

Title: November 21, 2014, 9am-11am, GSA Meeting Agenda

Location: Garden View Dining Room, Fall Open Meeting

Started: 11/18/2014

Last Edit: 11/21/2014

In Attendance:

Eddie

Erik

Aaron

Brandon

Danielle

Past Meeting Action Items

- Research Display Exhibit
- Travel Award Status
- Movie Night/Social
- DA Meetings with Deans
- Commencement Committee/VC of Alumni Relations

Previous Meeting Minutes

Meeting Schedule

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Open Forum

- Introductions
- Student Suggestions
 - Printer in the Gradpad
 - Student clubs blocking hallway
 - Cars blocking entrances for TAPS day passes
 - Google form on GSA website or fb page for submitting TAPS issues
 - Questions about HR/Fidelity

Current Reports

- Graduate Council - Brandon 11/18/2014
- TAPS Advisory Board Meeting - Cancelled
- Aaron
 - DA Dean Meetings
 - Engineering 11/20/2014
 - More info for PhD's who want to get hired by industry
 - Engineering coffee hours will hopefully be starting soon
 - SSHA 12/9/2014
 - Nat Sci 12/4/2014
 - SFAC
 - Unit Visits Scheduled
 - GSS 12/3/2014
 - Grad Div TBD
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Old Business

- Action Item: Committee Appointments
 - Previous Discussion
 - Danielle got 19+ applications from committee rally
 - New Discussion
 - Update on Graduation/Commencement Committee -- meeting scheduled for either first or second week of Dec.

- Discussion Item: Theft/Space Allocation for IH/WC Grad Students
 - Previous Discussion
 - Substantial thefts from student desks in the SSM cubicles
 - Undergrads encroachment, loitering
 - Dean Zatz has spoken with Dean Aldenderfer about the issues.
 - The key issue should be resolved soon
 - Updates
 - SSM SSHA cubicles reassigned to Cognitive Science, Psychology, Interdisciplinary Humanities / World Cultures, Political Science, Sociology, and Public Health
 - Email sent to IH/WC on 11/21: keys available for pick up in the SSHA office --- unsure if announcement has been sent to other SSHA groups
 - IH/WC still only group lacking lab space --- SSM cubicles are only work space for IH/WC

- 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.
 - Emailed out, received applicants
 - Action Item:
 - Status on review?
 - Reviewed on 11/21

- 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 opportunities for people to serve, create service calendar.
- Should offer awards for service through GSA? (long term project--year long project).

New Business

- Tuition Increase
 - Discussion
 - Disappointing, but not surprising.
 - 95% of grads covered by financial aid
 - Should not be affected
 - How do we help other 5% alleviate tuition costs?

- Hot Chocolate Winter Social
 - Discussion:
 - Last winter - Thursday, Jan 16th, 2014
 - Was successful last year with nearly 40 students
 - Hold again? Yes!
 - Action Item
 - Schedule event for January

- Grad Div Open Dialogue Session - Diversity and Inclusion
 - Announcement
 - Nov 21st, noon - 2pm, Alpine Room (Valley Terrace)
 - Announce to DA
 - Free food

- UCSA: Divestment from Corporations Profiting from Violating Palestinian Human Rights
 - Background
 - Human rights issue
 - UC currently invests in such corporations
 - Supported by UCSA, official vote will be in January
 - Looking for individual campus support, ASUCM and GSA
 - Other UC campuses have divested
 - UAW 2865 vote on Dec 4 on same issue
 - What are thoughts from graduate students?
 - Discussion
 - Worth time?

- GSA Social Life Committee
 - Advertising through GSS, on our Facebook page, and on the GSA Social Life Facebook page

- Halloween/Costume Party at the Partisan
 - Over 50 graduate students in attendance
 - Prizes awarded for best costume
 - Open invitation to hold any other events there in the future
- Movie/Game Night
 - 2nd Friday night of the month
 - Vote on GSA Social Life Facebook page for the movie
 - Averaged over 30 students the first two months
 - Keep up attendance
- Upcoming events
 - Vernal pools, Merced Wildlife National Refuge, trips to National Parks, Sports Day in the Spring
- Community Service
 - Check Facebook for upcoming service events
 - Past events this year have included park cleanups
 - BEAT (expanded FROM Quantum to Quasars)
 - 4 distinct programs ranging from teaching fundamentals of the sciences, genetic engineering, computer programming, to electrical and mechanical engineering in local schools. Inspire the next generation through your own research!
 - All interested are encouraged to teach 2 weeks for 1-2 hours.

Current GSA Member Committee Appointments

- Brandon - Graduate Council, VC Advisory Board
- Danielle - CAPRA, OMBUDS
- Jiba - UCSA
- Aaron - ~~Alumni Relations~~ (not active?)
- 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	TBA

GROW (GSA Panel)	Iqbal	August 11th
Committee Rally	Danielle	September 2
Committee Orientation	Danielle	October 2
Fall Open Meeting	Brandon	November 21
Hot Chocolate Winter Social	Brandon	~January
Committee Thank You	Danielle	~April
Spring Open Meeting	Brandon	~April
Elections	Aaron	~April
End of Year Recognition		~May
Officer Transition Meeting	Brandon	~June