

Title: October 10, 2014, 9am, GSA Meeting Agenda
Location: SSB 350, Gradpad
Started: 10/07/2014
Last Edit: 10/10/2014

In Attendance: All

Past Meeting Action Items

- Draft Rules for Research Meetings in Gradpad
- Obtain giant wall calendar - done :)
- Update on Theft issues
- Movie Night in Gradpad Tonight, The Neighbors, will me a monthly event. Popcorn and sodas.

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Guest: Richard Cummings - 2020 Project Update

- Report:
- Idea is to double size of campus from 1.3 million gross space to 1.8 million gross space, by 2020.
- Want to concentrate development near Lake Road, want the campus to feel like a complete campus by 2020 for 10,000 students. Desire to create synergistic environment.
- Taking list of architects and engineers to complete this phase of campus. Will have a short list by end of 2014.
- Till end of Summer 2015 for design to be submitted.
- Idea will be 2016 first phase will be built.
- Financing--cannot always depend on state funding. Private entity will be build, campus will pay back over 40 year period. Public/Private Partnership. Availability payment structure. Developers put in investment, get loans to build investment. Developer builds building in pieces. Payment the university makes will be paid from variety of income streams. Must be mindful of UC System credit rating protection. Motivate developers to perform.

- Goal is to increase to 10 percent of student body or 1,000 grad students by 2020. Need to have facilities to attract grad students.
- Not certain of status of grad student housing. Brandon notes it is a concern for grad students. Can be linked to graduate recruitment. Current plans show units for 100 grad housing units. Begins in 2019.
- There may be a pub space, casual meeting space on campus for grad students and faculty.
- Chancellor desires multi use for facilities. More of an urban feel. Dense campus.
- At various points of time may want feedback.
- Cost of program is at least 1 billion dollars.

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Current Reports

- Graduate Council - Brandon 10/7/2014
 - Graduate Fellowship timeline
 - Application due January 16th
 - Made recommendation that announcement should be sent out in November, as opposed to December 1st
 - Graduate 'Minors,' 'Tracks,' etc
 - Actively being discussed and evaluated
 - Previous recommendation to ensure that especially IH/WC transcripts accurately reflected their degree coursework
- Administration Advisory Committee - Brandon 10/2/2014
 - Project 2020 update
 - Big undertaking
 - First phase of construction by 2017
 - Richard Cummings will give a full report
- Delegate Assembly - Aaron 10/14/14
- All but one member able to make it at Coffee Bandits.
 - Introductions and expectations
 - A message from Dr. Zatz
 - Any problems already arising

Old Business

- Discussion Item: Committee Orientation
 - Previous Discussion
 - Charles Nies available on October 2nd
 - Jen reserved Bobcat Lair for Oct 2 from 10:30am-12:30pm
 - Similar format as last year
 - Tentative schedule:
 - Arrival and Networking (get food) (15 mins)
 - Introduction and Welcome – GSA President (5 mins)
 - Committee representative training – Charles Nies (40 mins)
 - Committee procedures and processes by Academic Affairs Officer and Q&A with grad student panel (1 hr)
 - Brunch food
 - Email to invite Grad Committee Reps
 - Need about 3 students to informally sit on grad panel
 - New Discussion
 - Event recap: Was successful, 17 reps attended
 - Need Bobcat Special Event Committee rep.
 - Admin would like to see grad students come, and increase grad attendance. Perhaps look for grad students who did undergrad here.
 - If grad students attend they pay staff price.
- Discussion Topic: Delegate Assembly
 - Previous Discussion
 - still need people for chem, cog sci. social sci (sociology, public health) physics, and Chemistry. Poly sci as well.
 - Delegate Assembly meeting--hopefully by end of month.
 - Two goals, need to be acquainted with Aaron, need first meeting.
 - Push on this, hopefully meet by end of month.
 - In mid Oct. goal of meet and greet delegates.
 - Should we advertise meet and greet?
 - Could possibly do by school?
 - Have delegate come in in grad pad for 45 minutes.
 - Would be like an office hour for delegates.
 - New discussion
 - First Delegate Assembly meeting - October 14th
 - Grad Dean Zatz confirmed attendance
 - Coffee Bandits
- Action Item: Committee Appointments
 - Previous Discussion-

- Danielle got 19+ applications from comm. rally, Alumni relations board, not sure what is happening.
 - New Discussion
 - Update on Graduation/Commencement Committee--Need to schedule a meeting.
- Discussion Item: Theft/Space Allocation for IH/WC Grad Students
 - Previous Discussion
 - Substantial thefts from student desks in the SSM cubicles
 - Undergrads encroachment, loitering
 - Unacceptable
 - Pedro notes that there is a lack of keys.
 - Dean Zatz notes that signs may be put up.
 - Need to send e-mail to Dean Zatz OSL id SSM cubicles as study space.
 - Dean Zatz said she will bring it up, talk with dean.
 - Update
 - Dean Zatz has spoken with Dean Aldenderfer about the issues.
 - The key issue should be resolved soon
 - "Budget issues prevent closing off the space"
 - Continue to discuss issues with Dean Aldenderfer.
 - Set up meeting with delegates and Dean Aldenderfer regarding issues.
- Discussion Item: Reservation of the Gradpad
 - Previous Discussion
 - ES would like to hold their grad group meeting in the GradPad--Consensus is it is fine, appropriate.
 - Previously held meetings off campus in a dinner setting
 - Need to promote research, Brandon says having research meetings is an appropriate use of space.
 - Grad students should have say in use of space.
 - Only allow on Wed. and Thurs. nights? Should have 5-8 nights. Should Friday nights be social? Do people need to reserve.
 - Need for official (ask Rachel to ask new worker intern to put and maintain calendar on wall.
 - GSA reservation rights:
 - Need to book a week and a half in advance.
 - Must let people know if in use.
 - Event could be a great use of space.
 - Should leave some rules pending.
 - Check on access for post docs.
 - Rules for research meetings in GradPad
 - Wednesday, Thursday are research nights (after 5pm)

- Grad groups are encouraged to hold research discussions/presentations targeted for graduate students
 - Arrange with GSA at least one and a half weeks
 - Publicize (flyers, online calendar) at least 1 week before event. Synchronize office calendar with office calendar
- Science and Art Coalition Art Exhibit (presented by Sarah Abboud):
 - Previous Discussion
 - -Will bring researchers and artists together to highlight UC Merced's research to community at the Merced County Arts Council gallery on mainstreet.
 - -Currently have 17 artists and 19 researchers
 - -Center for the Humanities for funding?
 - Updates? last Monday had grad students submit proposals.
 - Let Rachel know GSS could help with funding.
- Community Service
 - Previous Discussion
 - October: Make A Difference Day (October 25th) in discussion.
 - -Work with OSL to set up event,
 - work with service fraternity.
 - Promote one service per month GSA event.
 - Find way to promote service events.
 - Provide ops for people to serve, create service callender.
 - Should offer awards for service through GSA? (long term project--year long project).
- Discussion Topic: PostDoc Access to Gradpad / other activities
 - Previous discussion:
 - Do postdocs have access to gradpad?
 - Should they be included with GSA activities?
 - Other campuses have dedicated Postdoc groups
 - Update:
 - Deborah Matton (Office of Research) "would like to keep the postdoc and grad student populations as separate as possible." Not sure why. May have update later.
- Discussion Topic: UCSA
 - Previous Discussion
 - Grad student Violet Barton will be nominated by Jiba as Campus Organizing Director for UCM UCSA.
 - Here at UCM we are going to organize the students of color conference (socc).
 - Grad Social during the conference.
 - Asking 30 dollars for participants.

- General t-shirts to publicize UCSA. UCSA now connected with USSA (US student assoc.) Student from UCR elected rep for USSA.
- Brandon asks anything to report back?
- New Discussion?
- i) Regular registration @ \$30 per person for SOCC before Oct 17 and then after @ \$45.
- j) SOCC, Nov 7-9.

New Business

- Action Item: “Summer Travel” Award
 - Discussion:
 - We need to approve and send out
 - Deadline set at Oct 30th
 - Previously, we only gave about a weeks notice, but we should aim for at least two weeks in the future.
 - Action Item:
 - Will email about it this weekend.
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- Discussion Item: TA Union Event in Gradpad
 - Discussion
 - TA Union would like to serve a breakfast to graduate students as an event in the gradpad
 - Room should not be reserved for their event. Cannot tell people to leave.
 - An open-house type event - ‘Come meet your union reps + free breakfast?’
 - Consensus is fine.
- Action Item: GSA Fall Open Meeting
 - Discussion:
 - Need to reserve a room soon
 - Nov. 21 as a date. Same meeting schedule
 - Garden View Dining Room-was held there last year. Provide breakfast.
 - Will send out email to reserve room.
- Discussion Item: Research Council
 - Discussion:
 - Need someone from GSA to sit in this committee
 - No vote as a graduate student but can provide input during the meetings
 - Committee must approve the grad rep
 - Meets on Wednesday from 3pm-4pm
 - Remaining Meeting Dates:
 - October 15
 - November 5
 - November 19
 - December 3
 - December 17
- Discussion Item: Review of Mobile and Web-Based Applications
- Discussion Item: UC eNGAGE Technology Summit

- Discussion Item: Student Representatives for the SVSA UC Task Force
 - Discussion:
 - Holly Swift (sits on committee already), Rachel Hatano, Violet Barton, Neama Alamri, Amrit Deol - Danielle, possible new members?

- Discussion Item: Update on EOB student orientation --Erik, had student health care advisory committee meeting. All UC campuses part of this.
 - Discussion:
 - Union issue possibly?
 - GSA could work with union to collect opinions on insurance.

Current GSA Member Committee Appointments

- Brandon - Graduate Council, VC Advisory Board
- Danielle - CAPRA, OMBUDS
- Jiba - UCSA
- Aaron - ~~Alumni Relations~~ (not active?), Research Council?
- Eddie - GSA Social Life Committee
- Jasmine - GSA Committee on Research
- Erik - SFAC, SHAC

Calendar

Event	Assigned Lead	Date
Summer Ice Cream Social	Brandon	July 23rd
Delegate Assembly	Aaron	August 5th
GSA Officer Training	Brandon	
GROW (GSA Panel)	Iqbal	August 11th
Committee Rally	Danielle	September 2
Committee Orientation	Danielle	October 2
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