

GSA EC Meeting

08/29/2019

Open meeting, moderated by Ritu

Officers present: Maria, Brandon, Ritu, Shayna, Alex, Joseph, and Feng. Nies here, Ahmed here, delegate members from Psych sciences, physics, and public health attending

### **Assessment**

This year the campus is doing a mental health and basic needs assessment this year - making sure we have comprehensive plans to support students.

### **Budget**

Travel awards went out; November travel award is now open. Usually sends out information for applying for those awards two weeks before. Will have a budget proposal for the next meeting. Wants to know when the budget should be done to be voted on by the delegate assembly. (Vicky can handle this?)

### **Council of Presidents Meeting**

Ritu Zoomed into Council of Presidents meeting. There is going to be a basic needs summit on Feb 5th in Costa Mesa. Will be sending us some documents to fill out about basic campus needs. Going to put up all the presentations for basic needs and lobbying efforts on Box probably.

### **EVP Update**

Gov Newsom appointed new board member of regents without convening advisory board. The Council of Presidents has come up with a letter during transitional meeting to say hey dude this isn't cool. There is some talk of litigating this.

We should write a letter. Someone will send out information about the merger, and Ritu will share the letter. The GSA will have an electronic vote. If we need full GSA to vote on this, then

we can do that at the special election. Suggested that we should put this information somewhere in a box folder or Google Drive folder so Delegate Assembly can view this.

### **Shuttle Service**

The GSA should recognize the people who helped out with the driving for international students (pick up and drop off service). Certificate! We should send announcement of certificate to the general body, with information for keeping this up in the next few years.

The long survey should go to the survey committee, but short one is okay to send out on the listserv.

Would like to talk more about shuttle service process, want to have a smooth start, want to meet with grad div and international affairs to set up next year's transition. If we plan it early enough (early spring), then maybe people can get their flights on those days instead of working backwards. Starting early would be great. Hard for grad div staff because they have the GROW week going, so having GSA do this could be really helpful.

Is it possible to do this for out of state too? Domestic students probably have a better sense of how to navigate.

### **Tuition and Payments**

Cohort based tuition for master's students might be disastrous - lots of terminal master's programs don't receive funding from UC or Grad Div, they have to pay. Increases for these students could be very problematic. This will disproportionately impact master's students.

Free public college tuition: Ritu: see if there are some ways for international master's students funding - if there are any ways to waive residency requirements.

Zatz said this isn't possible. Most masters programs are 1 year here. Because it's such a small amount of time - they aren't eligible for fee remission.

Fall 2020 bi-monthly payments for TA and GSR positions instead of monthly.

There were previous troubles with SSHA for getting payments to students on time. Jeff is on top of this. They've hired people to check in with every school and make sure that everyone is being paid on time and paid correctly. It's the school's responsibility to pay but Grad Div needs to make sure that they are doing this.

## **Chancellor Town Hall Meetings**

Luanna Putney email: if the town hall meetings with Chancellor should be recorded or not. UCOP said that all sessions need to be all recorded or all not recorded. Brandon and Ritu don't want to have these meetings recorded because it may make students feel unsafe when voicing issues and concerns (mainly undocumented students or students with protected status)

This is for Oct. 2nd town hall meetings. They say that they will livestream the sessions. This will be for the community. But should it be recorded for future reference? It would be good to record because some students might have schedule conflicts. Since it's already being recorded, we just let people know it'll be recorded and livestreamed, so students know walking in.

Mostly everyone is saying yes to recording. Will email comments to Luanna.

## **Committee Appointment Requests**

Committee for campus fee referendum and police advisory board. We will forward all of these to Matt.

Matt will send out an announcement for these committees.

Maria: are they looking for someone for the GSA or just a grad student? Matt will follow up and ask.

## **GSA Logistics**

It was suggested that the GSA make a Slack channel for the EC and DA. Alex will make this channel.

There are many scheduling conflicts with EC closed portion and open portion meetings this semester - deans having issues scheduling for these meetings as well. Ritu made note of those who have scheduling conflicts and will send out new doodle poll for better times to accommodate the schedule. Later, will be sending out meeting information for changing meeting times.

Alex will set up Box folder for EC and DA

Since we have an excess in the budget, send out poll to graduate students to see what kinds of activities they would like to do this year.