

GSA Meeting 07/18/2019

Officer updates:

Ritu

- Nominated Alex Pabst for Govt advisors committee for entire UC System ... UCSC was selected ☺
- Grad Pad social 1-5 PM by Jennifer with Grad Div (do we have calendar for Grad Pad) – Jennifer is the keeper of calendar
- Brandon + Ritu get messages for Presidents (3 paid UCGCP positions and STAR) – Alex recently got in touch with Shaun
- Funds for Brandon and Ritu for Council of Presidents meeting → talk to Cassie (still deciding on whether going or Zoom in)

Alex

- Shane Wood contacted her for March 2-day meeting, to go over yearly goals, legislation, connecting with governor and high up decision makers
- Alex will organize, host, and attend the meeting (they will pay for this)
- July 22nd or 23rd questions with Shane
- Offices of Student Life can assist
- August 23-24th Ritu, Brandon

Shayna

- Travel award reminder has been sent out
- Budget from Cassie Gunter – pending

Brandon

- Working on the amendments this past week

Matt

- Met with Alan Cocker to catch up on how auxiliary services are working – wants to build a student committee for TAPS and food services
- Got list of committees from Tawana

Ahmed

- Reserved the shuttle for international student pick up
- 3 trips to SF and Fresno
- Better communication between international students and let them know about housing available

Maria

- GSA UndocuAlly has been scheduled – devote period of time during GROW to give them an intro to issues and resources
- Resources on that are being discussed + put this in GSA student resources
- UCM has put out diversity statement!

Joseph

- Responsible for public relations and events
- Use of grad pad and working with Jennifer

Vice Chancellor Nies

- Cohort based tuition is a set amount that is being paid throughout the time at UCM for graduate students among the UCs
 - o Dean Zatz: a set tuition price by cohort for graduate student is helpful for grant writing
- There is an increase of students that are choosing to live in their vehicles – safety concern, no facilities for sanitation – UC System conversation
 - o Emergency housing relocation – these students are not tapping into these resources because they are making conscience choice
 - o Ahmed mentioned international housing for those arriving with no place to stay upon arrival

Dean Zatz

- Graduate Students Rights and Responsibilities document not updated for ~10 years and was working with previous GSAs and have not made it into grad council
 - o Would like to have this completed and submitted
 - o Students who would like to help + contribute with Dean Zatz: Brandon, Ritu, Alex

- GSA enclosed office in the grad pad Academic Counselor (issues of faculty, grad student, and post docs) → add a vote for this
- Any other steps being taking into expanding psychological services?
 - o Marriage and family therapists
 - o New counseling center will open in a year from now
 - o Things to do to keep a mentally healthy campus
 - People need to tap into help until they need a counselor
 - o Students have been turned away from CAPS due to long waiting list and referred to outside services due to workload and transportation
 - 4 additional staff can help respond to the non-clinical level
 - Referrals into the community will continue to occur and there are limited resources within the community
 - o Can there be a statement about the services that are updated? Yes, and introducing the new therapists
- PhD Pathways project – cohorts of PhD alumni to see where students are going and if the school is providing proper training
 - o 3 cohorts
 - o Interesting information across UCs
 - o Loose grants for 5 of the students funding on the grant will be able to continue into this following year (year 2) - \$7000 each

Jenn (event programs for grad students and grad div)

- GROW
 - o Started as single day, but now week-long event
 - o Specific for graduate students
 - o GSA ask involved in the first day: 1) Panel and 2) BBQ tabling
 - Panel: ask 5-6 people to attend (diff disciplines and schools)
 - Frank, informal conversations with incoming students about living here, being a student here, what do you do for fun
 - We will introduce ourselves
 - 45-minute panel
 - Have questions prepared in case the cohort is quiet
 - Diverse panel, backgrounds, fields of study, international students
 - Pitch that it's an open-door policy with administration
 - GSA is a good resource before speaking to administrators
 - o BBQ – deans, grad group chairs, grad support staff, incoming grad students, grad student clubs and orgs, GSA can have a table
 - o Walking around and mingling and introducing yourself to people
 - Talk about campus involvement through DA, etc.

- Suggest table and mingling
- How many GSA members are coming for food + logistics
- Have name badges with positions and names (ask Cassie and Jenn)
- Have delegates attend the BBQ as well
- CAPS not fit into the first day, but they are part of the resources fair during GROW
 - Ask Charles Nies to mention this during GROW
 - Send Charles Nies a list of requests or things that they would like to include in draft Maria preparing
- Incoming students get first dibs at the Heritage → trying to relieve the stress
 - 45 active applications for this incoming cohort

Budget – Shayna

- Cassie still waiting for her budget
- External VP travel funding (Alex) if not part of it?
 - GSA not member of UCSA was replaced by UCGCP → for this year that money comes out of Grad Div
 - International student transportation and GSA Service then get co-sponsors for this sort of event (small pool and few weekends this year)
 - Budget for DA in fall will be for the entire year

Reception is in September – GSA included in this for student to know who we are

- Fall event with wine and cheese but can be a bit hectic
- Good to have another event that is more intimate with students (tea and cookies)
- Joseph could work on this too

UCGCP and UCSA → collaboration with ASUCM (Vicky)

GSA Travel Award – has been seen as corrupt in the past. We will need an entire conversation to address this.

Vote to determine the academic counselor office hours at the GradPad

- Hours to limit: 4hr/ week but we have the right to deny the use of this office
- Written document with regulations
- No determination on this yet