Graduate Students Association (GSA)

Assembly Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 6

Pre-meeting:

5:00 Reception and Food

5:30 Empower your Department GSA

1. Mary McMahon- Make your goal to finish.

2. Joanie (Dean of Students)- Try to enjoy the whole process of being a graduate student.

3. George Per nstean (Vice chancellor of administrative services)- For next year, be forceful but not obnoxious.

4. Yolanda Garcia (Student Affairs)- " Remember why you started" when you feel like quitting

5. Betty Huff (Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs) - (registrar's office and financial aid) try to get through the bureaucracy. Go ask the person whenever in doubt about the answers to your questions.

6. John Moor (Associate Dean at Graduate Division)- (takes care of acceptance issues, monitoring the progress of your degree, trying to diversify campus) Follow your intuition on your research projects.

7. Jean Lucas (Chief Academic Officer)- Enjoy your time in being a graduate student. It's the only time in your life that you get to focus on one thing.

8. Kevin McCauley (Assistant to the Vice Chancellor)- Please don't hesitate to contact me.

9. D on Daves-Rougeaux (Director of Associated Students)- We have many opportunities for both graduate and undergraduate forces to collaborate.

10. Beverly Lewis (Registrar)- Please support you new electronic grading system.

11. Deborah Scott (Director of Student Information and Technology)- More to come in the meeting: Information Technology graduate student feedback handout.

12. Carolyn Bufford- Remember what a great asset you are to this community especially with the undergraduates. I encourage you all to step up and help these executive officers.

5:45 New Officer Forum for Elections

Purpose of this is to introduce you to the new officers running for next year.

1. **President-** Erin Malony. Dpt of communication. Efficiency, democracy
2. **VP Internal Affairs-** Troy Baker. Dpt of Materials and Engineering.
3. **VP Finance and Budget-** Alexis Philipy.
4. **VP Communications -** Carlos Nash.
5. **VP Academic Affairs -** Corin Holly. Dpt of Anthropology.
6. **VP External Affairs-** Christine Sheer.
7. **VP Graduate Student Affairs-** Karen.

Tips on being an empowered graduate student:

1. **create a network of friends**
2. **build your department of GSA (Alexis can help)**
3. **get involved by being on a committee, being a representative**

Meeting start: 6:20 p.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Russ-=move to adjust agenda. For Erin Poland to talk about the conference she attended perhaps around the announcements

Ed second

1. **Approval of minutes from March meeting**

Motion to approve- Corin

Karen second

1. **Officer Reports: (Appendix 1)**

Alexis- Stats on how it's going.

Russell- Have some art to put on the walls. Bagel hours are on again on Wednesdays from 9 to 11. Mugs are on sale $3.00.

Sarah- Human subject information session on April 13 6-8 p.m.

Allison- Rally went great.

Nadia- We are now virus and worm free. I am stepping down and I'm hoping someone can replace me.

Ed- Passing out survey results.

1. **Announcements**

1. **Graduate Division**

Already made announcements

1. **Student Affairs**

Already made announcements

1. **Information Technology-Deborah Scott**

Passed out a handout. Goal was to make final suggestions to submit to the Information Technology subcommittee. Have come up with the following things to deal with: finance and invest on updated technologies, security issues, performance and culture issue. Check handout for the results found possible strategies. Please fill out a suggestion packet and return to the GSA front desk throughout the month of April. Scott-d@sa.ucsb.edu.

1. **Erin Poland**

Conference that meets three times a year (UCLBTIA). UC-wide. Was held in UC San Diego. Attended steering committee meetings and workshops.(Attuclbtia.org for the minutes.) we do 15-20 programs per quarter here at UCSB. If you want any types of notes about any of the meetings that I went to please see me. There were some difficulties with the conference.. She and Russell will be doing a workshop later on in the quarter. Passed around the workshop guide. x5847 rcsgd@sa.ucsb.edu

1. **Action Items:**

1. **Election**

1. **Officer Nominations**

Motion to make Carlos temporary VP Comm.-Ed

Approve-Matt Allen

all approved.

1. **Ballot Measures (Appendix III)**

1. **Broida Bike Path**

Refer to agenda for any revisions and clarifications.

Motion to put this language on the ballot- Karen

Second-Matt Allen

all approved

1. **MTD**

Motion-Liberty

Second- Korin

1. **Bylaw Changes (Appendix IV)**

Motion- Jessie

Second- Marta Wilkinson

All approved

1. **Information Items:**

1. **Award Nominations**

Thursday May 13 at 4 pm at the MCC theatre with a reception here at the GSA Lounge.

1. **UAW report**

Big annual meeting will be held on April 17 in Berkeley. There will be a party after the meeting. Call 685-3886 for further information. Training session. New union office 6551 Trigo Rd #4 above international food market. Will be posting open drop-in hours. Last Tuesday at very month at 4 pm for the monthly meetings. Are looking for a couch. Elections are coming up for leadership positions (stewards). Keep lines of communications open between head of departments and everyone else.

Matt and Allison are lobbying on April 19 th in Sacramento.

1. **Committee Reports (Appendix V)**

Look at agenda.

1. **Break**

1. **Discussion Item:**

1. **GSHIP Options (Appendix VI)**

Look at handouts. Fees have increased. Price increase has on average, gone up 7% within 10 years. Roy, our broker, passed out some statistics on our insurance coverage and costs. The basic issue is whether we want GSHIP to function more as health insurance or as a healthcare plan. The assembly will be voting on GSHIP at next month's meeting. GSHIP is meeting again this Friday. Straw pole for recommended options: reduce lifetime benefit/condition to $500K-“cool”. Reduce maximum prescription benefit- majority “not cool”. Dentist- majority “cool”. Prescription copay to keep at 20- Majority “not cool”. Out of state ppo-majority “cool”. ER coverage as is- even; explore other options-majority “cool”. Prescription copays-majority “not cool”. Majority-keep the same for deductibles. GSHIP discussion will continue next month, as well as voting on next year's heal insurance plan.

1. **Vox Populi**

Check the MCC for Diversity recruitment event. More to come via the announcement

1. **Adjourn**

Motion

Second