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

- 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 Berkeley doing an outside evaluation

- 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](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

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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.