GSA Delegate Assembly Meeting Minutes

August 12th, 2021

2:00-3:00pm

Zoom

Members in attendance:

* Aislinn Beam (IVP)
* Andrew Proulx (Cognitive & Information Sciences)
* Deepika Gunasekaran (Quantitative & Systems Biology)
* Deseret Weeks (Management of Complex Systems)
* Devika Sudha (Physics)
* Eddie Lucero (Political Science)
* Jay Colond (Sociology)
* Maryam Khazaei (Electrical Engineering and Computer Science)
* Saima Sumaiya (Mechanical Engineering)
* Tyrome Sweet (Quantitative Systems Biology)
* Yulissa Perez Rojas (Environmental Systems)

Opening remarks and reminder of DA chair

* Chair will be decided beginning of fall
	+ You can either self-nominate or nominate another delegate for this position
* If would like more information please contact either:
	+ Benny, the prior IVP who helped structure this role last year: bnguyen255@ucmerced.edu
	+ Adam, last year’s DA chair who helped create this role: abinswanger@ucmerced.edu

Department updates

* BSP (Biomedical Sciences and Physics) Building closed, any idea on when opening?
	+ Aislinn will bring up to EC
* TAs unsure of hybrid/being in person versus being online
	+ Support for TAs having to do both?
		- From the most recent email it appears that virtual options will not be given
	+ Aislinn will bring up to EC

Reminder about opportunities to get involved

* Opportunity to help restructure budget with our treasurer Sarah Downs
	+ sdowns@ucmerced.edu
* Other opportunities will likely come up as the semester starts

Need to start scheduling our monthly meetings

* Please fill out the poll with the times you are usually free, as this will be reoccurring each month
	+ <https://www.when2meet.com/?12451967-joUcS>
* Please have this form completed by Thursday, August 19th
* Discussion of if we will meet in person or online
	+ If in person, will require masks
	+ A form will be sent out for everyone to vote on this issue

Other questions/concerns

* Social events
	+ Can we hold them this year?
	+ Sounds like we can, but not clear how to register these events/get them approved
	+ Can try room reservation system to reserve rooms for these events
		- <https://rooms.ucmerced.edu/>
		- But might need additional approvals due to the restrictions