

8Title: March 10, 2015, 11:00am, GSA Meeting Agenda

Location: SSB350, Gradpad

Started: 3/9/2015

Last Edit:

In Attendance:

Eddie

Brandon

Jasmine

Aaron

Erik

Jiba

Past Meeting Action Items

- Travel Award Status - Need to email soon.
- TAPS issues - Submitted Response

Previous Meeting Minutes

### **Meeting Schedule**

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## Current Reports

- Brandon
  - Council of Presidents - March 5
    - Met with Janet Napolitano
    - Slight delay on Tuition increase (Was scheduled for summer, now at Fall)
    - Half of Student Service Fee increase is to be allocated to Mental Health
    - UCOP is preparing for legislative lobbying
      - More money to avoid tuition increase
      - Possible fight against SCA1
    - Possible new Mental Health systemwide taskforce to ensure recommendations are followed through
    - Looking at a possible systemwide data collection campaign on UC PD to revisit progress after the pepper spray incident
    - Looking to increase Graduate Student population across all campuses
    - Campus Climate Action Plans and Surveys need revisions and better inclusion of graduate students
  
- Eddie
  - GSA Social Committee
    - Wildlife Updates April 11, after Grad Week.
    - Movie Night on Friday-- Good interest. "Theory of Everything."
    - Athletics Events - Graduate Student Appreciation Week (GSAW) CRTE working with for April 10, multiple sporting events.
    - Merced Wildlife Refuge Hike, TBA
    - GradSlam final April 7.
    - Bar night after GSS social at Trophy Room. Advertise it.
  
- Jasmine
  - Student Regent Selection
    - Questions GSA or other members would like to ask?
    - Questions may not be "litmus tests" especially political, but should concern knowledge of issues facing students, including graduates.
    - Our pool of five, to be interviewed April 11, was selected by South UCs. Those we selected to be interviewed from their pool were good mix of Graduate Students and Undergraduates.
    - Trends seem to be better mental health services, halting tuition hikes, diversity, and sexual violence/rape/abuse on campuses.

## Old Business

- GSA Social Life Committee
  - Advertising through GSS, on main 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
  
- Spring Open Meeting - When?
  - 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, graduate 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 in GSA: 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/registrar
  - Want to conduct small programs
  - International Student Day during GROW
  - Possible "Buddies" link up

- WASC Committee - Aaron
  - need graduate student who graduated, alumni and as undergrads from UCM
  - 1:30-3:30 - March 12th
  - Want feedback on academic experience
  - Jobs
- Action Item: Committees
  - Discussion
    - Research Council Vacant
    - **GSA Committee on Research**
      - Need people to help draft guidelines for selecting library displays.
      - Need input on projects to work with GSS such as ID Journal for Graduate Students
      - Desire to work on more internships for Graduate students, to provide more career paths besides teaching.
    - OMBUDS representative wants to attend a GSA meeting
    - New UCM Women's Programs and LGBT Coordinator, Angi Baxter, wants to attend a GSA meeting
    - Academic Integrity Committee - **Graduate student feedback requested asap**
    - CRTE Periodic Review
      - March 30th, 12:45pm-1:30pm, SSM 317 (Half Dome)
      - Email Kerry Clifford to RSVP
- TAPS Issues
  - Previous Meeting
    - TAPS does things
    - Report from Emily/Katie
    - Arguments
      - Start with all graduate students, then follow with Collective Bargaining
      - Disappointed with the proposal
        - does not serve the universities priorities
        - diminishes the standing of graduate students
  - Latest Update
    - New GSA TAPS memo - submitted
      - Propose graduate students have separate allocation of parking permits
      - Allocation is based on population size
      - Graduate students to decide on graduate student priorities
- Graduate Student Writing Club
  - Alexandra Loan - approved for Gradpad access
    - Now how do we integrate?
    - Possibility - form as a service of GSA
      - As RCO club

- As a GSS service
    - How do we promote long term success?
  - Please promote!
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## New Business

- Student First Center?
  - Anything they can do for graduate students?
  - How do grad students interact with SFC?
  - Problems with billing for International Students?
- GSA Travel Award
  - Discussion
    - 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.
  - Proposed asking GSS to send/manage
    - GSA reviews all applications and makes decisions
- Bylaws: 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'rds
  - GSA International Liaison added position
  - Gather comments over spring break.
- Aaron:
  - WSCUC - Accreditation Updates
- Danielle
  - Academic Integrity Recommendations/Feedback

Jasmine

- Desire to start a Support Group for Women Graduate Students
- Need for space, would like to reserve the Grad Pad conference room
- Would like to work with OSL and CAPS on programing and possible speakers.

- Great need for such a program with little support for women who face life/work, financial and career based pressures.

Jason

- Computational Inefficiency
- Computational and ??? Consultant
- Asks
  - Request for volunteers
  - Announcement to all grad students
  - Celebrate volunteers as well.
- Graduate students supporting graduate students

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	~May/June