

Title: December 5, 2014, 9am-11am, GSA Meeting Agenda

Location: SSB350, Gradpad

Started: 12/2/2014

Last Edit: 12/2/2014

In Attendance:

no Danielle, Jasmine

Past Meeting Action Items

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

Previous Meeting Minutes

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## Current Reports

- Brandon
  - Graduate Council (Dec 2)
    - Updates to Fellowships
    - First Year Graduate Fellowship now includes a summer award
- International Student Liaison
  - Discussion: How to fit into GSA struction
    - Option: New GSA officer position
      - Voting rights?
    - Option: DA Member
  - Discussion Role of officer
    - Advocates for international students to administration
    - Coordinate with GradDiv
    - Chair GSA International Student Committee
  - Discussion: Voting member
    - 8 voting members?
  - Resolution
    - GSA officer position
    - voting member
- Constitution update
  - really out of date
- GSA International Student Committee
  - Chaired by International Student Liaison
  - Once a semester activities
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- Funding graduate student clubs
  - possible funding streams
    - eliminate travel grants
    - cap the travel grants at 6 grants/year
    - increase fees by \$5/year
      - need to talk to chancler to increase fees
    - start a bar
  - May want to meet with Charles first
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- GSS offering to cover out-of-pocket travel expenses
  - Formalize

## Old 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.
    - Emailed out, received applicants
  - Action Item:
    - Status on review?
      - Reviewed on 11/21
- 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
    - Dean Zatz has spoken with Dean Aldenderfer about the issues.
      - The key issue should be resolved soon
    - 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
  - Updates
    - ?
- 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.

## New Business

- 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
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- Action Item: Corkboard Location
  - Discussion
    - Need to decided on a location
  
- Action Item: Spring Meeting Events
  - Discussion
    - Last year events
      - Welcome Back Meeting: January 16, 2014 in the Garden Dining Room
      - Committee Recognition Lunch: April 1, 2014 from 11:30am – 1:00pm in the Garden Dining Room
      - Open Meeting: April 8, 2014 from 5:00 – 8:00pm at De'Angelo's Restaurant
      - Elections: April 15, 2014 from 11:00am – 2:00pm in the Bobcat Lair, KL 169
      - Recognition Awards Dinner: May 14, 2014 (Are you interested in an informal or formal event?)
      - Abstracts and Appetizers – March 13, 2014 from 2:00 – 4:00pm on the 2nd floor of SSM (Research week will be held March 2-6, 2015)
  - Action Item
    - Decide
      - Welcome Back Meeting: January 15, 2015 in the Garden Dining Room
      - Committee Recognition Lunch: March 31, 2015 from 11:30am – 1:00pm in the Garden Dining Room
      - Open Meeting: April 7, 2015 from 5:00 – 8:00pm at TBD
      - Elections: April 14, 2015 from 11:00am – 2:00pm in the Bobcat Lair, KL 169
      - Recognition Awards Dinner: TBD

- Abstracts, Appetizers and Art – March 5, 2015 from 2:00 – 4:00pm on the 2nd floor of SSM (Research week will be held March 2-6, 2015)
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  - 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

#### 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