

Title: July 28, 2014, 10am, GSA Meeting Agenda
Location: SSB 350, Gradpad
Started: 7/26/2014
Last Edit: 7/29/2014

In Attendance:

Brandon
Erik
Aaron
Danielle
Eddie
Jiba

Past Meeting Action Items

- Read Gradpad rules
 - Accepted
 - Discuss what to do with personal appliances
- Read Gradpad access agreement
 - accepted
- Aaron to schedule Delegate Assembly with GradDiv
- Committee Rally - Sept 2
- Committee Survey
- Opine on UCSA for Jiba
- Couch to be delivered Aug 5
- GradPai Dates Published

Previous Meeting Minutes

Current Reports

- Council of Presidents (7/12/2014) - Brandon
 - CoP will continue to schedule to meet with Janet Napolitano 3x a year
 - Grad Issues
 - Housing
 - UC Competitiveness
 - Potential Tuition Increase
 - International Students
 - Violence & Sexual Assault
 - Mental Health Resources
 - Workers Compensation for Externally Funded Grad Students
- Aaron
 - Donuts for delegates
 - August 5th
 - Set up at 9 takedown at 11
 - Need people to help talk to students about DA and to get volunteers for it
- Danielle
 - Eddie emailed out Committee Survey

Guest Business

- Discussion Topic: Status update on the change in leadership following Jane Lawrences' Departure
 - Brian -
 - Fuji -
 - Nies keeping residence life and dining services
 - Jane Lawrence - Special Assistance for the Chancellor, focused on undergraduate develop
 - Graduate student development is different, reliant on faculty development
 - Slowing number growth, but building services
 - graduate growth not slowing down
 - Better communication within the division
 - Provost - strategic academic focusing initiative on faculty hires/growth
 - More grad student offices in COB2 - 2017
 - Another office building in design - part of 2020
 - By Nov make a shortlist - then submit proposals
 - Drafting proposal expectations
 - 3 phases of building - 1a, 1 and 2
 - Focus on first year housing, until extra housing is built.
 - Still a big need for stable first year grad housing
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- Discussion Topic: Goals and plan of action for Student Health & Wellness
 - Advocacy for UC Merced's special exceptions
 - Addressing Mental Health Issues (system-wide call from Napolitano)
 - only 1 psychologist in Merced County
 - Recovery group starting this fall
 - Director of Mental Health from Berekely doing an outside evaluation
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- Discussion Topic: Graduate Student Inclusiveness
 - Recent student events such as graduation were undergraduate focused
- Action Item: GSA Welcome Event
 - Share GSA goals with administration
 - Start planning some dates
 - Earlier in GROW week - August 10-13th

Old Business

- Discussion Topic: Delegate Assembly
 - Discussion
 - Propose: Get started on the Delegate Assembly before the new students arrive
 - GradDiv has offered to promote.
 - Donuts for Delegates
 - Aaron to have more info for us at the next meeting
 - Aiming for the first week of August
 - New discussion
 - August 5th, 9:30-11am, Bobcat Lair
 - Open to all
 - GSA to send out an email reminder

- Pressure people to become delegates
 - GradDiv is paying for everything
 - Expect 50 people
 - Send out an email
 - Multiple delegates for same position?
 - Case by case basis
- Action Item: Gradpad Access Agreement for Staff/Faculty
 - Previous Discussion
 - GradDiv has asked for access
 - GradDiv has legitimate purposes
 - Dropping off mail to GSA
 - Putting up GradDiv posters
 - 'Recruitment & Retention, Outreach'
 - Counterpoint: GradDiv may abuse access
 - Overuse of kitchen and fridge
 - Proposal: Gradpad Access Agreement for staff/faculty
 - Kitchen space is for graduate student use only
 - New Discussion
 - Vote on agreement
- Action Item: Draft Community Standards for Gradpad
 - Discussion
 - Currently have a working draft
 - See bottom of agenda
 - Any other items?
 - Aaron - work on short version
 - Jasmine - work on long version
- Discussion Topic: Agenda for Proposed Meeting with Marjorie Zatz
 - Discussion
 - Proposal: First meeting with Dr. Zatz should have no asks
 - Proposal: GSA to share GSA's proposed year-long agenda and goals
 - Delegate Assembly
 - Committees
 - Improved Communication
 - Watch & See
 - TAPS
 - TA Appointments
 - Summer Funding
 - Master's Student Issues
 - International Student Issues
 - Long term funding plan for graduate students
 - Supportive of External Graduate Funding Plan
 - New Discussion
 - Best Options
 - Tue 2-3
 - Second
 - Mon/Wed 2-3
 - Mon/Tue/Wed 1-2
 - Friday
- Discussion Topic: Review GSA Committee Feedback Survey (Academic Affairs)
 - Any feedback on the survey before emailing it out?

- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3H5D3BQ>
- Looks good
- Minor changes
- New Discussion
 - received 8 responses
 - Athletics not useful
 - Send out a reminder
 - Important committees responded
- Discussion Topic: UCSA fallout
 - Will send out an email with details of the situation
 - Would like some feedback if any by August

New Business

- Action Item: Pick out a time/date for the next meeting
 - Discussion
 - Take care of business over email
 - two-three weeks
 - Quick impromptu meeting to discuss Committee Rally
 - Email out reminders
 - Right before the school year - August 26th
 - Over email work
 - Update website
 - Active facebook
 - Start prepping to highlight UC Merced research
 - Newsletter
 - Ask GSS/GradDiv - like a researcher of the month
 - Big research news
 - Hire a freelance?
 - Like the UC Merced Magazine but a focus on grad students
- Action Item: Discussion of GSA Goals
 - Discussion
 - What should we focus on this year?
- Travel Grant
 - Technically not complete because of a missing ID number
 - What do we do?

Current GSA Member Committee Appointments

- Brandon - Graduate Council
- Danielle - CAPRA, OMBUDS
- Jiba - UCSA
- Aaron - Alumni Relations
- Eddie - GSA Social Committee
- Jasmine - Research Council?
- Erik - SFAC

Calendar

Event	Assigned Lead	Date
Summer Ice Cream Social	Brandon	~July
Delegate Assembly	Aaron	~Before Fall?
GSA Officer Training	Brandon	
GROW (GSA Panel)		~August 11
Committee Rally + Fall Ice Cream Social	Danielle	~September 2
Committee Orientation	Danielle	~October
Fall Open Meeting	Brandon	~November TBA
Hot Chocolate Winter Social		~January
Committee Thank You	Danielle	~April
Spring Open Meeting	Brandon	~April
Elections	Aaron	~April
End of Year Recognition		~May
Officer Transition Meeting	Brandon	~June

Community Standards

- This is a graduate student community space.
- Please be aware of your noise level and that this a community space that is shared by all current UC Merced graduate students.
- Please keep the counters clean and free of garbage. Remember that this is a community space and that all food and trash left on the counter will be thrown away.
- Please only store (and label) your food for each day, and be considerate of the limited space for others.
- Do not eat food that is labeled with other student's names.
- Clean the microwave after every use. Please use plastic microwave cover to prevent splatter.
- If you spill it, you clean it.
- Please remember to only take one serving from the community food supply. It will only be stocked once-a-month and you are not the only graduate student that will be using it.
- Please do not take the pens, markers and supplies out of the space (they are for everyone to use).
- All toss of fridge on Monday at 8am. Items in door will not be tossed, but moved to the shelves during cleanout.
- No perishable items in the cabinets
- No storing of alcohol or other illicit substances in accordance to university policies.

