In Attendance:

Everyone but Erik

Past Meeting Action Items

- Travel Award Status - Need to email soon.
- GSA Calendar of Events

Previous Meeting Minutes

Meeting Schedule

- Current Reports
- Old Business
- New Business
Current Reports

- Brandon
  - Graduate Student Clubs & Organizations
    - Meeting with Charles, Brian and Marjorie
    - Made our vision known to expand the reaches of GSA
    - Looked at how graduate students can be formed, established and funded
  - Campus 2020 Project
    - Student leaders to make presentation to the 3 development teams
    - Please comment

- Eddie
  - GSA Social Committee
    - Wildlife Updates
    - Movie Night on Friday
    - Athletics Events - GSAW
Old 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 February
    ■ Looking for individual campus support, ASUCM and GSA
    ■ 6 UC campuses have divested
    ■ UAW 2865 vote on Dec 4 on same issue, passed divestment
    ■ What are thoughts from graduate students? Send out email?

  ○ Discussion
  ○ Union voted in favor of divestment.
  ○ Set up divestment poll?
  ○ ASUCM divestment forum on 2/2
    ■ UCSA passed

● 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)
      ● What can we do to entice Humanities? Abstracts, Appetizers, and Arts

  ○ 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 5-10 Bistro

Elections: April 14, 2015 from 11:00am – 2:00pm in the Bobcat Lair, KL 169

Recognition Awards Dinner: May 14

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) Need to publicize
  ○ Abstracts, Art and Appetizers
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  ○ Art Abstracts and Appetizers
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  ○ Appetizers, Art and Abstracts

GSA Social Life Committee
  ○ Advertising through GSS, on GSA Facebook page, and on the GSA Social Life fb page
  ○ Moved wildlife trip to another weekend
    ■
    ○ St. Patty’s Day Bar trip
      ■ Got a verbal ok
      ■ Thursday, March 17th
      ■ After Mix&Mingle?
    ○ CRTE Partnership for Athletics Event
      ■ Last Friday of Grad Student Appreciation Week
      ■ “Schools going up against each other”
    ○ Vernal Pool - April 11th
      ■ Saturday

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 -- WC/IH received keys
    ■ 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
  ○ GSS funding, progress being made for community service
New Business

- **Action Item: Committee Appointments**
  - **Discussion**
    - Emailed committee representatives
    - Research Council Vacant

- **Fall Travel Award**
  - **Discussion**
    - Need to announce?
    - Schedule still good?
    - Updates?

- **GSA Travel Award**
  - **Discussion**
    - Now is the time to make changes to be active for Spring Call (in June)
    - Question regarding accuracy of reports filed. Do we want to keep requirements the same, create a rubric for judgments on awards?
    - Grad dean matches funds at present. At present OK in regards to meeting requests.

- **Grad Visitation Weekend - March 6/7 (takes place during Grad Research Week)**
  - **Discussion**
    - Iqbal is looking for volunteers and model grad students (send him e-mail).
    - Suggested DA members, email sent
    - Looking for volunteers to:
      - Drive the hotel shuttles (a 7-seater SUV)
        - The shuttles times are located on the agenda.
        - On Friday the shuttles will run from 10am to 4pm and 6pm to 8pm.
        - On Saturday the shuttles will run from 8am to 9:30am and 1pm – 2pm.
        - Not issue of we have to do, but issue of our knowledge about campus.
      - Drive the six seater go cart (Aaron) (the go cart will transport students who drive to campus from Lake Lot to KL and other building on Friday and Saturday).
        - On Friday the go cart will be from 10am to 4pm, and 6pm to 7pm.
        - On Saturday it will run from 8am to 9:30 am and 11am to 12pm.
      - We can also have the help of 2-3 volunteers help for the Welcome Reception check in (Jasmine), and 1-2 volunteers to assist with the lunch and the Yosemite trip ticket collection on Saturday.
● Spring Open Meeting
  ○ Discussion
    ■ Will be held at Five Ten Bistro
    ■ How to encourage attendance?
    ■ How to encourage participation for next year’s GSA officers?
    ■ Need to encourage interested students to run now.

● International Students
  ■ Previous Discussion, work group
  ■ The need to work with CAPS and OMBUDS on issues of adjustment, lonliness, resources
    ● International student fellowships getting better.
    ● Summer life, travel, and funding.
    ● International student liaison: capable to provide international viewpoint when we talk to administration. Possibly hold two forums per year. Plan to put on spring ballot/bylaws.

● New Updates
  ○ Have had a couple of meetings on international student issues
  ○ International Office present
  ○ Going to put together an Action plan
  ○ Lots of funding issues with billing
  ○ Want to conduct small programs
  ○ International Student Day during GROW
  ○ Possible “Buddies” link up

● Bylaws: Possible need to rewrite bylaws to represent what GSA has evolved into.
  ○ Constitution not updated since 2005.
  ○ Bylaws last updated in 2011.
  ○ Bylaws must be changed via vote, 2/3.
  ○ Cassie will work on changes.
  ○ GSA International Student Rep added position
  ○ Gather comments over spring break.

● Aaron:
  ○ WSCUC - Accreditation Updates

● Jiba - UCSA Updates
  ○ Resolution
    ■ Divestment resolutions passed (both)
    ■ We voted to abstain.
    ■ Diversity requirement resolution for UCLA passed.
    ■ Student Lobby Conference coming up in Sacramento
- Dean Zatz
  - taking students to grad research lobby
  - GSS will be hiring a communication specialist: stories on grad students
  - GRADSLAM
  - Journal Publishing and Turning Dissertation into Book workshop
  - Nonacademic jobs forum
  - postdoc forum
  - thriving as faculty of color forum
  - Event for Commencement for Graduate Students, possibly before speakers
  - Summer funding, still in process. Avoiding messing with loans and grants.
  - Expanding number of Fellowships for continuing and new students.
  - *Engineering and SSHA Dean Searches Undergoing*
    - student representatives on these search committees?

- Research Week
  - Graduate Students needed for poster competition

- WASC Committee
  - need graduate student who graduated, alumni and as undergrads from UCM
  - 1:30-3:30 - March 12th
  - Want feedback on academic experience
  - Jobs

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

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