

Title:February 10, 2015, 11:04am, GSA Meeting Agenda

Location: SSB350, Gradpad

Started: 2/10/2015

Last Edit:

In Attendance:

Everyone but Erik

Past Meeting Action Items

- Travel Award Status - Need to email soon.
- GSA Calendar of Events

Previous Meeting Minutes

Meeting Schedule

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Current Reports

- Brandon
 - Graduate Student Clubs & Organizations
 - Meeting with Charles, Brian and Marjorie
 - Made our vision known to expand the reaches of GSA
 - Looked at how graduate students can be formed, established and funded
 - Campus 2020 Project
 - Student leaders to make presentation to the 3 development teams
 - Please comment

- Eddie
 - GSA Social Committee
 - Wildlife Updates
 - Movie Night on Friday
 - Athletics Events - GSAW

Old Business

- UCSA: Divestment from Corporations Profiting from Violating Palestinian Human Rights
 - Background
 - Human rights issue
 - UC currently invests in such corporations
 - Supported by UCSA, official vote will be in February
 - Looking for individual campus support, ASUCM and GSA
 - 6 UC campuses have divested
 - UAW 2865 vote on Dec 4 on same issue, passed divestment
 - What are thoughts from graduate students? Send out email?
 - Discussion
 - Union voted in favor of divestment.
 - Set up divestment poll?
 - ASUCM divestment forum on 2/2
 - UCSA passed
- Action Item: Spring Meeting Events
 - Discussion
 - Last year events
 - Welcome Back Meeting: January 16, 2014 in the Garden Dining Room
 - Committee Recognition Lunch: April 1, 2014 from 11:30am – 1:00pm in the Garden Dining Room
 - Open Meeting: April 8, 2014 from 5:00 – 8:00pm at De'Angelo's Restaurant
 - Elections: April 15, 2014 from 11:00am – 2:00pm in the Bobcat Lair, KL 169
 - Recognition Awards Dinner: May 14, 2014 (Are you interested in an informal or formal event?)
 - Abstracts and Appetizers – March 13, 2014 from 2:00 – 4:00pm on the 2nd floor of SSM (Research week will be held March 2-6, 2015)
 - What can we do to entice Humanities? Abstracts, Appetizers, and Arts
 - Action Item
 - Decide
 - Welcome Back Meeting: January 15, 2015 in the Garden Dining Room

- Committee Recognition Lunch: March 31, 2015 from 11:30am – 1:00pm in the Garden Dining Room
 - Open Meeting: April 7, 2015 from 5:00 – 8:00pm at 5-10 Bistro
 - Elections: April 14, 2015 from 11:00am – 2:00pm in the Bobcat Lair, KL 169
 - Recognition Awards Dinner: May 14
 - Abstracts, Appetizers and Art – March 5, 2015 from 2:00 – 4:00pm on the 2nd floor of SSM (Research week will be held March 2-6, 2015) Need to publicize
 - Abstracts, Art and Appetizers
 - *Abstracts, Appetizers, and Art
 - Art Abstracts and Appetizers
 - Art Appetizers and Abstracts
 - Appetizers, Abstracts and Art
 - Appetizers, Art and Abstracts
- GSA Social Life Committee
 - Advertising through GSS, on GSA Facebook page, and on the GSA Social Life fb page
 - Moved wildlife trip to another weekend
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 - St. Patty's Day Bar trip
 - Got a verbal ok
 - Thursday, March 17th
 - After Mix&Mingle?
 - CRTE Partnership for Athletics Event
 - Last Friday of Grad Student Appreciation Week
 - "Schools going up against each other"
 - Vernal Pool - April 11th
 - Saturday
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- Discussion Item: Theft/Space Allocation for IH/WC Grad Students
 - Previous Discussion
 - Substantial thefts from student desks in the SSM cubicles
 - Dean Zatz has spoken with Dean Aldenderfer about the issues.
 - The key issue should be resolved soon -- WC/IH received keys
 - Email sent to IH/WC on 11/21: keys available for pick up in the SSHA office --- unsure if announcement has been sent to other SSHA groups
 - IH/WC still only group lacking lab space --- SSM cubicles are only work space for IH/WC

Updates

- GSS funding, progress being made for community service

New Business

- Action Item: Committee Appointments
 - Discussion
 - Emailed committee representatives
 - Research Council Vacant
- Fall Travel Award
 - Discussion
 - Need to announce?
 - Schedule still good?
 - Updates?
- GSA Travel Award
 - Discussion
 - Now is the time to make changes to be active for Spring Call (in June)
 - Question regarding accuracy of reports filed. Do we want to keep requirements the same, create a rubric for judgments on awards?
 - Grad dean matches funds at present. At present OK in regards to meeting requests.
- Grad Visitation Weekend - March 6/7 (takes place during Grad Research Week)
 - Discussion
 - Iqbal is looking for volunteers and model grad students (send him e-mail).
 - Suggested DA members, email sent
 - Looking for volunteers to:
 - Drive the hotel shuttles (a 7-seater SUV)
 - The shuttles times are located on the agenda.
 - On Friday the shuttles will run from 10am to 4pm and 6pm to 8pm.
 - On Saturday the shuttles will run from 8am to 9:30am and 1pm – 2pm.
 - Not issue of we have to do, but issue of our knowledge about campus.
 - Drive the six seater go cart (Aaron) (the go cart will transport students who drive to campus from Lake Lot to KL and other building on Friday and Saturday).
 - On Friday the go cart will be from 10am to 4pm, and 6pm to 7pm.
 - On Saturday it will run from 8am to 9:30 am and 11am to 12pm.
 - We can also have the help of 2-3 volunteers help for the Welcome Reception check in (Jasmine), and 1-2 volunteers to assist with the lunch and the Yosemite trip ticket collection on Saturday.

- Spring Open Meeting
 - Discussion
 - Will be held at Five Ten Bistro
 - How to encourage attendance?
 - How to encourage participation for next year's GSA officers?
 - Need to encourage interested students to run now.

- International Students
 - Previous Discussion, work group
 - The need to work with CAPS and OMBUDS on issues of adjustment, loneliness, resources
 - International student fellowships getting better.
 - Summer life, travel, and funding.
 - International student liaison: capable to provide international viewpoint when we talk to administration. Possibly hold two forums per year. Plan to put on spring ballot/bylaws.
 - New Updates
 - Have had a couple of meetings on international student issues
 - International Office present
 - Going to put together an Action plan
 - Lots of funding issues with billing
 - Want to conduct small programs
 - International Student Day during GROW
 - Possible "Buddies" link up

- Bylaws: Possible need to rewrite bylaws to represent what GSA has evolved into.
 - Constitution not updated since 2005.
 - Bylaws last updated in 2011.
 - Bylaws must be changed via vote, 2/3.
 - Cassie will work on changes.
 - GSA International Student Rep added position
 - Gather comments over spring break.

- Aaron:
 - WSCUC - Accreditation Updates

- Jiba - UCSA Updates
 - Resolution
 - Divestment resolutions passed (both)
 - We voted to abstain.
 - Diversity requirement resolution for UCLA passed.
 - Student Lobby Conference coming up in Sacramento

- Dean Zatz
 - taking students to grad research lobby
 - GSS will be hiring a communication specialist: stories on grad students
 - GRADSLAM
 - Journal Publishing and Turning Dissertation into Book workshop
 - Nonacademic jobs forum
 - postdoc forum
 - thriving as faculty of color forum
 - Event for Commencement for Graduate Students, possibly before speakers
 - Summer funding, still in process. Avoiding messing with loans and grants.
 - Expanding number of Fellowships for continuing and new students.
 - *Engineering and SSHA Dean Searches Undergoing*
 - student representatives on these search committees?

- Research Week
 - Graduate Students needed for poster competition

- WASC Committee
 - need graduate student who graduated, alumni and as undergrads from UCM
 - 1:30-3:30 - March 12th
 - Want feedback on academic experience
 - Jobs

Current GSA Member Committee Appointments

- Brandon - Graduate Council, VC Advisory Board
- Danielle - CAPRA, OMBUDS
- Jiba - UCSA
- Aaron - ~~Alumni Relations~~ (not active?), Delegate Assembly, WSCUC
- Eddie - GSA Social Life Committee
- Jasmine - GSA Committee on Research
- Erik - SFAC, SHAC

Calendar

Event	Assigned Lead	Date
Summer Ice Cream Social	Brandon	July 23rd
Delegate Assembly	Aaron	August 5th
GSA Officer Training	Brandon	TBA
GROW (GSA Panel)	Iqbal	August 11th
Committee Rally	Danielle	September 2
Committee Orientation	Danielle	October 2
Fall Open Meeting	Brandon	November 21
Hot Chocolate Winter Social	Brandon	~January
Committee Thank You	Danielle	~April
Spring Open Meeting	Brandon	~April
Elections	Aaron	~April
End of Year Recognition		~May
Officer Transition Meeting	Brandon	~June