

GSA Assembly Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2012
6 p.m. – 8:20 p.m.

Motion to begin: Christina
Second: Joanna

I. INTRODUCTION

Approve January Agenda: Alston
Second: Michael

Motion to approve agenda: Nicole
Second: Michael

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graudate Division

1. Jobs – 1/24 in Corwin Pavillion, Career Services will have 54 companies. Career.ucsb.edu to see who's participating. (Microsoft, Target
2. Health. Mary Ferris will be here soon to find out how the new insurance is working for us.
3. Sun, Jan 22nd Carsey Wolfe Center movie: \$5 for students. "Say Cheese" in S.B. catering. Bring ID.
4. OMBUDS: Priscilla.
 - a. Provides conflict resolution services. Confidential. Does not officially put University on notice. Informal: no involvement in grievances or lawsuits. Independent entity. Located in Girvetz Hall. Does not communicate over e-mail.

Student Affairs

Beatrice (UCSA Field Supervisor) here on field visit

February Assembly Rep Training

Takes 1 to 1 ½ hours.

Before assembly meeting next month.

Diversity Gathering (Jessica)

Del Pueblo Café Thursday 2/2 at 6:30 p.m. Appetizers provided. Join the events page on FB under UCSB GSA. RSVP to Jessica by 1/31: gsavpinternal@gmail.com

Definition: underrepresented minority (Mexican American, Native American, African American, Filipino American) self-identified.

Bagel Hour

Working with BREN school to go green; anti-styrofoam campaign kick-off next week; encourage peers to bring their own cups; need to be conscious of budget

Lounge

Questionnaire; interested in how to better utilize the space. Recently began serving coffee in lounge every day.

Food Bank (Lily)

Food Bank Campaign: February 1st through 14th. Drop-off at lounge or your department.

Donate CURRENT, not expired food, please.

Teaching Awards

Any grad student whose taught within the past year is eligible. Nomination form on-line.

Contact person: Lily – gsavpacademic@gmail.com

Call for committee members contact Lily. About 15 hours; Stipend.

III. DISCUSSION and UPDATE ITEMS

1. UAW (Rob). Recently won a work-week dispute. Collective Bargaining rights for GSRs: UAW lobbying for this on 1/23rd because the bill is close to passing. Statewide Membership Meeting: twice a year occurrence when students from every campus in the UC system come together and vote on things. This year at UCSB on Saturday, 1/21 from 12:00 – 3 in the MCC Theatre. Good opportunity to have a voice in setting the union state-wide policy. 1/20 is just SB's union meeting from noon – 1 p.m. at 6551 Trigo Road, suite 4 (above Bagel Café).
2. Elections Procedures (Diana)
 - a. Any student groups interested in writing ballots?
 - b. GSA Bylaws do not allow much wiggle room for last minute ballot adoptions. Must meet with GSA three times. Contact Diana right away in interested. Gsapresident.ucsb@gmail.com. Too late for CEC ballots. Expecting two groups for Renewal: College Bound and Transportation.
 - c. Need volunteer to sit on election committee with Diana and either Malaphone or Tiesha. Volunteer: Gary Haddow.
3. UCSA Updates (Ellie)
 - i. UCSA Charter Status: minor changes in language of UCSA Charter req. by IRS. Reviewed by UCSA's attorney. Need approval by 2/3rds of the member associations. Will ask for approval next month. Desire to see charter language? (No.)
 - ii. Resolution and Directed Action for Three Student Regents. Campaign to get 2 new student regents. (Slide presentation.) Next month vote on resolutions:
 - iii. UCSB GSA takes a stance in full support of the UCSA Grad & Prof. Student Campaign
 - iv. UCSA shall draft a list of criteria to be used by the governor's office during the regent selection process.

Any input? gsavpexternal@gmail.com comments or suggestions before February's Assembly meeting.

iii. UCSA's suggested criteria for regents:

- a. each new regent must bring prior experience as an advocate for higher education, in education policy, or as an educator
- b. each new regent must help ensure that the board of regents is broadly reflective of the diversity of the state of California
- c. dedication to the public mission of the UC
- d. must understand California's role as an example of the power of a robust, well-funded state government and its ability to serve its citizens, create an equitable and just society, and contribute to the economic prosperity . .

iv. UCSA's suggested "Preferred" criteria:

- a. UC graduate
- b. Attended public school/children in public school

Assembly Feedback:

How about just any public CA University?

Conflict of Interest Section?

Voted in instead of appointed?

Understanding of UC history or master plan

“well-funded state gov’t”?

explicitly say “advocate for public, higher education”

proportional appointment?

Who is the decision making body these recommendations get forwarded to? [The Governor and people from his office.]

v. Tax Initiative

UCSA supports the Millionaire’s Tax.

vi. Student LobbyCon (SLC)

March 2nd – 5th in Sacramento

Fees paid for by EVP (Ellie)

An application with info will be in next eblast.

Don: We want one of you to be the Student Regent. Apply!

IV. ACTION ITEMS

a. Co-Sponsorships (Malaphone)

a. We spent \$750 last quarter

b. \$1275 left for this quarter

c. 3 groups requesting money this evening:

i. East Asian Linguistics (WEAL)

1. 1st week of March

2. Requesting \$300

3. Keynote speaker’s transportation, lodging & \$200 Honorarium

4. Food for participants

5. Budgeted for attendance of 45; \$1400 estimated budget

6. 6th floor of HSSB

ii. Studying the Cognitive Underpinnings of Language (SCULL)

1. April 14th

2. Psychology, Geography, Spanish & Portuguese

3. As of now no west coast conference on this topic

4. Keynote speaker’s transportation, lodging & \$200 Honorarium

5. Food for participants

6. Budgeting for 60 participants; \$3000 estimated budget

7. \$10 admission fee; free for undergrads

iii. Graduate Union of Molecular Biology Investigators (GUMBI)

1. Networking event after weekly seminars

2. Requesting \$300 for 3 planned post-seminar happy hour (food only).
3. No funding for alcohol
4. Molecular Biology and BioEngineering Departments

Motion to Approve Voting All at Once: Nicole
Motion Seconded: Michael

Motion to fund GUMBI \$200: Ellie
Second: Corey
Objection: Mihar
Withdraw Motion: Ellie
Motion to Discuss: Nicole
Second: Alex

Motion to close discussion: Tiesha
Seconded by Ellie
Motion to withdraw: Hannah

Motion to close discussion: Kyle
Seconded by: Joanna

Motion to fund GUMBI \$300: Gary
Seconded by: Marcel

Motion to Recommend that SCULL return next meeting and recommend not charge grads: Kyle
Seconded: Mihar

Motion to move WEAL to next meeting: Mihar
Seconded by: Joanna
Motion Withdrawn: Nicole
Motion to Discuss: Gary
Seconded: Alex

Motion to close discussion: Christina
Seconded; Mihar

Motion to Vote \$300 Weal: Ankit
Seconded by: Hannah
Objection
Motion Withdrawn
Motion for \$200: Marcel
Seconded: James
\$200 stands.

Malaphone: e-mail her to find out if your department has money sitting in an account.

Diana: Reps you are welcome to e-mail me to request putting adding money to this budget on the assembly agenda.

V. VOX POPULI

Alayna & Aaron; we have an initiative to create a fund called the “college bound found”, which will hire graduate and undergraduate students to work in the community as tutors. Alayna has been pioneering this program very successfully, and right now we are collecting signatures to put it on the ballot. We got it on the ballot last year, but were competing with too many initiatives, so we are trying it again. We will be back to talk to you about this more.

Collecting signatures until 2/7. Program will begin Fall 2012.

VI. OFFICER UPDATES

Tabled

Motion to Adjourn: Nicole

Second: Alex