Graduate Students' Association
Assembly Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, February 1st , 2005

1. **Approval of Agenda 6:09**
   Motion to approve the agenda: Carlos Nash
   Second: Christine Shearer

2. **Approval of Minutes from January meeting 6:00 (Appendix I)**
   Motion to approve January minutes: Andrew Delton
   Second: Katie DeLeuw

3. **Information Items 6:00**

   a. **Office Reports (Appendix II)**
   Matthew: Elections are approaching, not all the officers are continuing. Everyone should think of the awesome opportunity of being a GSA officer. If interested come see one of the officers. VP of Academic Affairs is definitely open.
   Corine: Thank you to Geology, Art History and Sociology for signing up for department meetings with Dean Lee and Dean Huntley to talk about diversity and climate. This Thurs. is the Sociology crew, Feb. 3rd and they are willing to accept people from other departments. Also, Ann Flores at Grad Division wants help putting together a graduate and professional student appreciation week. If interested see Corinne afterwards.
   Christine: Please fill out the check to petition the governor on fee increases if you are interested. Cumulatively the fee increase is 100%.
   Alexis: Look at the budget in the appendix. Budget is doing well, no problems. Leaving to do research in April, so if anyone wants to get a head start on next year's position come see her. Funding Action item, want to get a tax professional here to talk to everyone. E-mail her specific or general questions you may have.
   Karen: Campus now has a shuttle to pick people up from the train station in Goleta. Bring your own mug to bagel hour.
   Troy: We have WRLS internet in the lounge now. Bought a coffee grinder.
   Carlos: Happy hour next Friday, the 11th at Q's.
   Carolyn: Thanks to the Grad students that came to the leadership conference and to meet the student regent.

   b. **Committee Reports**
   Elizabeth: Americans with Disability Acts. 1) Due to the dangers of bike riders on the sidewalks, the police are increasing enforcement, fine to $120. Skateboarders hurt two Seeing-Eye dogs.
   2) Commission on disabled student. Acts is holding a hearing in the Arbor on the 16th of Feb. 11:45-1:15. People will be standing in the way of bikes and skateboards.

   c. **Committee Vacancies (Appendix III)**
   Matt: Pleases see the appendix. Commencement and awards committees are coming up.

   d. **Effective GSHIP Use (Appendix IV)**
   Matt: Make sure to look at the final copy of the pamphlet
   Allen: We will try to post it on the SH website soon, direct any comments to him.
   Karen: We will also try to put it on the GSA website

   e. **UAW-2865**

f. **Climate Change**
Matt: Take a look at the purple flier on the wall. Summit on the 4th of Feb. 9:30-4 pm.

4. **Action Items 6:15**

a. **Approval of Funding Requests**
1) **Engineers without borders:**
Troy: Funded them last year for $300 to go to Peru. Have projects in underdeveloped communities to help build sewer systems in Thailand. Anyone can do it, but mostly are students in Materials Engineering.
Alexis: We have plenty of money for all these co-sponsorships.
Motion to approve: Troy Baker
Second: Katie DeLeuw
Approved: 28
Opposed: 0
Abstention: 0

2) **Graduate Student Research Symposium**
Joey: on April 1st planning a grad student research symposium, an interdisciplinary event. If you know friends or colleagues, encourage everyone to come out. Presentations will be 15-20 minutes.
Asking for as much funding as possible to make it a campus wide event. Also open to the UCSB community to spotlight student work. The theme is Topics in Education. Just try to tie your topic into education somehow. We'll send out an e-mail to the reps to tell their department members. Applications are due February the 25th. Please RSVP to reserve your lunch spot. Asking for $300.

Motion to fund: Troy Barker
Second: Jeremy Johansen
For: 27
Abstentions: 3
Opposed: 0

b. **Select Election Committee for 2005 Elections**
Matt: Need to get the ball rolling. Responsibility is to receive nominations, let applicants know they are nominated, run a candidate's forum and publish nominations. Elections are on the 17th, 18th of April. Most of the work is sending out and managing e-mails. Volunteers: Melanie Williams (MCDB), Jeremy, Paul Meyers. Melanie also volunteers to be the chairman of the committee.

c. **Approval of CEC Ballot Items (Appendix V)**
Matt: Look at the appendix to see what the fee increases would be compared to the previous fee, and a brief description of what the fee provides. Don't let the officers' recommendations stop you from discussing it. Two ways to pass an initiative: 1) Go through the associated bodies separately and independently on each ballot. Separate fees for each student body. 2) CEC, allows opportunity for grassroots activities. Collect signatures and get the approval from the GSA. Votes are tallied with both student bodies combined, passes or fails as a whole. Needs 50% to pass, 2/3 to renew. Harder to get rid of a fee once its in place on the CEC ballot.
Allen: If we pass a CEC initiative we have no more control after tonight over the language

1.) Counseling and Career Services Fee. New Fee for continued support for counseling services, job development and career services in general. If it

does not pass, they will lose a few people, more grad students will be referred out, GSHIP pays for it, and we pay more for it through GSHIP. System wide fees used to pay for it but it is not known whether the funding will return, it is somewhat doubtful. There is an increasing need for students.
Motion to put on ballot: Karen Blair
Second: Jeremy Johansen
In Favor: 28
Abstain: 3
Oppose: 1

2.) Children's Center Support Fee. Increase from $3 to $6. See appendix for details.
Allen: The fee was passed in 1991, hasn't increased in 15 years
Motion to put on ballot: Andrew Delton
Second: Corine Holly Musgrove
In Favor: 30
Abstain: 1
Oppose: 0

3.) Recreation Field Enhancement. See appendix for details. GSA recommendation for CEC ballot is to reject it since they don't have their act together. If it goes on the GSA ballot, we can make it contingent on passing on the undergrad CEC.
Allen: Distasteful to have a fee that increases without a vote
Motion to Reject: Troy Baker
Second: Steve Woods
In Favor: 30
O**pposed:** 1
Abstain: 0

4.) SMERF. $0.89. Goes into a pool of money. To cover wholes in GSHIP in a need based system. See Appendix for more details. Supplementing something that already exists.
Motion to Reject: Andrea Thabet
Second: Daisy Pataki
In Favor: 23
Opposed: 3
Abstain: 5

5.) Women's Center Support Fee. See Appendix for Details. Increase to $4.25 from $1.25. Women's center is filling a huge gap in supportive services for students.
Motion to Approve: Katie DeLeuw
Second: Ben Shockey
In Favor: 27
Opposed: 1
Abstain: 2

5. Discussion Items 6:35

d. Arts & Lectures Fee initiative (Appendix VI)
Matt: See Appendix for language of the ballot. The fee is up for renewal.

e. **GSHIP (Appendix VII)**
Allen: In March info about GSHIP is going to be coming fast so look at the glossary so you can understand it better when it comes time to vote. Next GSHIP meeting is on the 11th, we will be hearing bids then.

6. Vox Populi 7:25

Sandra: Check out the website for the Tsunami Relief Task Force let them know if anyone in your department is interested in the events or getting involved.
Edward: Disabled Students Program open house 3-5 pm tomorrow 2/2/05
Carolyn: Patronize the local businesses because many are donating part of their profits to tsunami relief funds.
Liberty: Interdepartmental diversity meeting. Graduate Student Run. Want to make one in each department. The meeting is at 2 pm on Friday Feb. 18th.

7. Adjourn 7:30

Motion to Adjourn: Andrew Delton
Second: Alexis Filippini

Kindly submitted,
Carlos M Nash (VPCR)

Notetakers: Natasja Swartz and Diana Herrera