

2009-9-3 GSA Mtg

TAPS

- Karin (TAPS)
 - o 2 C lines
 - o Graduate Rep.- Jason Meadows (Beth Harnandez)
 - o Rep(s) to disseminate info and to Rachel Martin
 - o Merced County Transit- Route 22 (UCM to Merced College- M Street Side)
 - Free 31 day passes, provided (can come back to get more)
 - Need transfer, but low wait time
 - Get them from Karin
 - If you lose, pay \$45 (up to \$50 in January)
 - Goes to all over Merced County
 - They will be on campus once a week to hand out
 - o Cabinet made decision to close Scholars Lane and install bike lane (Mary Miller, Chief Spar with the police)
 - Doesn't think the cops are going to be that stringent
 - o Interim parking permits will be available
 - o Night parking within next year
 - o First committee meeting last week of Sept./first week of Oct.
 - o Can flag down bus if you're in safe vicinity
 - o \$70 annual year pays for Cattracks and Merced County Transit (6PM last run)
 - o Remote parking at Merced College, 170 spots
 - The free parking lot is owned by someone else... count was 86 one day

- Ryan
 - o More temporary parking for loading/unloading (don't park near dumpsters)
 - o Cattracks- G St. near, Bear Creek, Alenxander
 - o No one cares about bike lane
 - Enforcements?

- Heather
 - o TA Parking- interim parking between sessions (?)
 - o Remote parking (?)

- Joel
 - o Night parking (?)

UCSA- UC Student Association ?

- Should graduate students be involved?
 - o Selection of student regents

- President to go to president's meeting
 - Driven get out to vote for a campaign
 - Voter ed doesn't get out in time... typically not very effective
 - Don't get lobbying power through UCSA
 - Grad students may be more effective taking their own people
 - One meeting per semester- budgeted for one night (200 grad students)
 - Not fiscally responsible
 - Raise grad fees rather than see if services are necessary
 - Davis not in UCSA (freed up \$50000)
 - Hired part-time lobbying firm and teach students to be in lobbying front
 - Davis wants us to join them for manpower
 - What is the \$500 dollars worth... systemwide committees take time (we get UCOP info)
 - Probably go with what the undergrads... more consistent by school
 - Grad/Professional meeting most important
 - Conversing with other grad students
 - Issues like international students' fees
 - Undergrads go for open access (social/liberal)
 - Campus action committee- determine action- how rallies look against UCOP
 - UCSA times- 13th SD, 17th Irvine
 - Talk with elected officials in Central Valley
- NAGPS- The National of Graduate-Professional Students
 - Joel- dropped out, but did not charge
 - Helped lobby/pass Higher Ed Reauthorization
 - Loan forgiveness for volunteer and government jobs after 10 years
 - 3 bills in 5 years, not terribly efficient

Travel Grants

- Deadlines- mid October/December... beginning of new semester
- Get application prepped- no food reimbursements, only travel, lodging, and registration
- No travel package
- Up to \$400
- Matching funds from Chancellor/Grad Division/Sam?

Site

- GSA email list
 - Contact Dorie, IT, Callale?

Meetings

- General Meeting in October?
- Next GSA meeting?