

GSA Minutes 02/10/2012

Attendance

Beth Hernandez-Jason
Dean Juan Meza
VC Jane Lawrence
VC Charles Nies
Joshua Phillips
Julie Phillips
Erin Stacy
Kristynn Sullivan

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 1:04pm.

Dean Juan Meza

- Started meeting with the various graduate groups
 - More graduate level courses
 - Graduate student lounge
 - Jan 2014
 - Courses on professional development
 - Conference registrations filed prior to travel
 - At least 30 days in advance
 - More teleconferencing options
 - Particularly for Castle people
- Graduate student involvement in search committees
 - Going to propose that to the faculty
 - Try to entice people to participate by paying one conference travel
 - Professional development advancement for grad students
- NS policy to guarantee 4-year TA-ships for all qualified students
 - Improve number and quality of graduate groups
 - Most groups have been reluctant because of adequate funding
 - Shared with other Deans so might need to talk with them as well
 - Allocated by faculty performance metrics – more slots for better performance
 - School credit hours
 - Research expenditures
 - Number of graduate students

VC Charles Nies and VC Jane Lawrence

- Chancellor's Meeting
 - Getting an opaque road-map to degree completion
 - Chris Kello will be looking into that
 - Grad coordinators will probably be pulled in on this soon as well
 - Accounting processes
 - Getting reimbursements
 - Events for GSS
 - Trying to get some people on it
 - Is it the UCLA rules?
 - Is it our interpretation?
 - Is it UCOP rules causing this?
 - Why are these taking so long to process?
 - Maybe training issues?
 - AVC for HR
 - Making sure that faculty/staff go through relevant training programs
 - People that work with students academically should probably go through the training to deal with students (like other units)
 - Ombudsman
 - Assistant Dean isn't quite as neutral as might be desired at times
 - Maybe someone could be hired here by the Fall
 - Jane Lawrence will check to see if we would like to have a student on the committee
 - Grad Student services during the summer
 - Credits?
 - Faculty don't want to pay during the summer?
 - Maybe need to talk about en abstentia status and fees
 - Some might be applicable or not depending on services
 - Probably needs to go to GRC to get it started
 - Student's First Center
 - Get things a little cleaner
 - Grad Student Services moving down near Career Services
- Try to meet with Deans to get some additional communication started
 - Particularly on various issues
 - Maybe going to split Sam Traina's positions apart
 - Need to meet with Sam or Chris Kello
- Protesting
 - Last December the Regents came to campus
 - Now a protocol marked draft for when they visit: emergency preparedness

website – link from main uc merced website

- plans and procedures
- civil disturbances
- Principles and Guidelines for Peaceful Protests and Assemblies
- Try to provide some feedback on this?
- There are system-wide guidelines that some upper admin is working on
- Short of absolute emergencies the Chancellor will be the one responsible and will be the one that people need to report to directly before taking action
- Went over guidelines
- Encouraging good practices and future teach-ins for protesting
- Discerning the difference between nonviolent protest, civil disobedience, and when situations arise where force is necessary.
- Getting better events and things to go to that would be more divided instead of all-day teach-in type events.
- Maybe also a teach-in on immigration / Dream Act and those issues

Slim-downed meeting since this part ended at 2:32pm

Edits provided to minutes

Kristynn

- Berkeley Co-ops
 - 1pm on Sunday @ SE Parking Lot
 - Have to see how these things go
- Nothing from President's Council
- GRC
 - 299 vs. 295
 - Some courses have a 298 reading-course or somesuch
 - None of these count towards any of the degrees
 - Talking about if that should be altered
 - WASC wants an across-school policy that master's students have 30 units in order to graduate.

Janelle

- UCSA
 - Campaign to add student Regents
 - All voted to approve support for this campaign – unanimous “Yea”.
 - Student Leadership Conference – Sacramento
 - March

- Speaker of the house proposal for middle-income scholarships
- Fix UC
 - Still being talked about
 - Regents are kind of liking it, but the students are becoming wary

Beth

- CAPRA
 - Interdisciplinary Humanities grad group proposal
 - No action items for now
 - Strategic proposals for faculty
 - Trying to force search committees to be more interdisciplinary

Erin

- Larry Morse visit (question for Rachael)

Julie

- Balance: \$7058.05
- One travel grant got awarded an extra \$0.35 Why?
 - Basically, we are going to be more explicit next time and see if it is acknowledged that it should never be more than \$400
- Organization for travel grant reviews.
- SFAC
 - Missed today's meeting

Kristynn

- Fee remission memo for next meeting

Josh

- Got travel grant and committee meeting sheets posted appropriately.
- Need to check on email situation some how.

Beth

- Committees
 - System-wide committee emails and data
 - Forward system-wide committee emails to Janelle, and keep current policy of keeping quiet on updates approved.

Rachael

- Recruitment Event
 - Friday night and Saturday morning, Mar. 2 & 3

- All planning being done at the graduate group level
- Still not at the planning stage where we might need to be involved

Kristynn

- Music practice on campus
 - Drafting email to address these concerns
 - Sound-proof rooms, signs in the hallways, etc.
 - May be disruptive to research
 - Maybe start gathering a case with individual cases

Julie

- Graduate Division
 - Need to meet with Chris Kello to discuss things that have been happening.
 - Need to get time-lines and consistent set of rules ready to go.
 - Maybe meet with other Deans as well.

Meeting adjourned at 3:11pm.
