Graduate Students Association (GSA)
Assembly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, 4 May 2004

Meeting start: 6:05 p.m.

I. Pre-Meeting

- Get a proxy if you're not going to be here for October and you can

II. Approval of Agenda

- Agenda for the meeting was approved. Matt Allen moved and Edward Collins seconded. Adopted by unanimously.

III. Approval of Minutes

- Due to change-over in VPCR position, the minutes from the 6 April meeting were not available. A search for the minutes is in progress.

IV. Officer Reports: (Appendix I)

Sarah Kriz (VPAA): May 13 awards ceremony at the MCC at 4 pm. Reception at the GSA lounge afterward.

Jess Barrie (VPGSA): Happy hour this Friday at Q's from 5-7

Alison Borek (VPEA): Please directly called our assembly members and senators about issues that directly affect us. Numbers are on the white board in the GSA lounge. You can use our phones to make the calls. Be aggressive!
Assembly member: Thomas McClintock, (916).445.8873.
Assembly member: Hanna Beth Jackson, (916).319.2035.
Senator: Diane Feinstein, (415).393.0707.
Senator: Barbara Boxer, (916).448.2787.

Alexis Filippini (VPBF): Departmental rebates went in 3 May, as well as committee stipends. Pick them up at OSL or wherever you usually get them.

Carlos M Nash (VPCR): There will be a major overhaul of the GSA web site this summer. Need advice on exactly do you want and need.

Edward Collins (ExPres): Thank you for filling out the survey. We got very good responses.

Matt Andrews (Pres): I'll be talking about funding issues

V. Announcements

1. Graduate Division

Mary: Thank you to all for your participation in the university system.

John: (1) There will be a conference about the fees for 2004-2005 that Cathy Rictor will participate in. They will keep us updated. (2) Grad division fellowships winners will be announced in June. (3) Deadline to get in the commencement program passed. You can still

register. (4) Workshop coming up to discuss the final process of completing grad school. Faculty and grad students who are finishing up will be there.

2. **Student Affairs**
   Caroyln: Will not be here for the awards ceremony but is really happy to have worked with the GSA executives and is looking forward to working with the next round of GSA executive officers.

VI. Action Items

1. **GSHIP**
   Reviewed options on handout. Almost all options were approved by the committee.
   Motion to approve the plan: Edward Collins. Jess Barrie seconded the motion.
   Approve: 27
   Oppose: 6
   Abstentions: 2

2. **Re-open Election (Broida Bike Path)**
   Due to low voter participation, Edward Collins motioned to re-open elections for Broida bike path one week from today. Russell Knight seconded the motion. Approved with one abstention.

VII. Discussion Items

1. Action Agenda Final Reports (Appendix III)

a. **Diversity and Outreach**
   See Appendix
b. **Housing**
   See Appendix
c. **Funding**
   See Appendix

2. Information Items:

a. **Planning Office: Family Student Housing**

b. **UAW report**
   Contact us if you have not received the facts about amount of papers to grade, etc.

c. **Committee Reports (Appendix IV)**
   See Appendix

VIII. Discussion Item

Matthew Allen: Action agenda items for next academic year

- Parking and transportation services
- Funding
- Housing
- Diversity
- West campus bluffs path
- Committee to better maintain the action agenda items
- Make sure to accomplish the action agenda items. Divide executives and make committees to accomplish them.
- Assembly cochairs at the grad divisions

- Should have campus organizations
- Professional development
- GSHIP
- Space for equipment, etc.
- Campus wide elections reform
- Library collections
- Allocation of funds
- Trying to fund funding from outside groups to get funding for non-academic issues
- Investigate where the funding comes from (faculty funding/hiring)

IX. Vox Populi

Undergraduate Representative: West Campus Bluff paths have not been renovated since 1986. In need of a path extension. New path would have a more direct route and extend it. Call for GSA to sign/distribute petitions. Also asked if the executive officers can form a letter to the chancellor.

Matthew Allen: Two items to work on: (1) Training of the new GSA assembly for next year. If you're new, tell me what troubles you've had. If you're older, tell me what has worked for you.
(2) Putting out a newsletter about issues talked about in the agenda items.

X. Adjourn

Edward Collins moved to adjourn. Seconded by Carly Chillmon.

Kindly submitted,
Carlos M Nash (VPCR)

Notetaker: Diana Herrera