

GSA Meeting Notes 8/29/2019

Notetaker: Alexandria Pabst

Open meeting: Charles Nies, Ahmed, delegate members from Psych sciences, physics, and public health attending, Maria, Ritu, Shayna, Alex, Joseph, Feng, Matt

Ritu moderating meeting:

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

EVP update: Gov Newsom appointed new board member of regents without convening advisory board

- 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. Ritu can copy this. I will send out information about the merger. Ritu will share the letter. Have electronic vote. If we need full GSA to vote on this, then we can do that at the special election.

- we should put this information somewhere in a box folder or google drive folder so delegate assembly can view this.

- We 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.

Ritu: Will be sending out meeting information for changing

Alex will set up box folder for EC and DA

Treasurer update: 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?)

IVP Update: Vicky went last year to lobbying days last year - need to be nominated. Advocate for different issues - ask Grad div about who they're nominating this year and when they plan on going

Cohort based tuition for masters students might be disastrous - lots of terminal masters 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 masters students.

Free public college tuition: Ritu: see if there are some ways for international masters 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

- previous troubles with SSHA for getting payments to students on time
-Dean comment: 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 needed to make sure that they are actually doing this.

Presidents update: 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 the box probably.

Luanna Putney email: if the town hall meetings with Chancellor should be recorded or not. UCOP said that all sessions need to be recorded or all not recorded. Concerns about this - 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)

-are the bios publicized?
- 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?
- 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.
- most 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.

- are they looking for someone for the GSA or just a grad student?

Matt will follow up and ask.

- should we make a slack for EC and DA?

- Sure!

Alex will make this channel

Ahmed: Meeting for union on campus, will be attending this meeting, Joseph will be attending this meeting.

Issues with schedule for EC closed portion meetings and open portion meetings this semester

- deans having issues scheduling for this meeting as well

Ritu made note of people with scheduling conflicts

- Will send out new doodle poll for better times to accommodate the schedule.

- 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.

Zatz: 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.

Zatz: If we plan it early enough (early spring), then maybe people can get their flights on those days instead of working backwards.

- could maybe do this for out of state too?

Zatz: Domestic students probably have a better sense of how to navigate. 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.