

Assembly meeting: January 5, 2010

- I. Approval of minutes from December meeting: approved by consensus
- II. Approval of agenda: approved by consensus
- III. Graduate Division: Christian Villasenor
 - a. 01-06-2010 is the deadline to apply for one of two peer advisor positions through GradDiv (academic peer and funding peer); peer advisor position pays \$15/hr, working 20 hrs per week; includes partial fee remission; need to have completed one year at UCSB; currently posted on Gaucholink and Career Services web site
- IV. GSA advisor: Britt Andreatta: Swine flu is still a concern on campus; as teaching assistants, graduate students can't require their undergraduate students to provide documentation of the flu; also, graduate students should be sensitive to undergraduates getting into classes and the stress this may be causing them
- V. Officer reports
 - a. President (Reginald Archer): There are opportunities to become involved in GSA. Think about running for one of seven GSA executive positions (see www.ucsbgsa.org for descriptions of what each officer does); also, in the future there will be opportunities for non-paid, volunteer committees that help officers
 - b. VP Student Affairs (Aimee Woznick): GSHIP Committee still needs two graduate student representatives; first meeting is January 22, at student health; four other GSHIP meetings will take place over the next two quarters
 - c. VP Budget (Rachel Harris): There will be changes to travel grants process starting in February; a short memo describing the changes will be on the GSA web site before the February Assembly meeting
 - d. VP External (Adam Truxler):
 - i. UCSA: UCSA will be voting on 3 resolutions 1) A resolution in support of UAW represent postdoctoral scholars; 2) support for March Day of Action (March 22); 3) support for a photo-video blog (californiacuts.org);
 - ii. Graduate Student Health Insurance Plan: Adam will be holding a town hall meeting on January 27 (more info to follow, 1-2 hrs) on the plan to have a systemwide GSHIP.
- VI. Campus Elections
 - a. At the Dec. 1 meeting, the GSA Assembly discussed four ballot initiatives for fee increases. At the January 5, 2010 meeting two representatives for ballot initiatives asked to have the ballot initiatives approved for placement on the Spring 2010 ballot.
 - b. Career Services Ballot Initiative: A \$5.55 fee (\$4.12 goes to Career Services, \$1.39 is for return to aid, and \$0.04 is for administrative tax). The fee will allow

continued open access to Career Services, including jobs, internships, counseling, career information, and connections to employers. It also supports specialty counseling for graduate students. The Assembly voted 33-1 to put the initiative on the spring ballot.

- c. UCSB Green Campus Net Zero Ballot Initiative: \$1.35 fee (including summer). (\$1.00 goes to Student Affairs, \$0.35 is for return to aid, and \$0.01 is for administrative tax). The fee will provide funding for the Student Affairs Net Zero campaign which aims to reduce division wide energy use through building energy efficiency retrofits and on-site renewable energy sources.
****Undergrads are being asked to pay \$6.07 for this fee. The Campus Elections Commission committee will be discussing whether or not undergrads and grads can be charged different amounts for the same purpose as this has never been done before. The Assembly voted 27-6 to put the initiative on the spring ballot.

VII. Co-sponsorships

- a. The GSA Assembly voted to co-sponsor New Sexualities Research Focus Group's writing retreat and conference at \$100.
- b. The GSA Assembly voted to table co-sponsorship for the Native American Indigenous Study Group Workshop.

VIII. Announcements

- a. Interdisciplinary Humanities Center: Future of the University, Equity and Access, January 21, 4 pm McCune Conference Room
- b. PUEBLO – local nonprofit in SB, focuses on immigrants and immigrant rights, Thursday, 8 pm, Chicano Latino Room, Student Resources Building
- c. Bagel Hour, 8:30-10:30 a.m., 1-06-2010 at GSA Lounge
- d. Happy Hour, 5-7 p.m., 1-08-2010 at Sharkeez
- e. Application for student regent is available. For more information, go to <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/regents/app11.pdf>.