GSA EC Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2022

5:00 pm - 6:00pm PST

Zoom

This meeting was moderated by GSA President Violet Barton. Minutes of the meeting have been prepared by GSA Internal Communications, Benny Nguyen.

**Members of Executive Council in Attendance**

* Violet Barton (President)
* Benny Nguyen (Internal Communications Officer)
* Edgar Perez-Lopez (Undocumented Affairs Officer)
* Sarah Downs (Treasurer)
* Aislinn Beam (Internal Vice President)
* Betsabel Chicana Romero (Legislative Affiars Officer)
* Arya Rajan (International Affairs Officer)

**Updates**

Delegate Assembly

* 10 votes in for both the Graduate R&R, and approving the Election Commission

Election

* Met and spoke with 3rd party who’ll oversee the majority of election
* We primarily manage the timeline (see: Email) and advertising
* Need official language regarding the referendum
  + Note: This is the 3rd year this referendum has been up for vote; is this persistence acceptable?
  + Relatedly, this is the 2nd year in which the Graduate R&R are under revision

Library Exhibits

* 6 Exhibits up and running!
* Violet sent out relevant links and flyers to advertise
* Will gift giftcards to these students

Podcast

* Interview w/ GRADSLAM Winner (Interviewer: Edgar)
* Sarah needs names of interviewees

Dr. Pena’s Talk

* Wednesday, April. 27th, 12-1PM over Zoom
* Reserve a room to show the talk

Time Capsule

* Meeting with Librarian at 9AM

Food Event

* Destina’s been working on it
* Please send any suggestions about food, what should be advertised/focused, etc. to Destina
* A Pub event tied to our GSA General Meeting

Student Regent Selection

* Violet sat on 1st round of application
* Not a lot of Merced representation

President Drake Meeting

* Climate & Sustainability is major focus/goal
  + Looking for GSA representation for a meeting (Violet will send)
* Received money for fitness programming
* Time to Degree, especially in the pandemic
  + Especially in the humanities and for students who have been in the program for longer (finding financial support for these students)
* Will follow-up (via Email) on the following items:
  + Safeguards for bullying and harassment and academic abuse
  + Progressive mentorship among students; Students feel mentoring is unadequate

GSA Retreat/Meeting + Appreciation

* Want to meet, to meet one another
* Perhaps a transitional meeting
* Violet has asked Dean Kello for Certificates of Appreciation
  + Stipends are in the talks

UCGPC:

* Benny will proxy for May meeting, May 8th
* Need a proxy for Student Regent interviews (Full day event), May 7th
* See Betsabel’s email for notes on the April Meeting

Misc

* Many gas cards leftover, still can request! Else the money will be sent back
* 50 PhD graduating, the graduate population expected to grow
* Dean Zatz is sitting on committee to find a permanent Dean of Graduate Students (to replace Interim Dean Chris Kello)

Action Items For Everyone

* Send Azin/Upload to Box a video explaining your Office/role
* Work on Officer Handbooks
* Nominate Peers for next year’s GSA EC
* Tell your friends about the next General Assembly Meeting! 😊

**Meeting adjourned at 5:53 PM**

**Next (last) General Assembly Meeting, April, 26th, 4 – 5 PM via Zoom**

**Next EC meeting Tuesday, May 3rd, 5 – 6 PM via Zoom**