Graduate Students' Association
Assembly Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, January 11th, 2005

1. **Approval of Agenda (6:00 P.M.)**

   Motion to approve the minutes: Carlos Nash
   Second: Andy

2. **Approval of Minutes from November and December meeting (6:00 P.M.) (Appendices I and II)**

   Motion to approve minutes from November and December: Tanya
   Second: Andy

3. **Information Items (6:00 P.M.)**

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

   Matthew: Chancellor will be forming a Tsunami Task Force. All interested please contact him. Look at website for open spaces in committees.
   Carlos: Happy Hour this Friday at 5.00 p.m. at Q's.
   Troy: GSA Hours are M-R 9-5 and F closed. Bagel Hour is the same day/time.
   Karen: Campus Housing. Online application Feb 1st-15th
   Corine: Dean and Associate Dean meeting: Thursdays 12-1 pm. in Associated Students. If interested there is sign up sheet at the front desk or email at vp-academic-affairs@gsa.ucsb.edu.
   Christine: Interested in lobbying Feb 6th Saturday and Sunday at UC Davis. That Monday we will be lobbying in Sacramento. Email at vp-external-affairs@gsa.ucsb.edu.
   Carolyn: look at flyer for UC Student Regent. January 31st there will be a meeting. Student USHIP process: workshop on dissertation support and nonacademic careers

   b. **Committee Reports (Appendix IV)**

   c. **UAW-2865**

   Susie: Membership meeting at noon tomorrow at the bagel shop. April 9th or 10th will be the annual membershiop meeting wich is required by the by-laws. Two sets of elections, one is coming up soon to fill holes and then in may all positions are open for new leadership. People need to step up now so we can train people for March negotiations next year.

   d. **GSHIP Menu Potion Suggestions (Appendix V)**

   Karen: Page in appendix that summarizes comments on GSHIP.

   Allen: GSHIP committee member. GSHIP is mandatory plan or need to have comparable insurance. GSA and SH has the ability to negotiate the GSHIP package every year. At this time of year we are looking for comments on changes in the plan. There are holes. Due to increasing health costs deductibles and prescription co-pays have been increased. Decreased % paid by insurance. Added dental plan and made improvements to mental care. Getting ready to go get bids for new plan from companies. Expecting about a 10% increase.

4. **Action Items (6:15 P.M.)**

   a. **Approval of Funding Requests**

      I. **Native American Indigenous Study Group Conference**

      Carlos: In Linguistics department. Every year they have a conference in April/May to present papers on indigenous languages of the Americas. They are asking for $300. Budget is $2350. Requested funding from Linguistics department (they've been approved to get money from them). Majority of participants are graduate students.
      Motion to fund: Troy
      Second: Corrine
      For: 30
      Against: 0
      Abstain: 2

      II. **Language, Interaction and Social Organization Conference**

      Jennifer G- Language interaction and social organization conference in the spring. Graduate student run. Goal to interact with those interested in this field. Thurs-Sat. Requesting $300
      Motion: Carlos
      Second: Andy
      For: 26
      Against: 0
      Abstain: 2

5. **Discussion Items (6:35 P.M.)**

   a. **Arts & Lectures Fee GSA Ballot Item**

      Roman from Arts and Lectures: Renewal of fee passed two years ago. $2 per quarter. 85% was in favor last time. Need to get enough grad students to vote. Dependent on undergrad and grad student support. Need this approval to maintain student discounts and do more free events.

      Matt: We will discuss this further next month, and vote in 2 months.

   b. **CEC Presentations**

      I. **Women's Center**

      Dee Acker: does rape prevention, sexual harassment programs, counseling, few people on campus helping students with these issues. Access to library. Ask for $2.50 increase, previous fee was $1.75, in the fee because the center for sexual and gender diversity needs an assistant director. Also would go to rape prevention program. Eventually want to provide child care grants for graduate students.

      Jessica Humphrey: Provides grad students opportunity to present the research. Gives the chance to do something meaningful for research and reach out to the community. Opportunity for proffessionalization.

Russ Cameron: Resource center for gender and sexual diversity offers school, social space and safety. School: library that the Davidson doesn't have and safe space to read queer issues. DVDs and videos. Social Space: to network with fellow students and professors. Queer orientated classes. Difficult for queer identified people to socialize in SB, this is a unique space for this. Safety: SB is small town, this safe space is needed.

Stephanie Stalin: New student and the center was a reason she came here. Fee is desperately needed for further TA training.

Carl: provides internship opportunities that allows you to be a leader and talk about issues surrounding rape prevention. Funded by women's center. Advocacy for survivors of sexual assault.

Matt: Vote next month.

II. Children's Center

Leslie: email her with any questions you have.

III. Counseling & Career Services

Dennis: with budget cuts (380 000) we have had to provides less counseling and career services. Hire a halft time person to work closely with grad students and get employers to come to campus to interact closely with students. Asking for $5.85 per quarter. To replace old services that have been lost and keep present services. Will loose 2 counselors and 2 psychologists if situation is not fixed.

IV. SMERF

Shawn: Student Medical Emergency Relief Fund. Initiative that could not get passed. Made in 1991 to help students in desperate need (medical emergency). Insurance plans are not sufficient for many students. All volunteer based. GSHIP does not cover: deductible and copays can be steep, physical therapy, dental and eye care. $0.89 lock in fee. Would generate over $65,000 a year. Through the intramural office. Everyone is eligible. contact Paul Lee for further questions.

6. Vox Populi (7:25 P.M.)

Daisy: Transpo needs to stop counting hours after 5 for G permits at least.

7. Adjourn (7:30 P.M.)

Motion to Adjourn: Matt Edwards
Second: Sean

Kindly submitted,
Carlos M Nash (VPCR)

Notetaker: Diana Herrera