

GSA Minutes 03/11/2011

Attendance

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

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 8:45am.

Minutes approved – Yes

Katie

- GRC
 - Chris Kello memo to DivCo? asking that GRC get split into GC and RC
 - GC to include all grad group coordinators
 - RC to still just have a rep from each grad group

Kristynn

- Student Regent Selection Committee
 - Went to meeting
 - Some overlap with UCSA
 - Top five from southern and northern councils get sent to UCSA
 - Then UCSA gives top three directly to the Regents
 - Need to get a person to vote in Kristynn's place because of the overlap
 - May 7 for the UCSA meeting
 - Beth volunteered to attempt to make it in Kristynn's stead
- UCSA
 - Talk about “taxing” on student fees (UCOP) funneled back to the campuses
 - Raise student fees without raising student fees?
 - Ambiguous where the money is actually going.
 - UCSA not liking the language of the bill
 - Also might suggest that grads be exempt

Katie – GRC trying to remove NRTs

- Seems to be a cycle of money that doesn't do anything

Beth

- Tutoring with first graders
 - Going well
- Tried contacting fifth grade
 - But didn't go past second grade
- Summer session money
 - From indirect cost returns (\$500,000)
 - Maybe start being used as graduate funding in the humanities?
 - Some might go to schools for discretionary funds already
 - Maybe need to put it in for student funding instead?
 - Indirect cost returns split 150 to NRTs, 100 to recruitment, and 250 to retention (summer fellowships)
 - Put into CRF and ORUs as other sources of funding
 - Some good, some bad sides
- Posted notes on email account

Julie

- Awarded one travel grant and one reimbursement
- No ledger report
- Rule changes for partial funding in travel grants (just be put last?)
- The rules have helped, but need to make sure we are getting the money out
- Sending Santa Cruz travel grant application around for comparison

Josh – nothing to report

Katie

- Space planning and management committee
 - Has nothing to do with us
 - It's just a meeting, but it's Mary Miller's “private” thing.
 - It basically isn't something that we need representation on.
 - Eric now on building committee, instead
- Working to find ways to get Research Week representation
 - Next year, Sam Traina promised to help get us involved earlier
- Meeting with Keith Alley
 - Payroll seems to be the hangup for the Schools
 - Deans don't have money to handle hiring

- Coordinators on-board
- This is a good dialog, and we appreciate the help

Beth

- Met with Susan Carter
 - Director of research development
 - Really didn't know anything about any funds like this
 - Suggested small amounts from various family foundations
 - No real strategy for humanities research funding
- Other research funding sources?
 - Andrew Mellon Foundation
 - Center for Research in the Humanities and Arts
 - Bring in faculty and guest speakers
 - Not connected to grad students

Katie

- Co-sponsoring research poster tutorials, led by
 - Deborah Motton
 - Justin Matthews
- Research Week
 - Next year, symposium
 - Sam seemed to think it would happen this year, but just didn't work out
- Sigma Xi
 - Also has a small thing
- Elections
 - April 9 last year
 - 20% need to vote
 - Do we do a vote for the bylaw amendment for new position first?
 - Need a polling place
 - Email works, but need the place as well
 - Katie going to send out updates to bylaws
 - Need to rename officer positions?
 - Add Internal Vice-President (IVP)
 - Two-year terms?
 - Seems a bit too much
 - Maybe have to be some other officer before running for Campus Affairs
 - Maybe previous GSA appoints one person to continue with the next GSA as a non-voting/helping member
 - Solutions presented by each officer, covering what we've already covered

- President-elect
- Non-voting ex-officio
 - Maybe appoint
- Seventh position (can be in combination)
- Ideas
 - Names of offices
 - Adding a position
 - Adding ex-officio
 - Making president only an experienced officer
- Need to vote on the descriptions
- Katie will separate the ballot appropriately and send it out
- Need to give adequate notice to grad students for when the vote should occur
 - Maybe we should do it by Thurs. 03/17
 - 9-11am manning a booth
- ~\$75 for coffee and tea for 25-30 people
 - Raley's might be a better choice (cheaper for now)
- Early elections on bylaws email (draft from Beth)
- Kristynn will email Rachael Martin for room booking

Meeting adjourned at 10:06am.

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