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

Pre Meeting: Becky Cohn-Graduate student living opportunities in I.V.

Becky Cohn was unable to come. See Karen's flier for details.
Adding to the Agenda:

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

   Motion to approve Agenda: Christine
   Objections: none

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

   Motion to approve minutes from February meeting: Tonya
   Objections: none

3. **Information Items 6:00**

   a. **Officer Reports (Appendix 1)**

Matt: Elections are coming up. Please email officers so that they may explain their positions. We want you! I want someone who disagrees with me about any of the budget items to contact me and discuss these items.

Corrine: Tonight we will be open up nominations for TA awards. We will have a stack of nominations forms at the front desk tomorrow and will send out forms via email. Qualifications are from spring of last qtr up until this past winter quarter including summer qtr. You can be nominated up until April 8. Awards meeting will be on our last GSA meeting June 5th. We need 3 people to be in a committee for teaching assistant and 3 people for teaching. I can also talk about any emotional issues graduate students may come across. We do care!

Christine: Thank you for signing debt checks.

Karen: Student housing committee: proposing to say something in the application like "Have you been convicted of a sexual offense?" If so, they hope to counsel the applicant to see what would happen if they were to move into the student family housing.

Alexis: I still need someone to take my position. I will be getting back to you via email. In the beginning of the year we did mention "funny accounts". We now are putting into other accounts. To see where the money was moved

Carlos: This Friday Q's Happy Hour 5-7 PM

Troy: Office hours are during Bagel Hour, Wednesday s 9-11. Please talk to me if you have any questions about any of the officer positions;

Carolyn: university awards. On the Office of Student Life webpage you can nominate undergraduate students for achievements outside the Activities award is applicable to Graduate students.

Terri: Dissertation funding April 1st is the deadline. Click on our Graduate Division webpage. Commencement ceremony is on June 12th at 4 PM

b. Committee Reports (Appendix II)

c. Committee Vacancies

Matt: Check appendix.

d. UAW-2865

e. CITS Plagiarism Study

Kevin: looking at the impact of technology in society. Trying to make a software so that we can see whether students are plagiarizing or not via internet. This week will have an article in the Santa Barbara News Press concerning this issue. Open presentation this Friday at noon at the trailer 932 close to library. We are interested in student feedback. We will have a website rollout tomorrow. almeroth@cs.ucsb.edu www.cits.ucsb.edu/pair for information

4. Action Items 6:25

a. Approval of Funding Requests

i. Tsunami Relief Volleyball Tournament

Motion to table for April: Troy
Second: Andy

ii. CHO Housing Study

Karen: It seems that the hardest part of housing is how to get informative information to first year graduate students. We have made a survey to ask you about your experiences. Survey is going to be online. On campus survey will be 1200. We are asking CHO and GSA to split the cost. It could be a discretionary fund from our funding.

Alexis: We can handle the expense. I suggest we create a discretionary line item for one time expenses like this.

Matt: let Alexis know if you approve or disapprove.

Motion to Approve: Troy
Second: Susan
For: 30
Against: 1
Abstain: 3

b. Arts & Lectures Fee initiative (Appendix III)

Matt: We will do this over e-mail because we don't have quorum, want to renew the $2 fee that goes to support student discounts on arts and fees events.

c. Approval of GSA Election Dates

Troy: 18th to the 21st of April is the AS election, we should align ours with theirs. Next meeting will be the officer's forum.

Motion to Approve: Tanya
Second: Ben
For:34
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

d. Approval of GSHIP Carrier

Allen: Do not show this information outside this room, return the handouts entailing the menu. Got bids from 4 out of 8 companies. They are all very highly rated companies. 2 bids were not competitive. Blue Cross was a decent bid but would be a drastic alteration in the way that we do things. New proposal only raises the current cost by a few percent

Motion to Approve: Troy
Second: Jeremy
For: 34
Against: 0
Abstain: 1

5. **Discussion Items 6:45**

a. **Student Medical Emergency Relief Fund (SMERF) (Appendix IV)**

Matt: The real discussion is whether to put this dollar into GSHIP, or to use it for this organization. We also would change the length to 2 years and require a report at the end to know whether or not it is effective, also require one grad student to be on the committee.

Sean: If there will be enough money: it is an all volunteer based committee that would delegate funds. We might consider adding at least one grad student to the committee. The money will be given on a need based system. There isn't a lot of money to give but it can help. Many people are referred by their doctors.

Table to April

b. **Recreation Fields Enhancement Initiative (Appendix V)**

Matt: They put this on the CEC ballot at the last minute, we never approved it on the ballot and they didn't come to talk to us. Not constitutionally on the ballot so we should table it so that it never gets there.

Motion to Table April: Troy

Second: Corinne

c. **GSHIP Menu Options**

Allen: Don't necessarily want to change the plane these are just options to consider. We will release this information next month for further discussion. We will give recommendations, as will the officers, on what to change at the nest meeting. We are looking at physical therapy open during part of the summer. Also looking into a vision plan with student health, not through GSHIP.

6. **Vox Populi 7:25**

Jeremy: The Commission on Disability Acts is putting on a movie night in the Santa Rosa Formal Lounge on March 5th

Karen: I was confused where G permits are allowed to park. They put a map highlighted with pink so we know where to park. It is on the map website.

7. **Adjourn 7:30**

Motion to Adjourn: Corinne

Second: Tanya