ASSEMBLY MINUTES

UCSB GSA ASSEMBLY
Tuesday, June 2, 2009
6-7:30 p.m., GSA Lounge

Opened Meeting *Meeting called to order by Amber @6:04*
Approval of Agenda -- Moved and Seconded
Approval of Minutes (May 5, 2009) Moved and Seconded. Both approved by consensus

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Announcements from Graduate Division
Gale Morrison, PhD, Dean of Graduate Division: Commencement is coming up, and just wanted to thank GSA for doing a good job

Announcements from GSA Advisor
Carolyn Buford, PhD, Associate Dean of Students, Office of Student Life, Activities & Leadership

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Vox Populi
Statements, announcements, inquires from Assembly floor -- None

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Executive Officer Reports
President: Daily Nexus: As you read in the GSA Email blasts, letters have been sent to the Daily Nexus and Opinions written about offensive language used as a headline. Among others, the American Indian Graduate Student Assoc. (AIGSA) was especially offended especially due to personal information of one of the students being left on the website for an extended time after it was asked to be removed. AIGSA has contacted local organizations to continue to pursue resolution for this conflict. We encourage freedom of press but want to encourage the Nexus to exercise responsibility as well.

Budget MOU: The Final draft will be signed at the next budget and strategy meeting. It will be acknowledged that no tax associated with any lock in fees will be added unless specifically in the ballot language

VPIA: **BAGEL HOUR IS CANCELLED JUNE 10, and throughout the summer**
VPBF: **Anyone having outstanding financial concerns, please contact Rachel Winslow at vpbudget@gsa.ucsb.edu**
VPCR: Follow us on http://twitter.com/ucsbGSA
VPGSA: Thank you for filling out the Mentoring Survey, If you have not done so, please go to: http://www.gsa.ucsb.edu/news.html#survey to give us your opinions

VPEA: Congress will be held this summer at Santa Cruz, 7/30 – 8/2. Action items for UCSA to address in the next year agenda will be set

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Bylaws *(Action)*

Reggie Archer asked to make friendly Amendments to add Elections language, & Budget Giuidelines
The friendly amendments were accepted and then the motion to accept the bylaws with all the new revisions was Moved and Seconded. The vote passed.
The revised bylaws can be found at http://www.gsa.ucsb.edu/about.html

There was a recommendation to revise bylaws language to address write-in candidates in the future.

2009-10 Action Agenda Items *(Action)*

1) Monitor and Advocate for Graduate Student Diversity
2) Develop Strategic Partnerships
3) Support of Academic and Professional Development
4) Education on and Participate in Sustainability Efforts
5) Clarification of UCSA's role with Graduate Students
6) Advocate for Graduate Student Funding

Recommendation: To keep all six.
Moved and Seconded, Vote passed to have the 6 action agenda items for next year

Recommendation: Have a ranking by department next year to set priorities for the next year based on feedback.

Announcements

June 5th End of the Year GSA Picnic -- Goleta Beach (area A), 3-5pm
Please bring your family and friends and enjoy good food, good drink, and great company ☺

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm