ASSEMBLY AGENDA
UCSB GSA MINUTES
Tuesday, October 7, 2008
6-7:30 p.m., GSA Lounge

Open Meeting: 6:03 PM by Amber Gonzales: GSA President
Approval of Agenda: Postponed until quorum was established.
Approval of Minutes from previous (Spring Qtr) meeting. Postponed until quorum was established.

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

Gale welcomed the assembly and said we are off to a great start.
Update: Jodi Anderson will be leaving in November and is appreciated for being instrumental in bringing together the Grad Student Support Network (GSSN).

Jodi Anderson, PhD. on GSSN: Please share any ideas or issues you would like the GSSN to address by communicating with April, Amber.

Vox Populi
Statements, announcements, inquires from Assembly floor

Jesse Bernal, Student Regent-Designate:
Jesse discussed the budget crisis: Implications for budget concerns are still being questioned. Students should look at assisting in prioritizing budget concerns for the future. Meetings are being conducted with other GSA presidents to prioritize graduate support, for more information, contact Amber.

UC has just released an accountability report to highlight areas as well as see where we are not doing so well. That accountability report is online at www.ucop.edu. The report is for a 3 month period and students are asked to input as much information as possible

Gale Morrison followed up on UCOP report. The student perspective would be really interesting. What do you as graduate students think is really important? As you think about what you looked for when you applied to specific institution, how, numerically would we manage to frame those questions? In January we will release rating and ranking of another report.

Ellie Shermer, GSHIP Rep:
GSHIP task force: UC is possibly looking at a system wide GSHIP. Carolyn Buford and Ellie sit on a task force regarding GSHIP.

Life sciences
Life sciences has happy hour every Friday: BEERS every Friday at 5 at the MSRB.

Carolyn Buford, Advisor for Grad Mentor: There have been some compliments and some questions. Glad to see that there is continued feedback from the students. She encouraged students to continue to let them know how to make the newsletter better.

Parking for Halloween will be affected. Please see http://www.tps.ucsb.edu/

GSA Committee Representative Updates
Information items or presentations about campus resources

Amber: The list of committees is available and we need people to get involved in each committee. The committee reps are paid a stipend.

Stephen: Working to continue to address housing concerns. If there are other concerns about housing, please contact him. vpstudents@gsa.ucsb.edu

April: For information about Graduate Student Academic Counsel contact April at vpacademic@gsa.ucsb.edu

GSA 2008-09 Vision
Action Agenda Items: Moved and properly seconded to approve Agenda, and action agenda items, approved By Consensus
Motion to approve minutes from Spring: properly moved and seconded. Approved

Co sponsorship:

First Annual Bren PhD Student Symposium (more)
Friday, Oct. 17, 2008 10:30 am - 6 pm
Bren Hall 1414
Applied for $300 co sponsorship
We voted by consensus to approve **$150** contingent upon the group having an active OSL account.

GradFormaler (Saturday, October 18th)
Presentation by James Ford
Funding approved for $1875

Executive Officer Reports
President, VPIA, VPBF, VPCR, VPAA, VPGSA, VPEA

Alumni: trying to get $1.00 per student. For funding that will be part of a program that can assist for pre-doctoral travel.
Grad student support is still needed!
Graduate student funding is a top priority for the univ.

Stephen: Main things: Trying to fill committees that are important to students. The committees do come with a stipend. Shoot him an email about housing etc.

GSHIP: deferred to Ellie: Sits on UC wide committee for a system wide GSHIP. There may be a position open on the committee and you can get involved. Involvement is a great way to learn about the program and health care in general. They discuss how the plan is and is not working, trends in regards to coverage. And then bring the plan to GSA...and the committee will make recommendations for carrier and plan. GSA Assembly votes. GSHIP@gsa.ucsb.edu Food is served at meetings.

Academic Affairs: Keep making your professors aware of your needs. April sits on Grad Student academic council and they have us at the forefront of their minds as far as travel grants.

VP external:
1) Regents meeting is Nov 18-20 @ UCSF. Lodging etc, is paid for if you go to meeting.

2) Student of Color Conference: 20th Annual UC Student of Color Conference
Call to ACTION: Educate, Empower & Implement!
November 21-23, 2008 @ UC Los Angeles
Student of Color Conference

Vp internal: Diana; we need interns!
Lounge is open. Cans of soda in fridge are 50 cents

VP Budget: Emily; We have some t-shirts for sale at $10.

Emily moved to adjourn
Seconded
Meeting adjourned at 7:32