

GSA EC Meeting 7/13/20

In attendance: Shayna, Larisa, Taylor, Carlisha, Dr Berhe, Dean Kello

2:00—Introductions of GSA Officers and guests, explaining the new role of Dr Berhe and introduction of Dean Kello's new positionality

2:05 Larisa—Discussed with Maria Ramirez how Charles Nies was aiming to discuss with additional mental health services for graduate students aside from CAPS.

Shayna explained that these conversations were likely put on hold because of COVID

Dean Kello—Wants to make sure that Maria Nishanian, the Academic Counselor, should be included in this conversation because she likely has more information as well as the Live Health Online resource

Dr Berhe—mentioned that there is an interruption in in-person services due to health services move, there may be separate entrances

2:10 Carlisha – event calendar

No in person events or picking up items events for safety because of COVID

Recurring support workshops for first years as well as international students

Workshops related to professional development, such as teaching workshop at the beginning of September, workshops normally on Tuesdays

Writing spaces on Wednesdays via Zoom

Thursdays are the more fun and social / engaging events such as JackBox, Arts and Crafts etc Pumpkin Carving

Berhe—Are these events all put on by grad students themselves? She offered to help us connect to faculty who can help facilitate

Kello—CETL is going to have an online set of 3 workshops (including one on technology and one on pedagogy) in the end of July

Berhe—Going to connect with Carlisha about doing some of these in collaboration with the professional development workshop; PD class may be on Friday and will still be open to others not enrolled in the class. Willing to host two sessions or record sessions in order to make it accessible

Kello—Suggested to reach out to Jenn Quiralte and Cassie Gunther about potential collaborations

Shayna—thinking about Netflix, Netflix party can only be used by those with Netflix accounts, there are other potential platforms such as movies.ucmerced.edu; Discussion about checking in about budget with Cassie and figuring out how to find and pay people internally for things like Yoga and Zumba, it may be helpful to connect with Rec Center about this because it takes a long time for payment. We can potentially collaborate with Jenn Quiralte to help with money.

2:32 Delegate Assembly Update—Jordan via Shayna

DA votes on changes to Bylaws, Jordan is creating a group to address changes to the Bylaws, interested in one or two EC members to join

We need an election commissioner for the Fall election, which then will be approved by the DA, so we likely need to work on this by the end of the month. Next meeting hopefully we can have Tawana present and discuss election and process in more detail

2:35 Logo –Jordan via Shayna

Jordan is creating a new logo and they have been approved by marketing but wants our input on what we like best, main differences concern the weight of the bordering text (bold or regular). We like it when they are consistent font weight, it seems.

Berhe had the comment of making sure to check how it looks printed

2:42 Election –Shayna

In the previous election process, we would get the list of candidates to Tawana and she would input everything. We are trying to change the protocol to ensure that the election committee will do what they are supposed to do such as making a ballot and advertising. Tawana would still be involved in taking in nominees and contacting the nominees for acceptance. Election commission will make the ballot, Tawana will double check, and then the Election Commission will send out the ballot and everything will be done electronically.

If anyone has anything to add to discussing with Tawana, contact Shayna.

2:45 Legislative Affairs Officer—Shayna

Other UC's split the External Affairs position similarly and it is too much work for one person to do effectively. Shayna met with Alex and they discussed how these two offices could be divided External VP will focus on policy in UC system whereas Legislative Affairs will focus on state and federal issues.

One shift that needs to happen regardless is that we no longer participate in UCSA and instead only participate in UCGPC.

One change is that the LAO would be tasked with looking at local issues and also involved in voter registration. Taylor brought up concern of looking at if all people are able to participate in voter registration.

Kello--Cori Lucero is the government relations person for the university and a good potential contact

Adjourned at 3:03