

General Assembly Meeting
November 1st, 2011
6:00 p.m. , GSA Lounge
Note Taker: Tiesha Tallman

6:05 – 6:10 Introduction

Motion to approve November agenda by Jane Choi
Seconded by Michael Nava

Motion to approve October meeting minutes by Christina Friberg
Seconded by Michael Nava

6:10 – 6:15 Announcements

1. Student Affairs (Jane Choi. SA Representative)
GradPost: November Funding Forecast; helpful links
2. Happy Hour (Malaphone)
This Friday at Sandbar. Free appetizer platter for every 5 – 6 people who show up.
3. Transition to Discussion Items – Rules and Procedures (President)

6:15 – 7:15 Discussion Items

1. Housing

San Clemente (Wei)

Two big changes to contract: move-out date and, will change these ways:

- a)
- **Option 1:**
 - Option 2: 10 month contract
 - Option 3: 11 ½ month contract

b)

Family Housing - Top three concerns from Housing Forum:

- a) Policy re: damage caused by mold, termites, asbestos and pets.
- b) Process & Policy re: Move-In conditions
- c) Wait-List policy and fee itemization. What is the average waiting time? Where is rent money being distributed, esp. re: utilities.

GSAC (Mihar) - GSAC has about 10 reps, 4 are exec members. Complaints/ comments: e-mail Dusty or Meetings every wed. at Castaic conference center in San Clemente.

This year they will be getting the word out about their existence.

Did any of the concerns come up re: changing rent prices (Sarah) Diana: The 10% increase is due to _____ and passed on to us

Do the shorter contracts have a higher Rent. Diana: no.

Housing is an auxiliary unit similar to the UCen. Operates for profit. (Jessica)

Chancellor's Housing Advisory Committee (Diana)

_____ ? _____ plan for structure approved and is going forward. Little discussion re: grad student housing.

2. Food Bank (Associated Students) Janelle Fong

- Mission statement
- Location/Hours: 3rd floor Ucen; 8 – 5
- History: Campus resources to support students in financial need exhausted early in the 2010-11 AY.
 - Survey results: 65%: need for a food bank; 41% would use the service; at least 17% skip meals regularly b/c of financial need.
 - Spring 2011: AS hired a full-time staff; students initiated donation campaign; fundraised money for operation and food costs
 - Open for Operations on 4/19/11; serviced 5 students in first week. Serviced 58 students by 5th week. 8 out of the 58 were graduate students.
- What they provide
- Feedback (from early Spring quarter)
- Success
 - By end of Summer Session, serviced 241 students, 29 of which were Graduate students; 780 total visits.
- Ongoing Need
 - Awaiting approval to become an agency member of SB Food Bank
 - Graduate Student Need:
- Students who come in for service and challenges preventing grads from utilizing resource
- Marital Status: 34.48% married; 55.17% single
- Next Steps
 - Reducing culture of shame around food banks
 - Outreach
 - Grad student staff, grad-specific literature, and support guide
 - Enhanced collaboration with GSA
- How you can help
 - GSA voting member present at AS food bank committee *meetings (Diana – Dustin Walker)*
 - Volunteers
 - Outreach
 - Donations campaigns

- Monetary contributions

Jessica: start a donation campaign: Winter Break Food Drive Nov. 2nd -30th. Drop-off non-perishable items and toiletries in the GSA Lounge. Competition between departments?

Lily: make collection site at your dept.?

Miles: GSAE already discussed doing a drive. They will collaborate with GSA.

3. AS – GSA Partnership (Jessica, VP Internal Affairs)

\$1500 line item that is supposed to be revenue, but we do not make nearly that amount quarterly. This quarter we've made a little over \$100. Currently there are 5 AS groups that use the lounge, at \$30/quarter for a total of \$150/quarter.

Aaron Jones from AS: Collaboration with GSA so that GSA can use their repo and ticket booth services. Undergrad and Grad student fees already pay for this building (MCC).

Vote to not charge AS to use GSA space in exchange for AS services. We can pay AS directly for any damage.

Gary: How will AS keep up with costs?

Aaron: Non-profit; sustainable

Miles: Which undergrads can use the space for free?

Jessica: Just AS groups, not all undergrads, like IV surfers.

Miles: I argue we should not charge any undergrad groups. Articulate a minimum expectation of exchange.

Jessica: We have a drafted letter. Bringing the idea to you first.

President: will have some slides (of numbers) to look at for next month.

4. Library Smoking Policy (Jessica)

Open for discussion whether we should look into this issue/establish ad hoc committee.

What exactly is the issue?

Lots of smokers outside library. Current regulation is 20 feet. Other campuses have smoke-free campuses. Should GSA research whether this is an issue?

Michael Nava: asked around dept. and no issues.

?: I agree

?: it's a problem if people aren't following 20-ft rule

?: but is it our issue?

Miles: the smoke does bother some people and there have been initiatives to make campus smoke-free. This could be an iteration.

Dusty/Jessica: Adhoc would just survey to see if this is an issue/find out grad student opinion.

Miles: any investment in having an ad hoc committee?

President: already a line-item for committee stipends.

5. orgsync (Tiesha)

- a. Tiesha to send link with instructions to assembly members

6. New Committees (Dusty)

- a. GSA needs grad students to serve as committee reps

- b. Reps are paid, variable depending on hours; can sit on multiple committees
- c. Current Process
- d. Issues with old bylaws: Each officer maintained own list which caused problems
- e. Reassessing Bylaws/Constitution
- f. 2011 Goals for VPCP (Vice President Committees and Planning)
- g. Possible Process Revisions
 - i. Goal: fill every committee while ensuring diversity and expediting placement
 - 1. VCPC appoint applicant when only one applicant for a particular committee (after 5 day window)?
 - 2. New EO Committee/Subcommittee to vote on appointments?
 - 3. Allow EO Committee/Subcommittee to vote via e-mail?
 - ii. Open to new ideas: EO will discuss at next meeting
 - iii. Anyone want to be a committee representative?
- h. Questions/Comments

Skylar: website that is updated quickly?; end of each year contact comm.. members about reappointment

7. Proposed Bylaws & Constitution Changes

Changes to Constitution on Spring Ballot. Reason: New VPCP description; 3 new grants; elections process guidelines (reduce error to avoid special elections)

7:40 – 7:50 Action Items

1. Co-Sponsorship (Malaphone)

Sarah Abdul-Ragid and Jacob Summerson: rep grad students of Life Sciences Dept. and sometimes Marine Biology.

Seminar Speaker invited from out of town. Post-seminar networking event: a social hour for grad students, seminar speaker, and faculty. First year registered as a student organization. Requesting \$300 for AY (retroactive for 10/27/11 and for hosting 2 more). Interdisciplinary (all depts.. invited; open to all).

Budget report: \$3,000 left for the year; \$1100 per quarter.

Bylaws say retroactive rarely accepted.

Vote:

Skyler: motion for \$300

2nd: Corey Ellis

Object: Christina

Motion to Withdrawl: Michael

2nd: Alex

Motion for 150: Michael
2nd: Daisy Gonzales

Motion Stands for \$150.

7:50 – 7:50 Vox Populi (Open Floor)

Double-Sided Printing : lack of on campus

7:51 - Officer Reports

Diana:

New Accounting Procedures: Funds controlled through BARC now; tax forms automatically issued.

Cost of Living: increase in GSA fees. This year is the first year where COLA needs to be applied to GSA fees. Charts at next month meeting.

Ellie:

SOC (Student of Color) Conference Nov. 11 – 13 at UC Davis. Interested indiv. Contact Ellie by 11/7.

Jessica:

Nutella back at Bagel Hour
Art Wall. Any ideas for Winter quarter?

Malaphone:

Budget report.
\$135,377 left for the rest of the year. No expectation we'll redline on any items.

Lily:

WASC - lack of prof. dev. Programs for grad students. Grad council took this seriously and are discussing. Travel Grants for grad students: Need a 3rd or potentially 4th fund for conference travel.

Motion to Adjourn: Jane Choi
2nd: Jessica

Raffle!

FOR NEXT TIME: NAME TAGS!!!!