

GSA Minutes 02/16/2011

Attendance

Katie Amrine
Beth Hernandez-Jason
Alisa Keyser
Joshua Phillips
Julie Phillips
Kristynn Sullivan

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:13am.

Committee Reception
Kristynn's Nametag

Letter Edits

- Try to get this finished soon
- Trying to focus on certain issues for now, others later
 - Later issues to address
 - Faculty tensions not needing to be mentioned right now
 - Mentioned often during focus groups
 - Need to compile notes of everything that people reported in writing
 - Letter of concern separately just to start getting other issues on the table

Beth

- Met with volunteers to tutor first-grade students
- Only one person volunteered for subcommittee, so not sure about how to address those issues
 - Katie also will attend

Kristynn

- Big budget meeting at UCSA
- Nothing else to report

Katie

- Met with Rachael to get the reception together
 - Got nice thank-you gifts for the committee reception

- Katie will send out the agenda later today
- Sam Traina also said that he would attend and thank everyone as well
- Mix and mingle type of thing
- Committee reports
 - No new reports
- TAPS isn't meeting right now
 - Katie met with Mary Miller and they are going to try to make it start again
- Nothing new from GRC

Julie

- SFAC wants more info from the Rec Center
- Not sure where the money is going
- We don't benefit from athletics like undergrads so we could get out of additional fees

Beth

- Peter Kirchner leaving, trying to meet with Justin Hujdic
- Maybe need to try to get a breakout session to get everyone on board and make transitions
- Need to help people examine what they will be doing
 - Need to know that sometimes it will be difficult
 - Need to know that they should represent grad interests
 - Need to be vocal
 - Need to be clear to contact us with any questions at all
 - Need to get the report forms in

Julie

- Travel Grants
 - New cycle changes
 - Ways to verify partial funding
 - Just a basic “certification” for faculty and students can sign (also eliminates the faculty letter, just need signature)
 - Partial funding should go to the end of the pack (should fund all out-of-pocket first)
 - Awarded one, rejected two

Katie

- Edits tomorrow for referendum (resolution?) letter based on focus group statistics
- Maybe “memorandum”?
- Suggested edits for current draft

Beth

- Funding for SSHA is sometimes very different from science and engineering
- SSHA currently doesn't fund travels to these visit places
- Find ways to get access to research travel expenditures
- Other schools tend to have a humanities research center
- Currently the Dean of SSHA doesn't seem to be focusing on this
- Susan Amusen? Is in charge of center for allocating funds
- Try to find ways to help
 - Extend travel grants to include research travel
 - Need to help find some offerings
 - Matching from grad division to help fix this?

Katie

- Meeting next week with administration and academic committee leaders
 - Read over the summary of our results
- Research Week meeting soon

Will set up next meeting over email...

Meeting adjourned at 10:09am.

Old Business to discuss at next meeting(s):

- Travel Grant Funding and Rubric Modifications – Julie
- Research Week – Rachael
- Focus Group Resolution – Katie
- Seventh GSA Position – Katie
- Academic Affairs Position – Katie
- Newsletter – Josh & Beth
- Education Outreach – Beth
- UCSA GS Bill of Rights – Kristynn