ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES

UCSB GSA ASSEMBLY
Tuesday, December 2, 2008
6-7:30 p.m. GSA Lounge

Open Meeting Action
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes (November 4, 2008)

Announcements from Graduate Division
Gale Morrison, PhD, Dean of Graduate Division

Best of luck going into late December season. How many have used the new Google calendar. Will be accessible form GSA website soon

New Assistant Dean, **Christian Villasenor**. Feel free to come by and visit him at grad div (Cheadle Hall).

Vox Populi
No current announcements from the floor

GSA Committee Representatives

GSHIP: Will have first meeting in early January. Please have people email comments, concerns, problems etc to gship@gsa.ucsb.edu. We will be discussing how to upgrade and change the plan. We are trying to possibly go to a UC Wide savings plan that may make it easier to use student health across the state. It is a priority of the UCOP and UCSA. It may also be regional as well, but we are working towards negotiations for what the future of GSHIP will look like. By April, we will vote for a new plan.

08-09 Budget
The budget reflects current budget (most up to date). Please voice any concerns to Emily Molina.

Executive Officer Reports
President
Training for new assembly reps: Will occur in January. The meetings are short and set up to familiarize yourself with most of GSA functions, website etc.

Campus Budget: We are still meeting AS and GSA to find out what will happen. A tax on campus based fees of 3-3.5% is proposed to help alleviate budget deficits. Student associations are strongly opposed to this.

November regents meeting: The student's regents worked hard to say that regents would strike any line items that increased the fees, so regents are not supporting student fee increases form proposed budget for 2009-2010 year.

Google calendar: Up and running and available http://graddiv.ucsb.edu/calendar

VP Internal Affairs

The departments of **Math** and **Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Biology** is under program review and Diana needs feedback from students there for the program review committee she sits on.
Email vpinternal@gsa.ucsb.edu.

T.A.P (Transportation Alternatives Program) is hurting financially and is need of a graduate student to help enhance some programs for fundraising.

VP Communications & Records

We are still looking for a few people to sit on a bylaws review committee: contact vpcommunications@gsa.ucsb.edu

Please sign up for the facebook group:
http://www.facebook.com/groups.php?src=fftb#/group.php?gid=60081360214

We also have set up a grad student social network: http://ucsb-gsa.ning.com/

Conference grant stipend applications are being re-developed and will be available next quarter.

VP Students

P3 forum went well; Stephen thanks Grad Division for all their help.

Ron Andradre, Financial Aid

Discussed financial aid decision for San Clemente residents
Rental allowance was reduced due to low cost
Next year San Clemente will be part of new, published section of financial aid projected costs

Mark Shishim, Wellness Director

Mark has lot of neat ideas and would love to involve grad students; I invited him to speak in January at the meeting and I'll be speaking at an upcoming wellness meeting; Amber, he also wants to contact GSSSN
I have cool new posters for the office
Mark wants to include the bagel hour as a wellness event, aka people can win prizes (from him) for attending

Quarterly Housing Meeting

If any students still have housing issues, etc, please contact Stephen.

2 Campus Election Committee Meetings

No new initiatives for graduate students this year, but several reaffirmations

Happy Hour: Friday @ Sharkeez

Adjourned at 6:49 pm