

GSA Meeting April 5, 2017

I. Roll Call [5:00]

- a. President
- b. External Vice President
- c. Academic Affairs Officer
- d. Community Outreach/Public Relations Officer
- e. Treasurer
- f. International Affairs Officer
- g. Climate Diversity and Equity Affairs

II. Adoption of Agenda [5:00]

- a. Approved

III. Adoption of Minutes [5:00]

- a. Tabling

IV. Public Comment [5:05]

V. Officer Reports [5:10]

- a. President
 - i. Objectives we have: Strong GSA for next year and no vacancies.
 - ii. Delegate Assembly Members for each Graduate Group
 - iii. Greater accessibility for immigrant and international students community
 - iv. Revamped website to add pages for immigrant/international students
- b. External Vice President
 - i. UCSA January Meeting in Los Angeles
 - ii. UCSA February Meeting in Santa Cruz
 - iii. UCSA March Meeting in Santa Barbara
 - iv. Student Lobby Conference, wasn't able to attend but appointed Organizing Director went to Sacramento to advocate on behalf of UC Merced graduate students.
 - v. Grad Day of Action, advocating for diversity training, standard reciprocal evaluation procedures, and faculty diversity. Systemwide letter-writing campaign.
 - vi. As part of UCSA Grad/Prof committee, Editor in Chief of Graduate Policy Journal- still accepting submissions for another two weeks!
 - vii. Attended both Police Chief Candidate Interviews
 - viii. Met with Janet Napolitano and UCOP about Sanctuary Campuses
- c. Academic Affairs Officer
 - i. Museum Exhibit for each of the three schools. Emailed the library staff. Not sure if there will be time to have it situated for this semester. But following up on this.
 - ii. Attended one of the Police Chief Candidate Interviews.
 - iii. Looking across campus to find committees that do not have graduate student representation.

- iv. Graduate Cultural Resource Center- having a ventilation system put in so that it can be used by people widely.
- v. Programs across April. There was a program earlier today on student activism and white supremacy.
- vi. GCRC looking to hire staff and what staff would look like?
- vii. Block Party – potentially May 12?
- d. Community Outreach/Public Relations Officer
 - i. Trying to have more of a social media presence. Please like us on Facebook.
 - ii. Working on the website as well to have the most current information.
 - iii. April 28, 2017- April Madness event at Pool Hall in downtown Merced. Tables will be reserved for brackets.
 - iv. April 12, 2017 – Work Hard, Play Hard, Coffee Bandits for work and then go across the street after. 4:00-8:00
 - v. T-Shirt and polo zip.
 - vi. Suggestion from Public: Include translations of page in Spanish or other languages?
 - 1. We're working on it and we'd like to try to translate pages to multiple languages.
- e. Treasurer
 - i. Allocated money out to 7 graduate student organizations. \$400 to them.
 - ii. In the future, money allocation to organizations may have to be selective because there will likely be more organizations and the Delegate Assembly will likely be in charge of those applications.
 - iii. \$1100 was allocated to graduate events- Psychology Event, We Wear Our Crowns, and Gender Sexuality and Queer Theory Conference
 - iv. 6 travel awards to the schools randomized
 - v. Next travel awards will be for May 1st.
 - vi. Food Truck situation [new business]
 - vii. With the future, we are looking into alternative revenue streams without increasing student fees.
- f. International Affairs Officer
 - i. International page on the website. Wanting to build the international affairs section.
 - ii. Hold an international graduate student focus group.
- g. Climate Diversity and Equity Affairs
 - i. Pride Week happening
 - ii. Latinx Research Symposium

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

- a. Budget Travel Grants and Food Truck Project
 - i. Ask GSA for support for a Food Cart on campus.

- ii. Campus clubs and organizations have thusfar not been allowed to make food for events. For example, Persian New Year event could not find restaurant to deliver food that would be approved through the school.
 - iii. Food Cart is the same thing as the Food Truck except without the engine.
 - iv. Refrigerator, Water Supply, Generator, Microwave, etc. etc.
 - v. Working with Dining and NHS to work on systems to check in the cart.
 - vi. ASUCM to give around \$20,000. GFI to give \$10,000.
 - vii. Asking for \$15,000 from GSA, one-time payment.
 - viii. \$500-\$800 for turnover to use it. Not the most cost-effective for clubs but it would provide an alternate option.
 - ix. Is there profit available for GSA to use on other graduate services? Could this be a potential revenue stream?
- b. GSA and Delegate Assembly Elections
 - i. Voting party with food. You have to vote to get food.
 - ii. There is a GSA introductory video.
 - iii. Two weeks to nominate for GSA and Delegate Assembly
- c. Upcoming Events
- d. Parking Changes for Next Year
 - i. TAPS Committee Representative Catherine: transitioning to different layout of parking. Fees will increase.
 - ii. All three lots on the North are going to be equal rated by Spring 2020.
 - iii. Gravel North Bowl Lot 3 will be cheaper but farther away.
 - iv. Solar panels on North Bowl lots
 - v. Fall 2017 Proposal- is it shareable with the larger graduate student body
 - vi. Grad students should be able to use buses associated with dorms.
 - vii. Inadequate bus routes and times. Many students live outside of the bus areas.
 - viii. More accessible bus times for the weekends.
 - ix. Golf carts should be available for driving to and from parking lots to campus for students with disabilities. This is an inaccessible service at the time.
- e. Grad Pad Diversity Related Events 3:00 – 5:00 Mondays and Wednesdays
- f. New GSA apparel
- g. Updates on UC Merced Intercultural Hub and Cross Cultural Space for Graduate Students
- h. Questions and Comments

VIII. Adjournment