

GSA Minutes 01/19/2011

Attendance

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Beth Hernandez
Kaiqi Hua
Rachael Martin
Joshua Phillips
Kristynn Sullivan

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 1:15pm.

Katie

- Kaiqi is stepping down this semester
- Welcome backs and happy new years

Josh

- Minutes OK? Yes.

Katie

- GRC meeting tomorrow
 - Allocated funds to economics group this year (adding students)
 - Psych is separated from SCS now

Kristynn

- UCSA met at an inopportune time, so missed last meeting
- Finalized the survey for grad bill of rights
- Big Points
 - Edit for February
 - Send survey out for the final edits
 - Deadline for responses is Feb. 4
 - Hopefully, approved top-down and bottom-up at the same time
 - Also, get the academic senates on board as well
- Even Heit might be a supporter

Beth

- Drafting emails to high schools to get ideas
- Met with Sarah Abhoud?sp, trying to get other people involved
- Want to get materials from last year from Rachael
- Franklin elementary teacher that Beth knows would really like some help
 - One hour, twice a week, 20 minutes each with two kids
 - Just ways for grads and undergrads to help out
 - Lamar might know who was interested from the undergrads
- Johnny Touma also seems really interested in helping

Josh

- (for Julie) \$4395.50 on ledger
- Nothing to add

Rachael

- Program assistance on 50% appointment to expand grad student services.
- Committee is currently being formed for the search.

Katie

- Committee on Campus Climate
 - Past tolerance, acceptance moving to encouragement, and a focus on diversity
 - Stress that it's a requirement
 - Trying to make sure that new faculty try to match this diversity as well
 - Try to get speakers or workshops, maybe required for faculty???
- Chancellor Selection Committee
 - If anyone says anything to us, don't let anyone know anything, too much email flying
 - Candidates are confidential
 - Let Katie know if someone seems interesting
 - We need someone who has a focus on graduate student issues
 - Feb. 1 next meeting
- (for Julie) SFAC wants a link on our website
 - Why? Not sure...
 - Do they even have a website?
- Research Week "Committee"
 - How would we make it more humanities oriented?
 - Deborah Motton runs this event.
 - Rachael will email her to see what we could do?
 - Try to get a time to meet with her and make some changes hopefully.
 - Maybe a symposium for humanities, try to leave out the competition? Or at

least less focus on the competition?

- Maybe a session on poster creation to help prime performance?

Kaiqi

- Date for committee reception?
 - Thanks for work
 - Remind people about getting there forms
 - Enjoy!
 - 4-6pm on Feb. 16
- Procedure in place to fill position soon
- CAPRA meets tomorrow
 - Going to miss this one
 - Next meeting Feb. 3 – 10:30am-12:00pm

Katie

- Travel grant application
 - Need one more person to approve it
 - All previously discussed issues updated
 - Two weeks from send-out date
 - Strike-out original date and put two-week deadline
 - Have emails from Sam Traina that says that he will match travel grant funds
 - How should we allocate roll-over?
 - Always have a roll-over amount that we keep track of
 - Maybe adjust funding levels?
 - We need to allocate the funds for this current applicant pool
 - Roll over any surplus to next two cycles (final decision)
 - Try to match funds first if we go over set amount
 - Need to have this out by Friday, ask Julie about comments on
 - Need to check how other people do this

Kristynn

- UCSA Bill of Rights
 - Seems to meet most of our requirements
 - Responsibilities section might meet GRC “Learning Requirements”
 - This could ease approval process from GRC
 - This is compiled from documents from all campuses
 - 2B leave off “based on characteristics”
 - No need for characteristics since all people should not be treated poorly
 - Can share edits over email for now

- Student Lobby Conference (end of Feb.)
 - Teaches you how to lobby
 - Send to all grads
 - \$100 registration
 - Maybe Rachael can find a way to get this reimbursed

Katie

- Presidents Council
 - Undergrads planned a meeting where grad presidents weren't invited – big mess
 - Talked to Yudof about the cuts
 - Lamar offered to host the retreat here

Katie

- Focus group survey results are in.
- Lots of interesting numbers and usually over 30% for many bad things.
- Give resolutions and points to address, put the numbers to back them up.
- Need a more compiled version to post on the website.
- Going to send our final write-up to Keith Alley, Sam Traina, GRC, CAPRA, the deans, vice chancellors, and grad group chairs. (Rachael too!)
- Need to keep all text confidential
- Make sure to call it a “questionnaire” at the focus groups, not a survey: we can't technically do a survey without IPA, but a focus group questionnaire is OK.

Beth

- Need one more email check on Kristynn's survey email, so Beth can send it out.
- Need to get focus group drawing winners email out.

Josh

- Draft email to send out for the newsletter
- Corey is on board
- Not just self, but promotions
- Column from each officer\
- Human interest stories
- Research spotlights

Katie

- Need to push 7th member to next meeting
 - Need to get a vote soon if we wanted to get it done.
- Going to do biweekly meetings.

- Going to get a new doodle poll together
- Need to get it compiled by Monday
- Hopefully the Garden Room (without food)

Meeting adjourned at 3:02pm.

Old Business to discuss at next meeting(s):

- Travel Grant Roll-Over Funding – Julie
- Research Week – Rachael
- Focus Group Resolution – Katie
- Seventh GSA Position – Katie
- Committee Volunteer Reception – Kaiqi (until next time)
- Newsletter – Josh & Beth
- Education Outreach – Beth
- UCSA GS Bill of Rights – Kristynn