



GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Graduate Student Association Meeting Minutes

Date: July 11th, 2013

Call to Order: 5:07 pm

Location: KL362

In Attendance:

Henry Pai, *President*

Eddie Gibb, *Academic Affairs Officer*

Jason Davis, *External Vice President*

Janelle Szary, *Internal Vice President*

~~Aaron Cowles, *Public Relations Community Outreach Officer*~~

Brandon Stark, *Secretary*

Alyse Pittman, *Treasurer*

Kristynn Sullivan, *Ex Officio*

New Business:

1. Introduced by: Henry

- a. Announcement: GSS Panel with GSA – during GROW – August 13th
 - i. 11:40 – 12:25 pm – possible free lunch.
 - ii. Don't be too negative – plug delegate assembly.
- b. Action Item: Open vs Closed Meeting
 - i. Discussion:
 1. Discussion on the merits and demerits of open/closed meeting.
 2. We can choose to close the meeting/discussion.
 3. Discussion on meeting closure mechanism.
 - ii. Decision: Generally an open meeting unless someone proposes and seconds to have a closed session.
- c. Action Item: Role of Ex Officio
 - i. Discussion:
 1. Opened discussion on open/closed sessions.

- ii. Decision: Ex Officio is welcomed at every open session
- d. Action Item: Role of Grad Student Services
 - i. Discussion:
 - 1. Do we want to continue to invite Rachel to all meetings?
 - ii. Decision: Rachel should be invited to all meetings.
- e. Meeting Recap: Henry met with Career Services - May 28th
 - i. Discussion:
 - 1. Recap from Henry's minutes
 - 2. How can CS better serve us?
 - 3. Introduce Versatile Ph.D site?
 - 4. Job Fairs?
- f. Action Item: Versatile Ph.D. site
 - i. Discussion:
 - 1. Do we want to test it?
 - 2. SFAC gave money for a 'program', is this it?
 - ii. Unresolved
- g. Action Item: Joining other campus grad school fairs?
 - i. Discussion:
 - 1. Is this something worth pushing?
 - 2. Has there been any feedback?
 - 3. Janelle heard concerns – event focused towards undergrads
 - 4. Do outside research on better graduate fairs?
 - 5. Lack of feedback from event
 - 6. Need to assess how useful it has been to the students.
 - a. Number of people applied?
 - b. Number of people who gave resumes out?
 - ii. Unresolved
 - iii. Consensus: More Information Needed
- h. Announcement: Lyceum Series
 - i. Grad Social and Committee Rally paragraph introduced
 - ii. Kristynn to help rewrite
- i. Action Item: Grad Dean Search
 - i. Discussion:
 - 1. Grad Dean will be responsible for making grad division functional
 - 2. Looking for management capabilities
 - 3. Involved in all the student governments about grad students
 - 4. Public face of the grad school
 - 5. Be active on the grad search
 - ii. Decision: Kristynn to send out further information

2. Introduced by Alyse

- a. Announcement: Obtain Travel Grant Information from Alisa
 - i. Still working on getting more information
- b. Discussion: Grad Pad Funding
 - i. Furniture for the grad pad must be bought
 - ii. Appliances may be donated
 - iii. Must be considered academic space
 - iv. GSA will have own office, no conference space
 - v. Looking for plush seating – hangout spot
 - vi. Met with Sonya Johnson to discuss furniture, mentioned corkboards for free
 - vii. Space expected: January 2014
 - viii. Whiteboards requested
- c. Action Item: GSA Funding
 - i. Get the numbers ready by the next meeting

3. Introduced by Eddie

- a. Action Item: Committee Rally
 - i. Discussion:
 - 1. Planning committee rally by the 2nd week
 - 2. Make Flyer, Email list
 - 3. Arrange for Rachel to be there
 - 4. Also arrange a separate meeting for committee training (2 weeks later)
 - 5. Must be proactive and check in with committees
 - 6. Split GRC assignment – to be decided on. Graduate Council, Research Council
 - ii. Decision: Track down information ahead of time
 - iii. Decision: Look up Research Council job – research, library issues, lab safety

4. Introduced by Jason

- a. Announcement: Attended retreat last month with the EVPs
 - i. Mostly team building
- b. Announcement: UCSA
 - i. Congress is in August – would like some company
 - ii. Rent a car and bring a bunch of people
 - iii. UCSA annual congress to set agenda for the year
 - iv. Is important to get graduate participation
 - v. Interest of a committee on graduate diversity – UC representative of

California, but its not

- c. Action Item: Advocacy Campaign
 - i. Discussion:
 - 1. Increased Graduate Student Diversity?
 - ii. Decision: Contact Jason to propose/discuss UCSA campaign

5. Introduced by Brandon

- a. Action Item: GSA facebook
 - i. Discussion:
 - 1. Need for better interaction
 - 2. Announce events more effectively
 - 3. Announcements page – personal announcements
 - 4. Propose bring the delegate assembly into the facebook page
 - 5. Bring publishing to the facebook page – presentations, grants
 - 6. Moderate to promote good work
 - 7. Reminding people to come to events
 - 8. Augment Facebook with regular newsletter?
 - ii. Decision: Develop Facebook page
- b. Action Item: GSA Website
 - i. Discussion:
 - 1. Website needs updating
 - 2. Reorganize website
 - 3. Reorganize archival system
 - 4. Propose gsa.ucmerced.edu
 - ii. Decision: Use gsa.ucmerced.edu
 - iii. Decision: Use CMS on new domain
- c. Action Item: The Mullet?
 - i. Discussion:
 - 1. Continue?
 - 2. Was it useful?
 - ii. Unresolved.
- d. Action Item: Document Sharing
 - i. Discussion:
 - 1. Efficient file sharing
 - 2. File Archives
 - 3. Propose Dropbox
 - ii. Decision: Dropbox for archival and sharing
- e. Action Item: GSA Email
 - i. Discussion:
 - 1. Forward emails to everyone?
 - 2. Unwise

- ii. Decision: Moderate emails
- f. Action Item: Meeting to discuss the move out of Castle
 - i. Discussion:
 - 1. Meeting scheduled sometime in August
 - 2. Proposed by Tom Peterson
 - ii. Decision: Will sit and monitor

6. Introduced by Janelle

- a. Action Item: Delegate Assembly at GROW?
 - i. Discussion:
 - 1. Advertise for the delegate assembly vs recruiting
 - 2. Proposed: fund grad group meetings?
 - 3. Still need to elect delegate assembly
 - 4. Solicit names at committee rally
 - 5. Define some rules for the delegate assembly?

Next Meeting:

Tentatively scheduled August 2nd