

GSA Minutes 04/30/2012

Attendance

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

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 3:05pm.

Minutes approved from last meeting.

Kristynn

- GRC
 - Meets on Wednesday
- President's Council
 - Day of action campaign details is the main focus for now
 - May 17
 - Janelle and Kristynn might coordinate a Sacramento visit
- UCOP Tax
 - Chancellor has said to keep paying even though some campuses are deciding not to support it.
 - Rationale: Everyone needs UCOP support, so everyone should pay.
 - Tuition used to go to UCOP, then was distributed
 - Now, it stays at the campuses, but they need to provide UCOP's normal overhead
 - Might be important when assessing student fees because they normally have not been included for UCOP to pull from before.

Beth

- CAPRA
 - All schools submitted strategic plans

- Specific hires, etc.
- Supposed to now make a recommendation to the Provost/EVC
 - Complicated
 - Some Deans have bylaw Chairs meet with them, but not follow their suggestions at times.
 - Sometimes the entire faculty votes.
 - Some bylaw units appear to have more favor with the Deans than others.
 - The EVC/Provost and the Chancellor don't have a clear plan YET, but neither do the schools (in terms of prioritization).
 - Any clear strategy will make some people uncomfortable.
 - Not a clear mapping between graduate groups and undergraduate majors, so it's trouble when integrating this into the plan as well.
- Maybe a voting voice would help more people feel that they can have a positive impact on the committee.
 - However, it's not normal for these committees to allow this, and might not be welcome.

Erin

- Boy and Girls Club Event
 - Probably can't get the event that we were planning started this semester
 - Still in contact, but maybe push it back to GROW at this point
 - Rachael: Trying to increase social activities on GROW to include current and new grads, so maybe the committee would be open to it.
 - Maybe a field-day type event as well?

Julie

- Balance: \$6324.93
- Travel Grants
 - Going to send out a new call soon
 - Going to go over the details with Treasurer-elect, Alisa Keyser for specifics on SFAC
 - Didn't support part-time custodian for Rec Center
 - Athletics had plenty of money to start supporting it
 - Vacant positions still held in Health Services
 - Failed searches, so not supporting after getting money without results
 - Current vice-chair was removed from the committee

- Never made a meeting
- Was never going to make a deliberations meeting, either
- Had to elect a new vice-chair: Joshua Black
- Ryan Lucas will be the new vice-chair for next year...
- TAPS: to fund the bus system, we would need \$60/month from each student to keep it running (source: Ryan Lucas).
 - Currently, seems unsustainable.
 - Some of the parking ticket money collected this year was recouped by the State, which was a surprise to the budget as well.

Josh

- Run-off election started...
 - Will send reminder email on Wednesday morning to try to pull in some more votes...
- Constitution needs to be updated
 - Trying to get an editable version from past officers, but will probably reformat it if I can't seem to get this soon.
 - Need to get started making comparisons
 - People will start:
 - Julie, Beth, Erin, and Chelsea
 - Will try to have the edits completed by the transition meeting
- Sarah Abboud is helping to organize the Grad Fauxwards, need to get back with her.
 - Do we send?
 - Include our own disclaimer...
- Try to send out the email using Grad. Divisions list.
- Ben Balaquer wanted to post the results of the intermural soccer champions: The grad-based team, Kung Fu Panda
 - Maybe the digest?
 - Maybe get it into a newsletter. Get some materials together.
 - Send out a call for submissions, maybe separately...
- Maybe we should get the newsletter together....

Rachael

- Grad Reception at 4pm on Wednesday.

Beth – Committee Reports

- TAPS

- No response from them...
- Wait two-weeks? And then address it in-writing to Mary Miller...
- Dining Committee
 - Has never met.
 - Still no information, even with recent contact...
- GROW
 - Peer-mentoring was big
 - The Mullet will be linked to on the website
 - Try to organize a sporting event with GROW in order to smooth over relations with the Rec Center
 - Developing learning outcomes and trying to perform an assessment part of this as well

Pushing Co-ops and Travel Grants off for time.

Dean Aldenderfer Meeting

- Good meeting
- Wanted a good list of action items and had some solutions
- One of the labs will be sound-proofed to see if it will help
 - Will have a contact to help make that happen in other rooms as well
- 8am-5pm is supposed to be a quiet time in the hallway...
- Suggested training for faculty
 - Was going to bring it to the EVP
 - See if other Deans think it's good as well
- Suggested regular meetings with us as well
 - Probably be good for other Deans to be contacted about this as well
- Kristynn will forward the minutes to the officers.

Bylaws and protocols

- Rachael running mediation/Robert's Rules for this one
- Draft a document that helps others understand the issues raised
- Beth
 - All committees (ad-hoc or new) should be put to a vote
 - Put committees in reasonable form on the agenda
 - Inform Academic Affairs
 - Erin suggested
 - If we had the time, then a vote is best

- How do we deal with timely responses?
- Beth
 - E-mail mainly
- Julie
 - AA Officer is responsible for appointing committee members
 - Autonomy is important, but committees are handled by AA
 - AA will address roles/appropriateness etc.
 - Email is fast, so it should work
- Kristynn
 - AA is a good proxy, but the bylaws are ambiguous
 - Soliciting, not really appointing
 - EVP will be on-point for UCSA
 - Voting or agenda is good.
- Chelsea
 - If voting via email is OK, then the fact that often people don't respond needs to be addressed.
- Julie
 - Bylaws need to be fixed, or addressed in some way.
 - Maybe use EVP as system-wide proxy instead
 - If something doesn't make it on the agenda, then the AA proxy may help. However, it's mainly that people need to be informed early so that people can make their vote known.
- Erin
 - Voting afterwards over email will make things even more complicated
 - Appointing officer and the original contact would be the main people ready to have this ready ahead of time.
- Kristynn
 - Maybe have the agenda out 3 days prior to the meeting
 - Make it every officer's responsibility to read it
 - Voting afterwards is dangerous
 - An afterwards email voting, timing of things is bad
- Beth
 - Would be good to clarify the bylaws on AA
 - Is it feasible for AA or whoever is the point of contact to send this info prior?
 - If officers can't attend, then they can call in a vote.
- Julie

- Voting in absence: If there is vote, but not on the agenda, then the officers there need to still get a chance to vote.
 - Afterwards, there might be problems because of current votes swaying their opinions
 - On the fly concerns are complicated if they conflict with roles
- Janelle
 - Is the academic affairs actually an appointing officer?
 - Beth: It's not really appointing, but there is some appointing power there.
 - We need to clarify what decisions can be made autonomously.
 - Like the idea of pre-voting
 - If that's done, then no post-voting
 - Emergency times, maybe post-voting is OK.
- Kristynn
 - Adding a vote action item to the agenda would be idea, but
 - Most voting instances have been ad-hoc
 - A lot of other committees do this as well
 - Any decisions need to be sustainable.
 - Post-voting is particularly problematic
 - Maybe it would be that everything on the agenda
- Erin
 - How many votes do we need?
- Julie
 - Past experiences with difficult decisions (confrontation with other officer due to autonomy on travel grants)
 - Need to be open to keeping communication open
- Janelle
 - If it's feasible to put voting on the agenda, then stating that culture will make that start to happen when people get used to it
 - Require ahead-of-time voting to be on the agenda.
 - Beth: Are we looking at specific items, or entire agenda needs it?
 - Not everything, just specifics.
- Kristynn
 - Need to wrap-up
 - More detail and transparency on the agenda – voting on these things
 - No autonomy is even listed in much of the bylaws

- Try to tease out what people have been operating under versus what is in the bylaws
- Beth
 - Officers should put all things on agendas ahead of the meeting
 - All ad-hoc committees voted on by GSA officers
 - Will it be subject to a vote?
 - All people will be informed of any committees that arise or come up.
 - All voting items on the agenda will be labeled and, if absent, then vote ahead of time
- Julie
 - Maybe need to continue this discussion in the future
 - Specific invitations for committees
 - Need to address the specificity of the office
 - Need to make sure to be aware that some other officers might be more appropriate
 - Email accounts for specific officers are used in ASUCM.
- Erin
 - Motion: Officers submit agenda items 5 days in advance of the meeting, with enough detail to be informative, and indicate whether it is an item for voting.
 - Motion passed with no one opposed
- Janelle
 - Still need to talk about autonomy
- Kristynn
 - Voting protocol
 - Post-hoc voting
 - Invites
 - Job description-based

Julie

- SFAC and GSA/GSS overlap needs to be discussed in the future

Meeting adjourned at 5:04pm.

Next meeting 1pm-3pm on May 11, catered by GSS (Thanks Rachael!!).