

GSA Minutes 04/13/2012

Attendance

Chelsea Carey
Beth Hernandez-Jason
Rachael Martin
Joshua Phillips
Julie Phillips
Erin Stacy
Kristynn Sullivan

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 1:03pm.

Erin Connor – Student's First Center

- Soliciting advice on how to better serve graduate students
- Grad-specific forms are filed rarely and most staff are unaware of these forms and how they should help.
- Charles had helped get a single person to help with graduate services.
- Maybe start to work with Grad Div as well to help make this clearer.
- So far, little communication between different units (grad coordinators, grad division, students first), which has made it difficult.

Kristynn

- GRC
 - Discussion of allowing lecturers to teach graduate courses
 - Some would agree, some not (need a Ph.D. though)
 - Does a dual-undergrad-grad course make more sense than this.
 - President's Counsel
 - May 17 big “Day of Action”.
 - March event overshadowed this event.
 - A later March event might be less effective.
 - Target-lobbying approach instead.
 - Regent's have individually endorsed the “Millionaire's Tax”
 - Yet, not as a group, the whole board.
 - Trying to push Governor Brown to agree.

Chelsea

- Delegate Assembly
 - Found people for all but BEST and MEAM
 - Henry Pi tried to help with MEAM, but haven't heard back from his recommended people.
 - BEST also haven't heard back from some people there.

Beth

- CAPRA
 - Role of CAPRA and the budget
 - Trying to learn more about it since Keith was the main person to know beforehand instead of everyone else.
 - Also needing to start prioritizing the budget.
 - Hiring Processes
 - Pushing it to the Deans instead of the Provost for negotiating pay and other issues.

Kristynn

- Budget Committee
 - Got reworked without telling Kristynn who is supposed to be our current rep.
 - Problems getting places filled with people, and trying to double-up on people who shouldn't try to play both roles.
 - Kristynn has a meeting with Jane and Charles to talk about this.
 - Forgot to add a specific grad rep in the new reformulation.
 - Maybe we need to propose that the GSA Treasurer would be on both of these – would need a bylaws revision.
 - Regardless, we need to make sure that we are getting a graduate student-specific seat.
- President's Council
 - Healthcare letter to Yudof
 - Lack of funding model
 - No useful response

Julie

- New director of health center: Brandon Boggs

- Julie will invite him and Greg Spurgeon to talk with GSA about dealing with specific grad issues.

Kristynn

- Officer transitions will probably be best done at end of June
 - Tentatively June 27
- May 11 (1pm-3pm) for last GSA meeting of the semester.

Erin

- Boys and Girls Club seemed excited about mentoring opportunities.

Julie

- No ledger now.
- SFAC
 - David Dunham wanted a full-time janitor, and basically wanted to know why some of the Athletic Referendum funds wouldn't at least partially fund it.
 - New class offerings supposedly limited by applicant pool.

Josh

- Nothing

Rachael

- 8 submissions for Research Art Competition (same time as poster presentation during research week).
- Catering is good for the elections.
- Grad recognition day has 80 students.
 - Next year will have a planning committee to help organize a week-long event.
- Mix-and-mingle will stay over the summer as well.

Anne DeCarlo – Career Services

- New ideas
 - Anne would focus on industry, Brian would focus on academic.
 - A few takers came in.
 - Had a workshop on differences between academic and industry jobs
 - 6 people showed – pretty good

- Did a search for people who might be coming close to graduation and pinged them individually.
 - Got one meeting from that.
 - Meeting with CRTE.
 - Elevator pitch contest.
- In the works:
 - Co-host a job-talk workshop with CRTE
 - Working with SATAL to get perceptions about the career center
 - Debby Motton – career oriented talks
- More focus on industry jobs since the academic job pool seems to be shrinking.
- Website improvements also coming.
- Blurbs from people moving on, or bringing people back who have been to these job locations.
- Difference between research universities, community colleges, and state universities.
- Transferring your CV between types of jobs, maybe different fields.
- International students would have specific issues that they need to deal with as well.
- New STEM person starts on May 1 and will be helping with graduate student issues.

Beth

- Research Week Committee
 - Katie hasn't been able to meet with them.
 - World Cultures is doing a symposium, but the committee wasn't aware of this.
 - Part of research week, so maybe add award for this as well.
 - Office of Communications was also trying to reach Mitch (the organizer) to get info on it.
 - Final words: there's no way they will get the award installed in time.
- TAPS
 - Bad communication issues.
 - Beth is going to draft a memo.
- CPPC
 - Music problems in SSM.
 - Supposedly a new building with sound-proof rooms will be in the future.

- However, no fixes for now.
- Maybe speak with the music department? Not for now, because there's no middle ground here.
- Maybe meet with Dean Aldenderfer instead?
 - Suggest sound-proofing?
 - Arranging times?
 - Maybe bring some other issues with him at some point in the future.
- Dining Committee
 - Never meets
 - Diane never got a response either when asking the point of contact...
- Pay for officers referendum
 - 0.25 cents a constituent
 - 1.75 increase plus overhead would be 2.50
 - Lots of work to push a referendum
- Elections
 - 150 sandwiches...
 - Josh: Compile the blurbs for elections email into template from last years ballot...
 - Josh: Facebook event...
 - Julie and Beth will count since they are not running...

Meeting adjourned at 3:03pm.