

1. Attendance

Kristynn Sullivan
Janelle Szary
Chelsea Carey
Jason Baumsteiger
Alisa Keyser
Emily Wilson
Katie Amrine

Absent – Rachael Martin

2. Approval of Minutes

None to approve

3. Officer Reports

3.1. Campus Affairs; *Kristynn* (2:00)

3.1.1. GRC –Nothing to report. First meeting has not happened

3.1.2. President’s Council – New officers have been elected

3.2. Internal Affairs; *Janelle* (2:00)

GSA Officers agree that the Delegate assembly should meet once a semester to once a month, Janelle will probe MEAM and BEST for a representative, and ask if last year’s delegates are still willing to serve. Will ask the delegates how they want to proceed with the assembly. Will explore the possibility of having international student representation in some way because they are hired/paid differently and are on different timelines. Some suggestions are that (a) reps are asked to pay close attention to international student issues (b) international students do get a seat and talking to the English Language institute would be a good start (c) wait until all of the grad group reps are on the DA and ask their opinion. Concerns were brought up about it being a slippery slope.

3.3. External Affairs; *Chelsea* (2:00)

3.3.1. UCSA

The graduate students of UCSA have taken on 2 initiatives. (1) UC Regent appointment process reform. Long-term goal: change the composition of the UC Board of Regents & the process of how Regents are appointed. Short-term goal: Fill the three vacant Regent positions with education-friendly candidates. (2) Legislative accountability using a voting “report card”. Identify friendly and non-friendly higher education bills and create a rubric that evaluates past voting activity of legislators. Use to inform voters, as a “public shame campaign”, as a way for legislators to recognize room for improvement.

3.4. Academic Affairs; *Jason* (2:00)

3.4.1. CAPRA

CAPRA met and talked about how the university will have some serious funding issues if prop 30 doesn’t pass. If it does, we will have a new Surge Building. Chelsea adds that student fee hikes will also be frozen for 2 years if the proposition passes.

3.4.2. Ombuds advisory

No report

3.5. Public Affairs; *Emily* (5:00)

Working on re-connecting with the people Erin worked with. Another person contacted Emily to establish a camp for women in STEM fields in Merced. Janelle notes that there is a woman on campus to specifically target womens issues

3.6. Treasurer; *Alisa* (2:00)

3.6.1. Ledger

We have roughly \$7,000. Need to talk more with OSL to read ledger since the numbers are difficult to understand with the fiscal year change.

3.7.1 SFAC

Due to possible conflicts of interest, Alisa has proposed that someone else sit on SFAC who is also a GSA officer. The council has agreed that Janelle might be the best person for this due to her interaction with the delegate assembly, and that SFAC doesn't have to deal with GSA's budget specifically, so treasurer interaction may not be necessary. Due to the stipulation in our by-laws that it must be the treasurer, GSA will vote on a temporary change, and a relook at the bylaws before elections regarding the issue.

3.7. Secretary; *Katie* (2:00)

GSA now has the ability to send emails directly to the dynamic student list-serv from gsa@ucmerced.edu

3.8. Graduate Support; *Rachael* (2:00)

4. Committee Reports; *Jason/Katie* (5:00) **WE MISSED THIS...**

4.1. Progress on people using and returning forms from committee meetings

4.2. University Advisory Boards: TAPS, Heath Care, Info Tech, Web Portal, Student Affairs, Bookstore, Dining, Student Recreation, Graduation, ECEC

4.3. University Wide: University Conduct, Research Week, WASC Steering, Commission on Women, Referendum Fees, Student Fee Advisory, Course & Miscellaneous Fee, Capital Planning, Chancellors Sustainability, University Budget

4.4. Academic Senate: Academic Personnel, Committee On Committees, Privilege and tenure, Rules and Elections, Undergraduate Council.

5. Old Business

5.1. Travel Grants *Alisa*

3 grants submitted from the last cycle. 2 grants had partial funding and cannot be processed due to violation of rules. One grant was a workshop, and seemed in line with the stipulation that you need not present research at the event in question. Reimbursement in progress, notifications to all applicants to go out immediately from GSA email.

For next cycle, want to review issues. Alisa will fix the inconsistencies in applications and add a cover page with a checklist.

5.2. Potential fee referendum *Janelle, Kristynn*

Since other campuses GSAs ask for more money for their graduate students, GSA would like to explore the possibility of upping our fees. There needs to be more discussion, and the item has been tabled.

5.3.

6. New Business

6.1. Budget -VOTE

6.1.1. UCSA increase *Chelsea*

New budget:

5% Student Union Savings

10% General GSA savings

25% Travel Budget for UCSA

30% Travel Grants

25 % Social Events

2% Other

3% UCSA dues

6.2. TAPS agenda

Compiled list to be sent out to GSA for review before meeting

6.3. Committee Appointments – VOTE

Once we get the final apps in, Jason + 2 officers will review the apps and make recommendations.

6.4. Goals for the year

Didn't get to this

6.5.

7. Next Meeting – **Every other Monday, 9:30-11:30 –September 24,2012**