

1. Attendance –
Kristynn Sullivan
Chelsea Carey
Emily Wilson
Jason Baumsteiger
Katie Amrine

Absent:
Alisa Keyser
Rachael Martin

2. Approval of Minutes –
Pending information from GRC on how to reference to nonexistent minutes
3. Officer Reports (32:00)

3.1. Campus Affairs; *Kristynn* (4:00)

3.1.1.

open access policy is going into effect. Professors have the option to post their paper online, but the University will partially own it. Don't know how effective this is going to be because some high impact journals will not allow it. This will be trying to cut down on our subscription costs. This is UC-wide. Other big schools across the nation are thinking about doing this as well. You have to upload your paper, and fill a form to opt out.

Still a question about composites benefits thing (three tier), would end up making Faculty have to pay for their benefits during the summer who have grants. Our overheads would price us out of grants. Not sure how this would affect graduate students.

Search committee is using a headhunter now.

New lab safety requirements in response to the UCLA incident are being enforced. Every single lab now has to have an updated protocol manual and it has to be documented that everyone in the lab has had effective training. Everyone who works with 500 chemicals has to sign a waiver that they are aware of the dangers.

3.1.2. President's Council

Missed conference call.

3.2. Internal Affairs; *Janelle* (4:00)

3.2.1. Delegate Assembly

None of them have ever responded to offer emails. Not everyone can make anytime that was in the doodle.

3.2.2. SFAC

Hasn't been doing anything yet. They are just discussing units that people are supposed to visit, but Janelle was sent the wrong form. Went to disability services and there were questions about Disability Services getting money from the government, but they said that they didn't and SFAC is their primary funding.

Need another graduate student to sit on SFAC.

3.3. External Affairs; *Chelsea* (4:00)

3.3.1. UCSA

Meeting in Merced in January (12th-13th). Environmental sustainability a focus

3.4. Academic Affairs; *Jason* (4:00)

3.4.1. CAPRA

Last meeting cancelled. Emergency meeting this week. Proposed new ways of doing FTE, and the schools are upset about it. Faculty are objecting. Mostly Natural Sciences are saying that these things won't work the way they are written.

3.4.2. Ombuds advisory

3.5. Public Affairs; *Emily* (4:00)

Revamping the STEP program, and wanting to do it for speaking at the Charter School. Dean Juan Mesa said there will be partial funding if it is done in Merced county as well. Filled out information in the newsletter.

Boys and Girls club needs math and literacy students to work one on one with kids.

3.6. Treasurer; *Alisa* (4:00)

3.6.1. Ledger

Absent

3.7. Secretary; *Katie* (4:00)

Need picture for newsletter. Need blurbs from Kristynn,

3.8. Graduate Support; *Rachael* (4:00)

4. Committee Reports; *Jason/Katie* (8:00)

Emily Wilson on smoking committee now, and *Chelsea Carey* will be on the steering committee. We possibly have a candidate for the SFAC rep. Will post in the newsletter if these spots don't fill up.

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.

Sustainability reported. Asked for more TAPS reports.

5. Old Business

5.1. Finish Memo: Summer funding for grad students (60:00) VOTE

Voted at 11:10 to send version edited and finalized on google docs. Send finalized e-mail to rest of GSA for approval to send to recipients.

5.2.

5.3.

6. New Business

6.1. Next semester prospectus.

Lets work on a Strategic Plan now:

Everyone write down their 1,5 and 10 year goals for this year and we'll go from there.

6.2.

6.3.

7. Next Meeting – **Every other Monday, 9:30-11:30 – Next meeting next semester**