Graduate Student Association
Assembly Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, May 3rd , 2005

1. **Approval of Agenda 6:00**

Lounge reservations and computer info structure

Motion to approve agenda:
Second:

2. **Approval of Minutes from February and March meeting 6:00**

Motion to approve minutes:
Second:

3. **Information Items 6:00**

   a. **Officer Reports (Appendix I)**

Corrine: looking for a volunteer to serve in the TA award committee. We meet once next week for an hour and then on your own time you'll have to review some applications. Climate diversity meetings have been going on and they've given me a few more dates in May to meet with the people in charge of them. Charles from Grad Division is leaving so if you want to send him a note thanking him for his work.
Karen: thank you for getting the word out on the housing survey. We want to make them available for everyone. On the San Clemente housing issue: California Coastal Commission was suppose to look at the proposal in May but it looks like they'll be looking at in June.
Christine: Mock graduation to show that there could be many people graduating had it not been for all the tuition increases
Carlos: Last Happy Hour of the year on May 13th at Q's Friday 5-7 PM
Matt: End of the year barbeque will be on May 20th at Tucker's Grove.

   b. **Committee Reports**

Matthew Allen: GSHIP is done.
Carolyn: Activities awards due tomorrow. Applications are found in our website.

   c. **Engineer Without Borders**

Will come next time to give presentation.

   d. **UAW-2865**

Just had their election but we don't know how it turned out.

4. **Action Items 6:20**

   a. **Approval of Funding Requests**

No funding requests.

   b. **Special Officer Elections**

      I. **Vice President-Academic Affairs**

Lamia Usef: from Cairo Egypt…did undergraduate work there. I did a number of academic activity awards as well as technological awards. I feel that background as an international female student will contribute greatly to this position.
For: 29
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

      II. **Vice President-Internal Affairs**

Lawrence: I'm from the history department. I think I'll do a decent job since I'm always at the lounge.
For: 29
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

c. **Approval of New Budget (Appendix II)**

Alexis: I have made some changes to the budget to better allocate the money. Bagel Hour fees have increased since we got more stuff and since Bagel Café has raised their prices. Work study has increased as well. Though it is more than what we have expected, we are not over budget.
Motion to approve: Carlos
Second: Niki
Pass/No pass? : Passed

5. **Discussion Items 6:45**

a. **Legal Resource Center**

We have an arrangement with Resource Center in that we will cover the part of their budget as many graduate students use the resources. They've noticed that less graduate students have been using less of. We want to advertise for this position more but we want to know what everyone has to say about this.
Discussion: we should have at least minimal advertising like putting it up on the website. Matt thinks we should continue to pay them because they are a valuable resource. We could ask for a report from resource center to see the statistics of how many graduate students use this. Copay might make more sense.

b. **Action Items**

I. **Reports for 2004-2005**

Matt/Alexis: funding: facilitate graduate students getting funds. Funding is too broad of an action agenda item. We'll be around next year so that we can work on these things. We did talk with Alumni Association. We developed a professional development so that graduate students can find money for themselves. The gist of this: we know more. Professional development seems more plausible as something to accomplish than just funding in general.

Corinne: I did diversity along with Christine and Carlos. The UC system received an ?NSF grant, thank you to all of you for bringing your departments opinions to the deans. All of the info they gathered was sensitive and private, spent most of the year gathering as many resources as we could to coordinate. We have developed a grad diversity peer that has been produced by the grant. We are also trying to coordinate with the MCC better and they are trying to coordinate diversity training for TAs and committee members. There are a lot of really great resources/organizations that are not supported as much as they could have been. We will try to advertise better on the website and increase awareness of these resources in departments.
Troy: The lounge has been a valuable for diversity organizations because they rent the lounge often.

Karen: Housing has been an agenda item for many years. I don't recommend it being an action agenda item for next year. Campus is in the process for approving the San Clemente Project and scheduled to have 970 beds for grad students, which is one third of all grad students. The project itself will provide housing for undergrads, grads, staff and faculty to help keep and attract people to the school. The survey helped a lot because we now have factual and not just anecdotal data to aid in finding housing. A lot of communication has occurred and we have definitely increased awareness around campus.

c. **Lounge reservations and computer info structure**

Matt: Wee need to spend some money renovating the lounge over the summer. We need two more computers for officers. Not a big expense through dell. We need to buy a new big router. Possibly providing one or two computers for the use of students in the lounge. Possibly fix the wall over on the side. And other general stuff to make the lounge nicer.

I. Recommendations for 2005-2006

1. Interdisciplinary professional development
2. Graduate Community: Promoting a community outside the departments and increasing the awareness of all the resources available to grad students.
3. Focus Diversity Issue: Being a resource for organizations and students for the diverse community. Facilitate sensitivity training and awareness. Possibly focusing on faculty and the academic senate. People just don't know how to deal with it. Need to open up the definition of diversity. Need to collect data on retention and need to focus on international students.

Matt: We will approve this at the first assembly meeting next year.

6. Vox Populi 7:05

7. Adjourn 7:10

Motion to Adjourn:
Second: