5/5/09 GSA Assembly Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Gonzalez at 6:02 PM.

Agenda approved, with following additions:

- Academic Freedom Discussion
- CoSponsorships
    - Women of Color Brunch
    - Chili Cookoff
- Minutes approved by motion.
- Graduate Division via Assistant Dean Villasenor offered announcements
    - Graduate Division and GSSN will be hosting a 1st Year Grad Wrap Up next Wednesday, May 13, at the San Clemente Center. Event will celebrate the conclusion of the first year and seek feedback on how to support future students.
    - Graduate Division will be hosting information sessions in the GSA Lounge on June 1 and 27 concerning Fulbright and Fulbright-Hayes fellowships.
- Announcements from GSA Advisor
- Vox Populi
    - American Indigenous Language Conference is coming up
    - UTSA Professor will be on campus Tuesday, May 12, at the Multicultural Center . Sponsored by Colectiva and
    - Women of Color Brunch will be help 11-130, Wednesday, May 13, at the Multicultural Center.
- Academic Freedom Discussion
    - Motion made and passed to support Professor Jeff Freeman's letter concerning the need to adhere to guidelines concerning academic freedom and associated charges. Letter will be posted on the GSA website.
- Officer Reports
    - President
        - Amber needs volunteer for lunch meeting
        - Informally polled assembly and decided to have catered end-of-year cookout in Goleta
        - Reminded students budget cuts will affect TA positions next year
    - Vice President Internal Affairs
        - Diana needs a non-student of color to sit on the Student of Color Advisory Committee
        - Diana needs recommendations for Campus Sustainability Committee
    - Vice President Budget and Finance

        - Reminded assembly travel grants must be submitted by June 30
    - Vice President Academic Affairs
    - Vice President Graduate Student Affairs
        - Announced housing rates set at a 4% increase for 2009-2010
    - Vice President External Affairs
        - Noted upcoming regents meeting will be held via teleconference due to flu concerns
        - Introduced UCSA representative who will be on campus for the next two days. Along with Fili, they will be filming people to get feedback on what works and what doesn't with GSHIP.
    - Elections
        - 2009-2010 GSA VP External Filiberto Nolasco stepped down from his new position.
        - Special election vote occurred and Adam Truxler was elected new GSA VP External
    - Cosponsorships
        - Food Matters
            - **$300**
        - Interdisciplinary Journal Club
            - **$300**
        - WOCRC
            - **$300**
        - Chili Cookoff
            - **$300**
        - Chicano Studies Conference
            - **$300**
        - Ragmala
            - **$300** (passed with amendment to budget to **reallocate $120 from other budget sources** to cosponsorships).
    - Amendment for Regent Bernal's budget line item
        - Approved **$1000 increase** for this year.
    - Budget
        - Emily presented changes for next year
            - Adding budget line for Regent Bernal **($3000**)
            - Adding extra for student workers **($2500)**
        - **Budget approved**
    - Bylaws
        - Stephen presented changes to be voted on in June
            - Stipends have changed
            - Clarified language concerning assembly appointment
        - Bylaws will be posted online with changes

- Announcements
  - RMP Summer Program is looking for mentors
- Meeting adjourned by President Gonzalez