<u>Graduate Students Association (GSA)</u>
Assembly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 7th, 2003

1. Approval of Agenda
   Motion to approve the agenda: Edward Collins, Mark Yeary. Motion approved through unanimous consent. Meeting starts at 6:15pm.

2. Roll Call and Introductions
   a. Officers: Matt Andrews, Jess Barrie, Alan Bates, Alison Borek, Russell Knight, Sarah Kriz, Mark Yeary
   b. Past President: Edward Collins
   c. Advisor: Carolyn Buford
   d. Assembly Members
   e. Minutes: Diana Herrera

3. Approval of minutes from April, May and GSHIP meetings
   Motion to approve minutes: Matt Armstrong, Matt Allen. Motion approved through unanimous consent.

4. Officer Reports
   a. VP Graduate Student Affairs (Jess): Looking for better housing. Come to her if you want to be a representative.
   b. VP Academic Affairs (Sarah): Voting member for graduate counselor. Interested in getting more people involved.
   c. VP External Affairs (Alison): UC Student Assoc. Representative. Once a month goes to conferences in UC system to work on agenda items (outreach on diversity, green buildings, voter registration, Prop 54).
   d. VP Internal Affairs (Russell): In charge of lounge and work study employees. Bagel hour for Wednesday! Make yourself at home. Looking to get wireless access center, lounge rentals. Goal for this year: strengthen communication with other groups.
      Open Committees: If anyone is interested in joining comm., student fees, advising chancellor on fee, activities of fees, recommendation of student fees, contact Russell Knight: knight@umail.ucsb.edu
   e. VP Budget & Finance (Alan): Overseeing department refunds and stipends for committee work. Working on the budget for 03-04.
   f. VP Communications & Records (Mark): All about information! Assembly reps: take notes and share them with different people in your department email all officers. If your department hasn't formed own GSA, it's hard to collect your refund! Short-term goals: bulletin board for housing list, revamp the GSA web site.
   g. President (Matt): Main goal is to make sure there are more representatives. Another goal is that reps make more social networks. Make sure to talk to executives.

5. Announcements

a. Graduate Division: Mary McMahon, Academic Affairs.
   Graduate advisors are available. Consult with your department chair. Involve yourself in committees—especially in budget ones!
b. Student Affairs: Carol Hiles
   Beware what happens to grads during Halloween! 100 deputies. 20 mounted units. Lighting on DP to make it more visible. Would like to know about issues concerning grad students: please contact us! http://www.sa.ucsb.edu

6. Information Items
   a. Committee Reports:
      i. General Education Requirements: Jennifer Heinen
         We are in charge of changing the GE requirements: interest in TA shifts, will also decrease class sizes. Program will not be in effect for three years. Contact me with questions or comments.
      ii. Parking and Transportation: Russell Knight.
      iii. Other: Matt Andrews
         If you have questions about BA/RC, billing, or financial aid, ask me.
   b. TA collecting bargaining agreement: UAW, Suzie _____.
      Discussed recent bargaining attempts and illegal actions of UC representatives. We have filed over 64 unfair labor practices against the university. The recent one day unfair labor strike was done at the last minute to show that their bad faith bargaining would not be tolerated. All graduate students are still eligible to join even though you are not a TA.
   c. Initiative Fund Use Report: Multi-Cultural Center

   Motion to move Section 7, Vox Populi after Section 8, Action Items: Edward Collins, Mark Yeary. Motion approved through unanimous consent.

7. Vox Populi

8. Action Items
   a. Officer Elections
      i. VP-Budget and Finance: Sam Fleischman
         Motion to nominate Sam Fleischman for the VP Budget & Finance position: Mathew Allen, Edward Collins.
         Motion to close nominations: Edward Collins, Matthew Armstrong.
         Sam Fleischman elected to VP Budget & Finance position by unanimous vote. Congratulations Sam!

      ii. VP-Communication and Records: Nadia Talhouk
         Motion to nominate Nadia Talhouk for the VP Communications & Records position: Matthew Allen, Edward Collins.
         Motion to close nominations: John Jabagchourian, Sarah Kriz.
         Nadia Talhouk elected to VP Communications & Records position by unanimous vote. Congratulations Nadia!

b. Approval of Committee Appointments (see Appendix IV from agenda)
   Matt: We need to officially appoint these people.
   Motion to appoint new committee reps: Mark Yeary, Matthew Armstrong. Motion approved through unanimous consent.
c. Approval of 2003-2004 Budget (see Appendix V from agenda)
   Alan Bates presented the 2003-2004 budget for approval.
   Assembly member asked why printing/copy budget was increased?
   Alan: Nothing was really done last year. This year, we're doing more outreach, creating flyers and posters and such.
   Motion to approve 2003-2004 budget: Edward Collins, Mark Yeary.
   Motion approved through unanimous consent.
d. Approval of Funding Requests
   i. Computers and Printer for GSA Officers (see Appendix VI from agenda)
      Mark Yeary: we need PCs and a printer! 2 PCs crashed over the summer, and our printer is broken.
      Motion to approve funding for computers and printer for GSA: Elizabeth Shermer, John Jabagchourian. Motion approved through unanimous consent.
   ii. Raagmala
      Concert this Friday. Asking for $300. No graduate students are involved.
   iii. Women and Conflict
      Planned by Graduate students for this weekend. Asking for $300. $10 registration fee.
   iv. Chili cook-off
      Wants to have the second first annual chili cook-off. Asking for $300 and it is $5 to eat. on November 14.

      Motion to fund $300 Raagmala, $300 Women And Conflict, $200 for Chili Cook-off: Matt Armstrong, Russell Knight. Amendment to previous motion: $100 Chili, $200 Women And Conflict, $200 for Raagmala: Jess Barrie. Matt Armstrong accepts amendment.
      Call to question: Russell Knight, John Jabagchourian.
      Voting:
      - For – 7
      - Oppose – 13
      - Abstain – 4

      Motion not approved.

      Motion to vote separately on funding requests: Sarah Kriz, Matt Armstrong.

Motion to fund Women and Conflict for $300: Jeremy Johansen, Matt Armstrong. Motion approved through unanimous consent.

Motion to fund Raagmala for $200: John Jabagchourian, Matt Armstrong.
Voting:
- For – 16
- Opposed – 2
- Abstain – 5

Motion approved.

Motion to fund Chili Cook-off for $100: Matt Armstrong, Sarah Kriz.
Voting:
- For – 10
- Opposed – 4
- Abstain – 8

Motion approved.

v. Other
Matt: We'd like to pay Alan Bates and Mark Yeary for their time.
Motion to compensate Alan Bates for __% of fall quarter salary: Jess Barrie, Sarah Kriz. Motion approved through unanimous consent.
Motion to compensate Mark Yeary for __% of fall quarter salary: motion withdrawn, and compensation to be determined at next assembly meeting.

e. Action Agenda Items (see Appendix VII from agenda)
Motion to table action agenda items: Matt Armstrong, Mark Yeary. Motion approved through unanimous consent.
Mark Yeary recommends that this item be pushed forward in next month's agenda.

9. Vox populi
- Women in science and engineering: Meeting Oct 23 5-630 Lobero at UCen.
- Chevy's Oct 13th 5-9 30 for Gradate School of Education

10. Discussion Items
a. Bylaw Revisions (see Appendix VIII from agenda)
b. Qualify Departmental Payment and Quorum Definitions (see Appendix IX from agenda)

11. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Jess Barrie, Mark Yeary. Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.