

Wednesday October 31, 2018

GSA meeting

Attendance:

- Katherine
- William
- Lauren
- Thaddeus
- Lorenzo (a bit late)

Lauren's discussion on GSA budget

- GSA had too much money. BUT Grad Div (Mayra Chavez) has access to our ledger. Cassie Gunther is who we talk to in order to submit charges (i.e. ask GSA account to pay for something).
- Some UC Merced office added a ~\$25,000 charge to our account to reduce the total amount.

Martin Reed's graduate housing "RE: Graduate Student Housing Needs"

Charles Nies wants to discuss Diversity Officer and use of a Culture room

David's search for science fair grad student judges

Josephine's volunteering for committee

Katherine's library letter to senate chair

- UC Merced library applied to funds from the University to make a quiet study space. \$288,000.
- They want UC Merced's GSA support for their application
- We can put on agenda for Delegate Assembly.
- We need specifics on how this will affect Grad students.

Lauren's travel awards

- Solicitation sent out
- Deadline is tomorrow (Nov 1)

GSA email complaint management

- Web page on GSA site: Graduate and Professional Student Organizations needs updating with new clubs. Otherwise, we can just remove this page
- Date on committee rep web page needs updating: Thaddeus updated it.

William's report on UC GPC meeting

- Will video conference the upcoming one (At UC Riverside).
- 2 weekends ago, drove down to Santa Barbara. Meeting with all other external VPs for all UC GSAs. Will upload the minutes to Box.
- Some people from the Title 9 committee wanted to kick out the GSA rep from Santa Barbara.
- If we have a representative for this Title 9 committee, we should let him/her know.

- Other UC schools are having horrible times with the new UC Path. Grad students aren't getting paid. UC Path is not acknowledging the issues that we are having with it.
- At UC Irvine, the GSA sent out a survey asking for feedback from Grad students. And they got hundreds of responses. They do this in order to get a record of all problems with the new UC Path system. There is no pressure coming from the UC Office of the President on the UC Path software providers. We want them to put pressure on the UC Path software devs to FIX their issues.
- Some students didn't have health insurance, because their payment wasn't deducted from their account

William's report on TAPS advisory council representatives

- We now have 3 reps: William, Sona, and Sona found a third (name not known)!
- As of spring, all parking costs for different lots will increase. North bowl 1 and 2 are increasing to ~\$50/month and will be part of the "B" parking pass. People who want to move from old "C" to new "B" probably can. "C" parking will become the dirt lot, and the lot next to the soccer field. Waiting lists will be bumped. "C" permits will be ~\$34/month.

Thaddeus' meeting with Marjorie Zatz

- See document

Lorenzo - date for web poll

- Tawana Park is okay with any arbitrary time. So let's open the nominations now.

Action steps:

- William will send out email to Grad students about parking permit changes
- William will draft a solicitation for asking UC Merced grad students about their UC Path issues.
- Thad will send an official call for nominations – included are the open DA positions, and the open Officer positions.