

## GSA Minutes 12/06/2011

### **Attendance**

Chelsea Carey  
Beth Hernandez-Jason  
Joshua Phillips  
Julie Phillips  
Kristynn Sullivan  
Janelle Szary

### **Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 9:09am.

Minutes approved.

Kristynn

- GRC has not met recently
  - Next meeting tomorrow

Chelsea

- Need to reschedule two of the focus groups due to police investigation in the library.
  - Probably first thing next semester.
- Delegate Assembly
  - CIS – Bodo Winter (need to ask him)
  - PSYCH – Jonathan Boiser
  - EECS – Max Vladmyrov
  - QSB – Sarah Abboud
  - BEST – Eric Josephs (need to confirm with him)
  - WC – cancelled
  - MEAM – No show
  - Phys & Chem – No Show
  - Applied Math – No Show
- Email individual grad groups
  - Announce representatives to groups that have one
  - Get nomination/election emails to the rest of the grad groups.
  - Kristynn will get with Rachael to see if we can get extra surveys at some event if they have one? Maybe have a midweek coffee break if not?

## Janelle

- Postcards for UC funding support sent out
- Meeting on January 21st (UCSF)

## Beth

- CAPRA
  - Funding streams for graduate students instead of undergrads
    - \$40,000 per graduate student
  - Undergrad representative now on the board (Keith Ellis)
- IACUC
  - Have approved to have a rep, but trying to get the rules set down on how to appoint that rep.

## Kristynn

- Police chief mentioned an interesting opportunity
  - Mentorship program
    - 4th-5th grade
    - Afterschool and recess intervention
    - Looking for volunteers (flexible support)
    - Already established, mostly one-on-one
  - Maybe place it on the website and email it to the grads

## Julie

- Balance: \$7479.26
- SFAC
  - Only one or two large meetings a year
    - Meet with individual meetings
    - Informed SFAC on our budget and spending
  - Rec and athletics said that they can't find any instructors
  - Greg Spurgeon wanted to talk with us about ways to help grads.
    - Maybe make a meeting with him next semester.
  - Athletics program has pushed health services to create new services
    - Radiology
    - Pharmacy program
    - Evening hours
  - Karen Groth (TAPS) was supposed to report
    - Sent an undergrad to represent her?
  - A lot of units had failed job searches

- Didn't hire because they had a lot of applicants but no one who they really wanted to hire.

Josh

- UCMCROPS MailTool still not working properly – missing certain people
  - Going to stick with regular email for now

Beth

- TAPS
  - Apparently, gets requests from a specific graduate student instead of contacting GSA, or asking her committee.

Krisynn

- Student Advisory Board
  - Have one of the only campuses where people are allowed to camp-out on the campus
  - All of our officers have at least a bachelors but often masters degrees as well
  - Undergo 4 times more training than required by law
  - Working with Merced county to have better collaboration
- Career Services
  - Similar to CRTE type workshops
  - Think about skills and workshops needed to help people get jobs
  - Maybe help with materials for putting together Cvs, applications, web site development.

Julie

- Communication discrepancy has made, he claims to have been advised to keep the money.
  - Can't get it back in this event, but would be able to get it in some other time.
  - Need to make sure in future events of errors that were NOT made by the council, then we must not talk to the people involved until it has been officiated over.
  - Need to check amounts and be proactive in getting it back.
  - Award money disclaimer added to award emails.
- Travel Grants
  - Released current cycle reimbursements
  - Next cycle due on Jan. 30
  - New lines
    - Funding non-presenters for conferences
    - Partial funding

- GRC possibly supplement more travel?
- Need to discuss how to rank people in the future.
- ASUCM Resolution
  - On their agenda last week
  - Written by Keith Ellis, but presented by Brenden Smith
  - Want to have all organizations that receive campus-based fees (excluding GSA) to hold town-hall meetings and send surveys for inform the students and get feedback.
  - Also, report to the Senate monthly in order to form a forum for improvement and see how the budgets are formed.
  - Maybe just inform them that we have a campus-based fee, but none is paid by undergrads, so we need explicit exclusion
  - Also, need to inform them that Grad students also pay these fees, so we need a seat at these tables if such things exist at all.
  - Might need to give advice, but don't need to necessarily need to interfere.
  - Have not met with ASUCM this semester, so we may need to try to meet with them to try to collaborate when needed.
  - Send a letter to Charles Nies to mention the issues (construct draft over email)
- Does SFAC need transparency on discretionary pots of money?

Janelle

- Co-op for student housing via Patricia
- Berkeley Co-op could be expanded into a Merced branch of sorts.
- Sounds like a good idea, but need to see what they would need from students from our end.
- Maybe just a GSA endorsement for now?

Kristynn

- CATSPOTS
  - Not done a good job of advertising for graduate students
  - Need to get out all of the deals
  - Maybe as a part of GROW materials? Probably the most important venue though.
  - A sticker for IDs or somesuch

Meeting adjourned at 11:27am.

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