In Attendance:
Brandon
Eddie
Emily
Danielle
Jasmine
Aaron

Past Meeting Action Items
● Travel Award Status - Need to email soon.
● TAPS issues

Previous Meeting Minutes

Meeting Schedule
Current Reports
Old Business
New Business
Current Reports

- Brandon
  - Grad Council
    - Progress on stuff
  - Regent Kieffer
    - Doesn’t like tuition increase, hates congress intervention in UC system
  - Dean of Engineering Search
    - Going well, a couple of good candidates

- Eddie
  - GSA Social Committee
    - Wildlife Updates
    - Movie Night on Friday
    - Athletics Events - GSAW
Old Business

- 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

- 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, loneliness, 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

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

Action Item: Committees
- Discussion
  - Research Council Vacant
  - OMBUDS wants to attend a GSA meeting
  - New UCM Women's Programs and LGBT Coordinator, Angi Baxter, wants to attend a GSA meeting
  - Academic Integrity Committee - Graduate student feedback requested asap
  - CRTE Periodic Review
    - March 30th, 12:45pm-1:30pm, SSM 317 (Half Dome)

New Business
- TAPS Issues
Staff Assembly has been asked by the Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee to provide feedback on the below proposal for renewing Parking Passes.

- 1. All permanent employees including postdoctoral fellows with multiple-year contracts shall have automatic renewal of their current permit in August, unless the employee opts out by informing the parking service after being notified of the automatic renewal by email.
- 2. Anyone can opt out the parking permit any time.
- 3. Establish a waiting list of permanent employees for the parking lots with high demand, but priority should be given based on seniority for both faculty and staff. Founding faculty and staff should be given highest priority in recognition for their years of service.
- 4. The employees with annual or temporary appointment such as GSIs, GSRs, undergraduate interns and other temps will not have automatic renewal of the parking permit. Upon confirmation of the appointment in August, they will have higher priority for parking permit than the students without employment.
- 5. The students without campus employment will be given the parking permit on the first-come first-served basis.

Union Ruling

- According to the contract:
  - A. At all campuses but Santa Cruz, ASEs shall have the option to participate in parking and parking-related services that are available to and on the same basis as other similarly situated employees including, but not limited to, pre-tax and payroll deduction options.
  - B. At all campuses but Santa Cruz, ASEs shall have the option to participate in all transit programs that are available to and on the same basis as similarly situated employees.
  - C. The University reserves the sole right to establish and change parking and transit rates, open and close lots and modify parking and transit conditions and regulations. The University shall provide 30 days advance written notice to the UAW of any proposed change or increase in parking and transit rates. The University shall meet upon request of the UAW to discuss and receive comments regarding any proposed change in parking and transit rate
• So according to C, they at least need to give us a head notice in terms of TA’s and if deemed unfair according to part A, we can then file a grievance. Again, this is just in terms of TA’s. I believe they can do whatever they want to GSRs and the union can’t really touch that, that would fall more under your jurisdiction.

○ TAPs is reallocating Library Lot
  ■ Removing preferred parking, adding short term parking
  ■ Graduate students are not eligible for short term parking solutions
    ● University Business
    ● PPM - personal parking meter
  ■ Basically removing an entire parking lot for grad students, but still faculty and staff are eligible

○ TAPS renewal proposal
  ■ What happens when staff/faculty waiting list fill up?
  ■ Sliding disappearing grad spots?
  ■ Grad students are once again at the bottom of the priority lists
  ■ No indication of planning for the future of growth
  ■ What about our fellowship students!

○ What is the GSA standpoint
  ■ Brandon - “I am disappointed in TAPS, propose rejection of TAPS proposal, require long term planning, grad students put at a higher priority, grad students eligible for ppm, reduction in staff allocation, ”

○ TAPS is not good

• Arguments
  ○ Start with all graduate students, then follow with Collective Bargaining
  ○ Disappointed with the proposal
    ■ does not serve the universities priorities
    ■ diminishes the standing of graduate students
  ○ Graduate Students serve the university more than the university serves graduate students
  ○ Graduate students are more equivalent to staff than students in the roles that they serve
  ○ Proposal does not describe the growth and changing populations of graduate students
    ■ Share the graduate population growth
  ○ The proposal should be fit within the Project 2020 development

• GROW Week
  ○ Looking for ideas?

• Abstracts, Appetizers and Art
  ○ Possibly need help setting up

• Graduate Student Writing Club
  ○ Alexandra Loan - approved for Gradpad access
- Now how do we integrate?
  - Possibility - form as a service of GSA
    - As RCO club
    - As a GSS service
    - How do we promote long term success?

- Student First Center?
  - Anything they can do for graduate students?
  - How do grad students interact with SFC?
  - Problems with billing for International Students?

- GSA Travel Award
  - Discussion
    - 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.
  - Proposed asking GSS to send/manage
    - GSA reviews all applications and makes decisions

- 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.rds
  - Cassie will work on changes.
  - GSA International Student Rep added position
  - Gather comments over spring break.

- Aaron:
  - WSCUC - Accreditation Updates

- Danielle
  - Academic Integrity Recommendations/Feedback
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

Calendar

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