

1) Officer Update:

- a) TAPS- Following up
 - i) Email sent today Matt was not included but Brandon will forward it to Matt
 - ii) Next TAPS meeting July 13th
- b) Summer Programming Events
 - i) On hold because Cassie is out of the office

2) Special Election:

- a) Need to fill empty communications position ASAP
- b) When will the special election be scheduled? (September 11th-13th)
 - i) 1st GSA open meeting 2 weeks after the election
- c) Special election will also include updates to the constitution **(VOTE NEEDED)**
- d) Who will be the election commissioner? **(to discuss during next meeting)**

3) Title IX

- a) Michael Salvador (UC Merced director of Title IX office)
- b) State/Federal changes have resulted in Title IX updates that need feedback from various stakeholders
 - i) We have an “investigative” process on campus, however, more of a “trial” process may be adapted via a 3rd “appeal” component that may be enacted in certain cases
 - ii) This campus wants to make sure to keep the victims in mind and wants to avoid a “quasi-legal” model
 - (1) Under “quasi-legal” model, survivors may be retraumatized & individuals with more money may potentially have an unfair advantage
 - iii) List of recommendations developed by the Title IX Board should be published as soon as the Office of the President approves it
- c) **What is needed from the GSA?**
 - i) Noting right now but when UCOP publishes the recommendations it would be great if the GSA provides a letter of support

Question: How many cases are backed up?

- About 100 just at UC Merced
- # Way higher at other institutions

- d) Alex will check with the Union to see what grad students are mandated reporters & who aren't
- e) With a lot of the Appendix E changes, a lot is being pushed into student affairs

Question: Are there changes for Ombuds that may be coming into effect with the Title IX changes?

- The GSA may need to ask Dean Zatz

- f) How to insure that the GSA keeps grad students informed?
 - i) It was proposed that we create a new GSA Title IX webpage & pulling resources together for students

- ii) GSA to reinforce that graduate students are supported by the GSA in any concerns they may have
- iii) Creating the new webpage may fall under the office of Climate, Diversity, & Equity (Alex & Maria may need to work together to facilitate the creation of the new webpage)

****Need to discuss potentially creating the new Title IX webpage more during the next meeting****

4) Updating GSA Website:

- a) The following GSA Officers volunteered to help go through the emails & update the GSA website:
 - i) Brandon
 - ii) Ritu
 - iii) Shayna
 - iv) Matt
 - v) Maria
 - vi) Alex

****Work needed will be discussed and assigned during next meeting****

5) Determining how to vote:

- a) 1 vote per office (unanimous and/or abstention for shared offices)

6) Letters of Support

- a) Historic procedures for letters of support
 - i) Any public statements need to be approved by the EC & the Delegate Assembly
- b) Ritu proposed that we as the GSA draft a letter of support for the recent Berkeley undergrad that just graduated and was arrested by CBP
 - i) Need to be aware of the issues with CBP in our attempts to protect students
 - ii) Letter of support on hold until more info is gathered by Ritu

*****UCGPC will be hiring. Ritu will add more info to Slack *****

7) Travel Awards

- a) Shayna proposed that we change the way that student info for travel awards is collected
 - i) Potential forms to use:
 - (1) Google Forms
 - (2) Qualtrics
 - (3) Other...
 - ii) Brandon will contact Dean Zatz to see if there is a list of approved forms that may be used to collect student info for travel awards

8) Help & support for new international grad students

- a) Need volunteers for transportation & housing for international students
 - i) Potentially something that GSA should address directly
 - ii) Could reach out to departments specifically to see if there is any way that they may help arriving students

iii) Possible to partner with different organizations to assist students
****Will talk about this topic more during the next meeting****

9) Next meetings scheduled for:

- a) July 5th at 10 am
- b) July 18th at 3:30 pm

****Potential training for the Delegate Assembly before their 1st meeting (Vicky will/is developing this)****