

GSA Minutes 02/28/2012

Attendance

Chelsea Carey
Julie Phillips
Erin Stacy
Kristynn Sullivan
Janelle Szary

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:13pm.

Minutes approved

Officer Reports

GRC – nothing really to report, summer fellowship decisions will be made soon.
President's Council – restructuring of student health centers from an education focused model to a pay-for-service model

Internal affairs – nothing

External affairs – student lobby conference this weekend – undergrads had offered to help but then they can't but Rachael will cover it. If not, our budget can afford it.
Friday – board meeting, sat and sun – SLC, Monday – meetings with leg and rally

Public Affairs – Erin has tried several ways to figure out who sponsored the DA meeting on the mentorship program, but no response. Moving on and focusing on police mentorship. Had idea for one day big grad student service day for end of semester, maybe for day after grades are due? Sell as fun social thing, party with small service attached. Possible ideas: making food for a food kitchen, painting houses, volunteering at the pound, clean ups (outside, dorms)

Treasurer – no ledger, so same as last time. Need to do travel grants ASAP. About to start deliberations for requests for funding for SFAC. Ryan Lucas is heading up accountability tracks for SFAC – what did the unit request last time, did they actually fill those requests with the money, if not where is the money? Also debate as to whether or not the base budget for each unit should be guaranteed – staff

positions are funded through this, should they be guaranteed? Should each unit's base budget always carryover?

Committee reports: Commission on Women – Fuji came and talked about university and campus wide climate survey – working hard to tailor survey to UCM, and working on advertising to increase participation. Survey going out in October, for students, faculty, staff, and grads, setting up computer labs for completion.

Co-ops- Berkeley has a lot of money, and would be willing to give it to us to start the co – ops but they want to rent, and then not buy. There have been some hint that there might be people within our campus that want to do something formal to have graduate housing. We're going to talk to Charles to see if there is any potential to do this through UCM. Co-ops can be sketch though.

Fee remissions and Grad division – meeting with Kello to try and resolve the ambiguous milestones towards degrees and delayed fee remissions. Erin was told that they are implementing changes but they are all optional for the next year, in a testing phase. That was not what others were told, so it is still opposite information going out. Talks about meeting with deans and using them as leverage to go to Chris Kello.

Delegate Assembly – input on how to move forward. 2 grad groups need delegates elected. Do a big group thing, but then how do we get voting done for all groups. Move to recruit (there have been plenty of time to grad group nominate, so now we are nominating them). Give the surveys to the grad group delegates as their first task.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.