduate programs
 - iii. Working on professional development opportunities for graduate students and is going to work on a calendar, posting the day the application opens and the deadline
- e. VP Student Affairs (Aimee Woznick)
 - i. Email her any concerns about student housing, as she reps this committee
 - ii. Lead grad student rep for GSHIP, email concerns to gship@gsa.ucsb.edu

- iii. Many committees that need to be filled: Arts and Lectures Advisory Committee; Disabled Students Access Committee; committee on student health;
 - f. VP External (Adam Truxler)
 - i. UCSA is advocating for a systemwide GSHIP (continuance from last year)
 - ii. By January campuses will know if there's a viable option; means negotiation would change to a systemwide level
 - iii. Teach-in will be held on Oct. 14, 3-midnight, encourage grads and undergrads; still looking for proposals for breakout sessions in classrooms that are available, whatever information necessary
 - iv. Oct. 24: Conference at UC Berkeley (www.savecapubliceducation.org)
 - v. Nov. 14-15, Students of Color Conference will be held at UCSD
 - vi. Next Regents meeting: Nov 16-17; encouraging students to whitenline at Regents meetings
 - vii. Working on organizing Town Hall meetings in November to parallel nationwide health care debates
 - viii. Working on a petition to save Ventura County UCSB Center, serves about 242 students, serves underrepresented students
- VI. VP Communication and Records (Ryan Fuller, and Reginald Archer, VPCR emeritus)
 - a. Visit new Website (www.ucsbgsa.org)
 - b. When attending meetings be sure to sign in
 - c. Forms to petition to be a representative or to have someone serve as a proxy are available on the Web site
 - d. GSA listservs: GSA-Announce; GSA-Assembly; GSA-Housing
- VII. Vox Populi
 - a. One student expressed concern regarding the lack of integrated mental health services on campus for graduate students. She cited a UC systemwide report that highlighted mental health services on UC campuses and graduate students' needs for mental health services. She stressed that the policy toward mental health is not as clear on campus for UCSB as it is for students with physical disabilities. She has spoken with mental health services director, who is willing to address GSA Assembly. Teaching assistants should also be aware of distressed students protocol for undergraduates.
 - b. Consortium for Literature, Theory, and Culture is looking for board members. More information about CLTC is available at <http://www.cltc.ucsb.edu/>.
 - c. H1N1: Student health cannot provide documentation; wash your hands

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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