Past Meeting Action Items
● Travel Award Status - Need to email soon.
● ECEC Issue

Previous Meeting Minutes

Meeting Schedule
Current Reports
Old Business
New Business
Current Reports

- No Reports
Old Business (on hold)

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

- Spring Open Meeting - When?
  - 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, graduate 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 in GSA: 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/registrar
  - Want to conduct small programs
  - International Student Day during GROW
Possible “Buddies” link up

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

Action Item: GSA - Committees
- Discussion
  - Research Council Vacant
  - GSA Committee on Research
    - Need people to help draft guidelines for selecting library displays.
    - Need input on projects to work with GSS such as ID Journal for Graduate Students
    - Desire to work on more internships for Graduate students, to provide more career paths besides teaching.
  - OMBUDS representative 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)
    - Email Kerry Clifford to RSVP

TAPS Issues
- Previous Meeting
  - TAPS does things
  - Report from Emily/Katie
  - 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
  - Latest Update
    - New GSA TAPS memo - submitted
      - Propose graduate students have separate allocation of parking permits
      - Allocation is based on population size
      - Graduate students to decide on graduate student priorities

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?
    ○ Please promote!

Student First Center?
  ○ Anything they can do for graduate students?
  ○ How do grad students interact with SFC?
  ○ Problems with billing and registrar 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: 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

Jasmine
  ● Desire to start a Support Group for Women Graduate Students
  ● Need for space, would like to reserve the Grad Pad conference room
  ● Would like to work with OSL and CAPS on programing and possible speakers.
  ● Great need for such a program with little support for women who face life/work, financial and career based pressures.

Jason
  ● Computational Inefficiency
  ● Computational and ??? Consultant
  ● Asks
    ○ Request for volunteers
    ○ Announcement to all grad students
Celebrate volunteers as well.

Graduate students supporting graduate students

New Business

Alisa

ECEC Issue

The short of it is that the Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, Michael Reese, is contemplating shutting down the Early Childhood Education Center and replacing it with a private contractor, Bright Horizons. The parents are very upset, from all campus constituencies. The parents on the ECEC advisory committee did some research on the company and brought their concerns to the broader parent population. We are currently reaching out to the different groups on campus: faculty, staff, ASUCM and GSA to let them know about the potential change and to get feedback on what is important for them in a university childcare facility. We have a lot of questions and worry about potential negative effects on the quality of childcare if this change is made. It could pose a problem for recruiting and retention.

The parents want to go to the administration with a reasoned argument of what the campus community finds essential in a university childcare provider, and concerns about how a private company may or may not align with those priorities.

So, that is the issue in a nutshell. The faculty parents are very unhappy with the potential change. The students are as well. We want to bring it to the attention of the campus community in order to have a voice. Thus far, this has been approached completely top down.

updates?
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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