Graduate Students Association
Assembly Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, April 5, 2005

1. Pre-Meeting: Candidate's Forum
   Matt: Candidate's statements need to be turned in within a week and will be posted for all to see. The election is the 18th to the 21st.

2. Approval of Agenda
   Motion to approve the agenda: Andy
   Second: Ben

3. GSHIP
   Vice Chancellor: Office of the president used to provide all the funding with some grants. The GSHIP plan used to be one million dollars and is now over two million. Reduced funding has lead to lower allocations for graduate affairs. We are having lower graduate student populations due to a variety of reasons. Be aware that a small increase in GSHIP can translate to a large amount of resources being diverted from other areas.
   Allen: Notice the handout and appendix, we will discuss all the items and then vote at the end. Changes: 1B. $20 for 30-day supply, $35 for 60-day supply, $45 for 90-day supply, 2.ab Waiving deductible and secondary insurance for prescriptions that student health doesn't carry and when more than 50 miles away, 3 No change in the deductible, 4a. Increase ambulance allowance to $2000, 5 provide physical therapy on a limited basis over the summer term, 6 no eye care benefits, 7 remove additional $1000 plan benefit enhancement., 8 amend GSHIP to remove certain exclusions.
   Motion to approve the GSHIP plan: April
   Second: Ryan
   In favor: 30
   Oppose: 1
   Abstain: 0

4. Information Items

   a. Officer Reports (Appendix II)
      Matt: Thank you for the e-mail vote for the arts and lecture and smurf initiatives.

      Christine: Lobbying April 26th in Washington D.C. If you are interested in going we have the funds to accommodate some people. Contact me for more info.

      Alexis: Almost out of co-sponsorship money but we have plenty of money in the reserves and the budget is in good shape.

b. Committee Reports
   Matt: None right now
c. Committee Vacancies
   Matt: Not discussed today.
d. UAW-2865
   e. Ellie: this Saturday form 1-4 pm is the annual statewide membership meeting, we need people to come because this fall is when we are renegotiating our contract. We need a lot of support because people are worried about paying for fees and other issues. There will be a barbeque afterwards. April 20th the union will be discussing fee hikes, etc. with the Chancellor. April 20th is also our annual membership meeting. The more people involved with this the better. May 9th is another lobbying day in Sacramento, we have some carpooling and housing funds. In April the other worker unions on campus are renewing and negotiating their contracts. We are invited to join the strike on April 14th, more bodies on the picket line the better.
f. CHO Housing Study
   Rowanne: the survey we talked about is ready to go and is coming out this week to all grad students. We are giving away two $100 gift certificated to the bookstore as incentive. Please encourage all your constituents to participate in the survey.

5. Action Items
   a. Approval of Funding Requests
      i. Tsunami Relief Volleyball Tournament
         not discussed today
      ii. Engineers without Borders
         Matt: This group is traveling to Peru to build latrines and roads for the population. We have talked to them before, this is the second co-sponsorship for this group. They are asking for $300 for legitimate things.
         Motion to fund at $300: Troy
         Second: Andy
         Oppose: 0
      iii. Linguistics Department Field Methods Conference
         Carmen: Anthropology Workshop with students and professors from Rice University. To have a workshop that will allow everyone to present their research. Also having students come from UCLA. The conference is free. Asking for $300.
         Motion to Approve: Ben
         Second: Nathan
         In Favor: All
         Opposed: 0
         Abstain:0
      iv. Raagmala
         The Indian club is having a concert to promote Indian culture and music. We are featuring a Grammy award winner Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt

accompanied by Subhen Chaterjee this Friday April 8th from 7-10 in Lotte Lehman Hall. Asking for $300.
Motion to approve for $200: Ben
Second: Andrea
In Favor: All
Oppose: 0
Abstain: 0

v. Graduate Student Appreciation Week
Matt: We as an executive group gave them $300 for massages.

b. Ballot Language Approval
Matt: I will send out this info in the next few days.

6. Discussion Items
Matt: consider the state of our discretionary funds in our budget. We went over that today but we have reserves. Think about spending for these initiatives.
Allen: I think its appropriate if we vote on every single item.
7. Vox Populi

8. Adjourn
Motion to adjourn: Matt
Second: Troy