

GSA Minutes 02/03/2011

Attendance

Katie Amrine
Beth Hernandez
Alisa Keyser
Joshua Phillips
Kristynn Sullivan

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 10:40am.

Jacklyn

- Lobbying for UCSA
- UCSA – non-profit description
- Bill of Rights is the main focus right now
- Survey plays a large role in this BoR
- Health Plan also a main focus and helped get this
- Won a case of law versus the administration recently (didn't get reason)
- Budget cut issues and Dream Act for undergraduates

Josh

- Fixed minutes via Kaite's suggestion
- Put SFAC link in spreadsheet
- sfac.ucmerced.edu

Katie

- GRC now getting more power
 - Asked about TA position assignment dates
 - Trying to fix this for future graduate students
 - \$500,000 allotment
 - For instance, people getting funds directly related to research
 - Travel for talks
 - Funds for traveling to get access to equipment
 - Swap stays at labs
 - Special collections libraries
 - Dave Kelley is pushing it all for NRTs
 - Some opinions push more for domestic out-of-state students (only one year)

- of extra funding)
- Sam Traina and Rachel Martin also voiced some support if GRC doesn't support the research travel ideas

Katie

- Academic Affairs Applications
 - None so far

Kristynn

- New email to go out for UCSA survey
- Budget cuts suggestions in Regents' Meeting
 - Higher Fees
 - Lower Admission rates
 - More 3-year degrees
 - Online classes
 - More out-of-state
 - Cut income range for full ride
- Katie suggested instead teleclasses
 - Could be a delicate balance though
 - Faculty don't necessarily like this option
- UCSA BoR
 - Seems to be OK at this point
 - Survey deadline tomorrow
 - About to finalize over the weekend

Katie

- GRC is also interested in how to discharge students for poor performance

Beth

- Volunteers
 - Two people interested in tutoring (elementary)
 - Two people interested in science projects (middle)
 - Six people for high school presentations
 - One person for being on the subcommittee for this
 - Some others didn't respond who had expressed interest earlier

Alisa

- Referendum fees committee might try to push more fees
- Ryan Lucas seems to keep the buffer appropriate for these things for now

Julie

- \$4395.50 on ledger

Josh

- Getting together document to specify how to make out the newsletter
- Compilation of Reception RSVPs online

Julie

- Travel Grants
 - Some discussion on current problems with the application process

Katie

- Notes on message to administration based on survey results
- Our grad coordinators don't have access to the records to make adequate decisions about appointments
- Each school needs to handle it's own hires?
- TA are supposed to have 30 days notice (>70% did not meet this requirement)
- Discussed letter in detail and made edits/suggestions
- Academic Senate
 - All leaders of these groups want to meet with us
 - Support from Even Heit as well
 - Maybe get letter finalized before then
 - Maybe have our next meeting before them
 - Feb. 15, 16, 22, 24 (10-11 or 11-12)
 - 11-12 on the 24th chosen
- Next meeting: **Feb. 16 – 9-10:30am**

Meeting adjourned at 11:59am.

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 – Katie (interim)
- Newsletter – Josh & Beth
- Education Outreach – Beth
- UCSA GS Bill of Rights – Kristynn