

GSA Minutes 04/27/2011

Attendance

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

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:23pm.

Previous meeting minutes additions by email, but some changes made at meeting...

Katie

- Undergrads were going to hold a TA or Grad Student appreciation event
 - Admin seemed to think this was spending too much money on graduate students
 - Came up when Kristynn was at a meeting for the student regents
- GRC cancelled meeting
 - Delaying the full-year funding grants from being returned
 - Supposed to be done by April 1

Beth – requests a helicopter for LA trip

- Can't seem to afford that with our current budget :P
- CAPRA Meeting
 - Asked questions to the deans
 - Talking about a funding model
 - Lots of parameters
 - State gets more money for graduate students, so they want more grads than undergrads
 - However, the ratio has to be kept a certain way to keep grad funding full
 - Want to hire graduate students to assist in the writing program
 - Wolfgang Roge really likes to hop on this due to money being available
- Campus Climate Meeting

- Keith said that we need an action item
- Chancellor showed up and expressed that this was important
- Concerned with surveys, wanted to do it next year
- Deans suggested
 - training staff
 - ethnic humility???
 - setting up safe zones
 - need to have trained people here...
- Beth writing up a report for this meeting
- Search Committee for Civic Engagement
 - Not getting informed about meetings appropriately
 - Rachael might be the best way to stay up with this?
 - Trying to get this taken care of...
 - Candidates have been meeting with undergrads, but not grads so far

Julie

- No new ledger due to administration not getting it to us
 - Need to check with her? Maybe not...
- Should be the same as last time since Julie hasn't signed anything lately.
- Will send a new budget out when it is available.
- SFAC
 - Meeting to approve bylaws tomorrow
 - No one has seen a copy yet
 - Trying to make it, hopefully Ryan will as well

Josh

- Sustainability Committee
 - Check with recycling drive and try to support
 - ePresence Facebook page

Rachael via Katie

- Graduate Orientation Week
 - August Thursday 18 – Wednesday 24
 - Monday (Aug. 21) 12:15-1:15pm (behind closed doors)
 - Sign up for committees? Don't want to jump the gun for other grads...
 - Probably more like a meet-and-greet
 - Get to make it what we want
 - After an early 4 hour block (will probably end that day for many people)
 - Wednesday – 9:00am breakfast

- End of week, hard day
- Raffle? Or things to do?
- Do we want a GROW committee seat?
 - Need to decide what they are going to give people, what materials they will provide, etc.

Kristynn

- Campus Budget Committee
 - FTEs normally 3 for each school, but the police wanted 9, and THERMAL NIGHT-VISION GOGGLES!
 - 40 requests only being able to fill 20
 - Our police:student ratio is really high compared to other campuses

Julie

- Commission on Women
 - Holly said that they haven't met
 - Don't meet at normal times

Katie

- Dining Committee
 - Again, no responses from the online forms
- Undergraduate Council to GRC
 - Sent something back to GRC about the council split
 - Said “they had no problem with the workload”
 - Do they have not problems with the current workload?

Break at 7:03pm

Katie

- Some work has been done to follow up on TA appointments
 - However, they haven't visited campus yet (and they were supposed to be here by the end of April)
- GROW
 - Get common questions from grad coordinators to give as a pamphlet
 - Some people and things may end up out-of-date
 - Often changes from year-to-year for many things
 - Just give advice on how to do things...
 - Artwork from students and have a contest...
 - Maps and locations...

- Guide to Merced
 - Day trips
 - Fun things to do
- Solicit businesses or grad students for common places of business, restaurants, etc.
- Maybe just a basic survival guide
 - Map/Locations
 - What you need to know
 - What do you wish you had known, grad student on the street thing...
- Katie wants to storyboard this and present it at the next meeting
- Maybe get incentives from
- Have GSA blubs at the end
- Come up with questions to start asking people...

Travel Grant Apps

- Kristynn – other campus forms
 - Allow printing and typing
 - Suggested having someone to help review beforehand to make sure that applications are complete
 - Need a subcommittee to make sure that applications are correct
 - Need to have someone who doesn't discuss with them during the application
 - Need officers to excuse themselves for funding opportunities
 - Maybe two people to help the process (help the Treasurer)
 - Completeness and eligibility ONLY for the two meeting personally
 - Meet in the end to finalize the awards...
 - Need a treasurer disclaimer on all emails

Elections

- Numbers aren't perfect matches
 - Need referendum recounts to be sure of results
- Get ideas on how long elections results should take
- Change password during elections
- Try online/crops method???
- Look into online methods...

Officer Packets

- Everyone should do these to make the transition easier
- Flash drives for files
- Binders

- Copy of constitution and bylaws

Public Affairs

- Should keep in contact with civic engagement person that gets hired in OSL

Next Meeting?

- Meeting schedule until July
- See below
- Doodle poll for June transition meeting

Next meeting on May 18th @ 1:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

Business to discuss at next meeting(s):

Officer Transitions