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

Meeting Schedule
Current Reports
Old Business
New Business
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 structure
    - 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  - really out of date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

- **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 chancellor to increase fees
    - start a bar
  - May want to meet with Charles first

- **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

- Action Item: Corkboard Location
  - Discussion
    - Need to decide 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)
  ○ Abstracts, Art and Appetizers
  ○ *Abstracts, Appetizers, and Art
  ○ Art Abstracts and Appetizers
  ○ Art Appetizers and Abstracts
  ○ Appetizers, Abstracts and Art
  ○ Appetizers, Art and Abstracts

● 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
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Assigned Lead</th>
<th>Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Summer Ice Cream Social</td>
<td>Brandon</td>
<td>July 23rd</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Delegate Assembly</td>
<td>Aaron</td>
<td>August 5th</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GSA Officer Training</td>
<td>Brandon</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GROW (GSA Panel)</td>
<td>Iqbal</td>
<td>August 11th</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Committee Rally</td>
<td>Danielle</td>
<td>September 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Committee Orientation</td>
<td>Danielle</td>
<td>October 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fall Open Meeting</td>
<td>Brandon</td>
<td>November 21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hot Chocolate Winter Social</td>
<td>Brandon</td>
<td>~January</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Committee Thank You</td>
<td>Danielle</td>
<td>~April</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Spring Open Meeting</td>
<td>Brandon</td>
<td>~April</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Elections</td>
<td>Aaron</td>
<td>~April</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>End of Year Recognition</td>
<td></td>
<td>~May</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Officer Transition Meeting</td>
<td>Brandon</td>
<td>~June</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>