

Title: January 27, 2014, 1104am, GSA Meeting Agenda

Location: SSB350, Gradpad

Started: 1/25/2014

Last Edit:

In Attendance:

Eddie

Danielle

Jiba

Jasmine

Brandon

Aaron

Past Meeting Action Items

- Research Display Exhibit: Need to have everything up by this Thursday
- Travel Award Status Need to mail soon.
- GSA Calendar of Events

Previous Meeting Minutes

Meeting Schedule

[Current Reports](#)

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Current Reports

- Brandon

Rachael not able to attend.

- Eddie
 - GSA Social Committee
 - Meeting Wednesday at 11PM
 - Potential trip to Merced Wildlife Refuge this weekend.
 - Spring Athletics Competition

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
 - 7 UC campuses have divested
 - UAW 2865 vote on Dec 4 on same issue
 - What are thoughts from graduate students?
 - Discussion
 - Union voted in favor of divestment.
 - Set up divestment poll?
 - ASUCM divestment forum on 2/2

- 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 IH?
 - 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)
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- 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
 - Issues with encouraging people to attend, increasing pool.
 - Snack usage, put out a little a week.
 - Should we pick movie and set it ourselves?
 - Upcoming events
 - Vernal pools: April 11,, Merced Wildlife National Refuge, trips to National Parks, Sports Day in the Spring
 - Alternate events possible. Social life committee, proposal to have them organize an event per month.
 - Photo contest on Facebook page from nature events.
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- 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
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- Community Service
 - Check Facebook for upcoming service events
 - Past events this year have included park cleanups
 - BEAT (expanded FROM Quantum to Quasars)
 - Posted about park cleanups and
 - 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

- Action Item: Committee Appointments
 - Discussion
 - Email committee reps
 - Check in with reps.
- Fall Travel Award
 - Discussion
 - Need to announce?
 - Schedule still good?
- 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.
- Campus Climate Action Plan
 - Discussion
 - The Chancellor's Office and the Chancellor's Advisory Council on Campus Climate, Culture and Inclusion (CCCI) have been working on a climate action plan to address some of the findings from the [campus climate survey results](#) that were released in March 2014. As a representative of an important campus stakeholder group, we invite you to review the latest draft of the climate action plan (attached) and share your thoughts. Please feel free to share with your constituents/membership as you deem appropriate.
 - Issues of how much the survey represents issues for graduate students, especially international students, students with disabilities, etc.

- Brandon mentions we should look at more data sets to ensure we are meeting needs.
 - 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
 - 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, Danielle), and 1-2 volunteers to assist with the lunch and the Yosemite trip ticket collection on Saturday.
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- 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 students to run now.

International Students

The need to work with CAPS on issues of adjustment, loneliness

International student fellowships getting better.

Summer life 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 ballot or do through bylaws.

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.

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

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