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
  - SFAC
    - Unit Visits Scheduled
      - GSS 12/3/2014
      - Grad Div TBD
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

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