

## **6:00 – 6:05 Introduction**

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**Motion to approve October agenda** by Edward Walsh

Seconded by Kate Gallup

**Motion to approve July meeting minutes** by William Calvo

Seconded by Max Broad

## **6:05 – 6:30 Announcements**

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1. Graduate Division (Christian Villasenor, Assistant Dean)

Fellowship workshops throughout the year. Last week: Student of Color Welcome Reception.

Let him know of any suggestions/questions. Grad Stud. Res. Center: 5 peer advisors this fall.

They address issues such as funding, academic, diversity, outreach, student affairs. Stop by and

take advantage of resources. For ex: sample, prior proposals for fellowship opportunities (i.e.

Fullbright). Grad Post: Don not here so Christian describes. It's a resource for all grad students.

Content put up primarily by grad peers. It's a forum for grad students to post stories, comment,

submit. Tomorrow GSA hosting grad student support network, which is made up of students and staff across campus.

2. Student Affairs (Jane Choi. SA Representative)

Over 200 new International Students this fall. Reminder about disabled student services,

women's center (massage chair, snuggies), MCC (putting on concerts which are \$5 for students, mostly international music; Asian American Art Exhibit; film screening: Birth of Punk Islam),

OSL (Orgsync live), CLAS (writing services available).

6:26 – Grad students to voluntarily register for OrgSync

3. Happy Hour (Tiesha):

Happy Hour is this Friday at The Neighborhood Bar in downtown Santa Barbara from 5 – 7 p.m. appetizers provided by GSA.

4. Bagel Hour (Jessica)

Participatory Art/ Art Wall in GSA Lounge

5. Grad Housing Forums

Housing Update (Wei) – Housing Forum this Thursday, 7 – 10, Storke Community Center. Last phase of 4-phase step – GSA will report back with changes made. 1<sup>st</sup> step: housing forum.

Family Housing meeting from 7 – 8; San Clemente meeting form 8:30 – 9:30. Current and former residents. GSA will help funnel concerns into a 3-5 point list. GSA taking a facilitational approach. Specific to Campus Housing.

6. How to Serve as a GSA Rep (Tiesha). 2011-2012 forms now available on GSA website. We

need to find reps from the Sciences! Stipends (Lily)

\$1 rebate per registered student.

1. UCSHIP Q & A (Mary Ferris, Dir. of Student Health)
  - a. Positive Differences: compared to last year's plan, students pay less out of pocket: less annual deductible, pharmacy co-pays; outside specialists should cost only \$15 or \$20. No pre-existing conditions exclusions. no indiv. Claims. Pharmacy maximums increased to \$10,000. Dental & Vision through commercial plans, so providers off campus are provided. You can access services when in different cities. Gives claim comparison example.
  - b. Why does it cost so much? The overall premium did go up. Funded by premiums billed to students or grad div., fellowship programs, etc. . . Dependent enrollment premium paid by student and plan must be self-supported.
  - c. Components: Medical Plan self-funded which means students get to keep unused premiums rather than the insurance company. That profit will be kept in a reserve fund in the Office of the President. ID cards will say both Anthem Blue Cross and UCSB. Should have been mailed out last week. Student Health will print one out for you. Dental Plan: Delta Dental. Vision: Anthem Blue Cross. Student Health office visits included in Campus Fee (no co-pays).
  - d. UC SHIP Flow of Funds FlowChart shows break down of \$693.69 to Office of the President.
  - e. Some complaints: increase for students on approved leave. This is because they tend to use it the most. In the past, non-approved subsidized this would-have-been-increase. Increase for spouse & partner instead of other students subsidizing this.
  - f. Diana interjects: line-by-line governance lost to UC-wide system. By this Friday, nominating 1 – 3 grad students to sit on committee (Advisory Board) that will oversee the changes to the plan happening in the coming years.
  - g. Question: "How do you define 'partner'?" Mary: proof of marriage w/ marriage certificate or registered domestic partner certificate. Opposite sex partners excluded (unless married).
  - h. Our premiums are not the same as other campuses b/c it's based on the claims experience. Right now, SF the most expensive, with \$2400. Premium based on experience. San Diego charges a co-pay.
  - i. Dependent Coverage: cost so much b/c not subsidized.
  - j. If student health closed, go to urgent care or an emergency room. Urgent Care costs \$50 as opposed to \$100 for emergency Room. UC health services transferable. Se preferred providers, avail. On-line. Out of area: get referral from insurance office. International coverage. Univ. provides additional insurance if you are on official business, and registered trip in advance.
  - k. Question: "Do we get refunded if we are at a different campus and have to pay a co-pay?" No, co-pays are a campus decision.
  - l. Question: "Any financial assistance for hardship?" Mary: social workers available at Student Health. Funds available, incl. SMERF (Student Medical Emergency Relief Fund) specific for medical and dental costs.
  - m. FLU SHOTS here!

Diana – Emergency Grant. Check dispersal roadblocks b/c of IRS restrictions. First advisory council meeting hopefully this coming week. Afterwards, intake and approval should be available on-line (hopefully by end of October).

## 2. Action Agenda Items (7:00)

**Motion to bypass wait time/disregard bylaws** by William Calvo

Second (Kate Gallup)

Jessica – Items. Three umbrellas of issues.

1<sup>st</sup>: Transparency: Health Insurance; Tuition & fees; Fellowship

2<sup>nd</sup>: Campus & Housing Climate: Diversity, LGBTQ, housing & standard of living, transportation

3<sup>rd</sup>: Grad Health & Well-being: campus climate; food bank; emergency grant; celebrations.

Questions? Add Items?

- We shouldn't be discussing parties before approving budget.
- Jessica: parties already approved in budget, assembly voted on them last Spring for this year.
- Is there anything on there about food bank?
- Jessica – yes, it's the third item under Health & Wellness

**Motion to Close Discussion and Proceed to Vote** by Matt Vitale

Seconded by Jane Choi

Diana – if you have an iclicker you are allowed to vote.

Do you approve or disapprove the Action Agenda Item presented tonight? (17 voted, 100% Yes

## 2. Changes to Grad Service on Committees (Diana).

Angel Valdivia compiled active list of committees and put together a cognitive map, potential process of intake and process of students. Diana doing a major bylaws overhaul this year, possible expedition of process. Committee application form on-line. End of quarter, report what you did on that committee and receive a stipend.

## **7:15 – 7:25 Special Elections (Diana)**

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Any nominations for vp comm. Plan?

*Nominees:*

Marla Ramirez (5<sup>th</sup> year Chicana/o studies)

Dusty Hoesley (2<sup>nd</sup> year Religious Studies)

Diana – description of responsibilities

7:25 – Voting

Dusty: 12 (57%)

Marla: 7 (33%)

Abstain: 2 (10%)

**Motion to repeat because not 2/3rds** by Hassaan Wassel

Seconded by Joannalee Campbell

Object (Diana)

Hassam accepts objection. Motion retracted.

**Motion to vote for 2/3rds or majority** by Miles Ashlock

Seconded by Jane Choi

1. 2/3
2. Majority 15 (71%)
3. Abstain

**Motion to re-vote** by Lily Anne Welty

Seconded by Joannalee Campbell

Dusty – 57%

Marla - 33

Abstain - 10

Dusty new VP Comm Plan

### **7:30 - 7:35 Vox Populi**

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1. Smoking & Library (Dusty Hoesly):

Is this an issue? Student Health office has been trying for years to get a campus-wide smoking ban. Is there any interest in some sort of anti-smoking policy? Plebescite ballot.

Currently the policy is 20 feet away from building.

Question: gov't funding for smoke-free campuses?

Diana – Alfredo (UC Student Regent) pushing for campus-wide ban.

Is the library enforcing this policy?

Josh – speaking up for smokers (part of college culture? Like coffee?)

Diana – ask around, informal poll to see if this is an issue.

### **7:35 – 8:00 Action Items**

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1. **Motion to establish an ad hoc committee on smoking policies** by Tiesha Tallman  
Seconded by Hasaan Wassel

(55%) approve / 6 (30%) disapprove 3 (15%) abstain. Motion fails b/c not 2/3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Motion to re-vote** by Kate Gallup  
Seconded by William Calvo

2. Co-Sponsorships  
Malaphone (Budget)  
**Motion to vote:** \$300 co-sponsorship for Raagmala (Indian Association music group) event is this Sunday in MCC theatre. Typical attendance between 100 – 150.

**Motion to make the rest of votes majority** by Kate Gallup,  
Seconded by Miles Ashlock

Passed: 95% yes (1 abstain)

**Motion to vote on funding group** by Joshua Kuntzman  
Seconded by Max Broad

20 Approve  
1 Disapprove

- Tiesha to send flyer out via e-blast
3. Summer and partial fall stipend for Angel Valdivia. Fall: pro-rated stipend for 15 days of Fall. Total for Fall would be \$180.75.  
**Motion to vote** by Albert Shin  
Seconded by Joannalee Campbell  
19 yes, 2 abstain.
  4. Orientation surplus. Projected budget \$2500. Spent \$1693.60. Create forum fund?
    - a. Discussion. Bagel hour funds cut? Jessica stopped buying Nutella but no line item cut b/c fund not increased and *Nutella* too expensive. \$10,000/year on bagel hour.
    - b. Motion to vote on moving remaining funds (William, Albert). Passes at 19, 1, 1.
  5. Ellie (UCSA)
    - a. Grad bill of rights last year's campaign. Vote to ratify document. Motion to ratify by (Tiesha, William). Approved: 20 (2 abstain)
  6. Create Ad Hoc committee for bylaw editing. Revote because last one not recorded in minutes. **Motion to vote** by Max Broad
    - a. Seconded by Joannalee Campbell
    - b. Passed with 21 voting yes.