

All present

No agenda items submitted, so what did we do this month?

Jason – Would like to have another retreat at the beginning of next semester to recharge and refocus our energy, see what we can get rolling for spring semester. Will send out a doodle poll for times in January. Talk about elections, things we want to finish before the elections. Officer reports?

Paul – Nothing to report, I've been overworked.

Lauren – We started meeting with GSA committee on research and started planning what we want it to be. Really good to get graduate students really involved in research. Like to take on the library exhibits. We'd like to do this in the years going forward; this time more of a learning experience. We also want to offer an optional practice session for GradSLAM before the first round. We've got five people who are interested in the library exhibit; there were some questions regarding how we select them and we don't have anything written down yet, which we need to work out. I would like to raise that as an agenda item for this meeting.

Katie – Nothing to report

Soheil – Only update was the meeting that we had. Looking for both graduates and undergraduates to be sort of curricular consultants. They sent out the flyer. Trouble is, they want to give out stipends and costs \$380 for international students to apply to receive these. I think they also contacted someone in the school of engineering. No update on the music room.

Advisor – Created the survey, got some good feedback, we can send it out this week. In terms of the BEAT thing, Sarah Abboud might be a good person to contact.

Erik – Travel grant committee meets this week. Budget thing, I'm very confused, as nothing matches up from past years.

Dean Zatz – Would Cassie be willing to help?

Erik – OK, I'll show her what I've got.

Maryam – Not much new, but one thing I did was go to the session about the multicultural center with all the undergrads and it was an interesting discussion, my ideas were very different from some other people there so I think it's a progressive discussion going on. What time do incoming international students get their acceptance letters?

Dean Zatz – Depends on how strong of candidates they are. Students don't have to tell us until April 15<sup>th</sup> – we encourage them to let us know sooner, but they have until then.

Maryam – So mid-April might be a good time to start planning

Dean Zatz- Yeah although we can reach out to them earlier than that and start following up on international students who've been accepted.

Danielle – Biggest thing is went to 2020 plan at the UC Regents meeting, we got our plans approved for 2020 so that was really exciting. It was also really interesting to see how the regents meeting functioned. UCSA is meeting again in January in San Diego. Then we did go to multicultural center.

Daniel – Multicultural center meetings have been happening every Sunday trying to incorporate safe spaces for students of color, international students, it's a work in progress right now. I'm just there seeing what direction its going. Have a group of 21-23 students right now.

Some talk about how multicultural center fits in with 2020 plan – there are spaces designated for student services, it will likely end up somewhere in there. We need to have something in the meantime – we can't wait until we have the 2020 space. Also need to think about donors – maybe there is a donor who might be willing to give us funding for a nice multicultural space.

Dean Zatz – We've had a few meetings with the advisory committee with diversity and we're having another meeting this week. The Chancellor's dialogue on diversity is going to be March 17<sup>th</sup>. Diversity and interdisciplinarity are the twin pillars of graduate studies in my opinion, and he exemplifies that. He'll give a lecture and also have a lunchtime meeting with graduate students. If you know of any big name people who can help us think about how we're doing things here, let us know. I'm hoping the advisory committee will also get involved with this.

Jason – I was out of town in Chicago at a cog sci conference, so thank you to Lauren and Danielle for covering for me at grad council and the 2020 meeting. Other than that, I was with Soheil at the downtown meeting at VaultWorks. Other thing, we had our first meeting of the constitution and bylaws committee, which was fantastic – we laid out a vision for the hierarchical power structure within grad student governance and agreed that we, at least philosophically, need to empower the delegate assembly. We think delegate assembly should approve GSA budget at the beginning of the year, which makes us come up with a budget by the beginning of the year and allows more input on our operations. We also want to allow the delegate assembly to have veto power over GSA decisions.

We should ask around how graduate students would feel about a small fee increase directed totally toward funding graduate clubs.

Jason – Two agenda items came up – one is the library exhibit, but before that is the email that went around about appointing someone to the council of president student regent selection commission. Daniel, are you still interested in serving on this?

Daniel – Yeah

Let's hold a formal vote.

Paul makes a motion to appoint Daniel.

Katie seconds.

Unanimous vote yes to appoint Daniel.

Lauren – motion to have Jason take care of drafting criteria.

Paul – second

Unanimous vote (Jason abstains).