ASSEMBLY MINUTES

UCSB GSA ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, February 3, 2008
6-7:30 p.m., GSA Lounge

Open Meeting 6:11 By Amber Approval of Agenda, Moved and seconded Approval of Minutes (January 6, 2008) Anna Moved, Seconded	Action

Announcements from Graduate Division
Gale Morrison, PhD, Dean of Graduate Division:
Two Issues brought to Dean's attention: Graduate student funding is so far, protected. Funding is a priority. Fellowships are available online, yet the process for some applications has changed. Some are more initiated by the departments. So those initiated by the departments will be nominated by the department. Deans, Divisions, and Faculty are supportive of all the graduate students.

Diversity, Retention and Recruitment Office: AGEP (NSF foundation has defaulted on their commitment and cannot fund the 5th year of DRR contract. We are looking at ways to better serve the students. An Ad hoc committee is being formed to look at ways to examine diversity issues in the departments. Dean Morrison has an open door policy for students can come in and speak to her anytime.

Announcements from Student Services

Lupe Navarro Garcia, Director of CLAS: 3210 Student Resource Building
Http://www.clas.ucsb.edu

What do we offer for grad students
Academic Skills
English as a Second Language
Tutoring: chemistry, comp sci, eemb, engineering, geog, poli sci, etc.
Writing and drop in tutoring as well.
Academic Consultation: Reading efficiency and recall. Essay exam strategies
Drop-in hours are encouraged. Classrooms are available in the evening and weekends for study hours etc.
Grad Students are hired as well for tutoring.

Mary Jacobs, Associate Director of Student Life and Academic Support Services

Office of International Students and Scholars.
http://oiss.ucsb.edu We offer mainly to international students but offered to American students as well. Responsible for offering documentation required for Visas etc. Help students get work permission, and report to the Government on international student status.

We have an English conversation program and buddy programs as well.
They do tax consultation with fee associated. In addition legal representation is available for international students.
The office also deals with issues of cultural differences, marriage with non-immigrants, etc.

Lainie Pascal, Campus Ombuds: Girvetz Hall.
http://www.obbuds.ucsb.edu

This office deals with conflict management for all parties dealing with the university. They are advocates not for the individuals, but for a fair process. The office is confidential. Typical graduate issues: include dealing with advisors, issues among a research group, thesis and dissertation concerns, TA concerns such as harassment, grading issues, workload expectations, authorship issues etc.

Communication department has some courses that touch on conflict mediation

GSA Co-Sponsorships
EEMB Graduate Student Symposium Committee

Invitations have been open to several departments and attendance is open to all. Events are free during the day and the banquet cost is $10. They are requesting $300. 11 or 12 faculty will be presenting. Keynote speaker is Bill Freudenberg from Bren School. Moved to fund the publicity and properly seconded. **Objection to consent. Vote: Passes to approve funding for $120 for publicity.**

Department of Linguistics, Workshop on American Indigenous Languages (WAIL)
12 year of conference. May8-9th. Collaboration with Native Communities. Plenary speaker is Aaron Fox. Partnering with AISRC, and AISO to work on event. Requested $300. Between 75 and 100 will attend from all over.

Motion to fund at $120 and seconded. Objection, After voting: **Motion carries to fund for $120**

Vox Populi
Statements, announcements, inquires from Assembly floor

Instructional Development runs a conflict management program. http://www.id.ucsb.edu/
BEERS happens on Bren Balcony every Friday.

GSA Committee Representatives
Graduate Student Health Insurance Plan (GSHIP) – Review of Process and Procedure
Ellie Shermer (Graduate Student Representative), Stephen Gosnell (VPSA)
Elizabeth Downing, M.D., Student Health Services Director

Graduate Student Appreciation Week, April 20th – 24th
Thursday Event: Dessert Reception/Upscale Lounge (committee will decide details)
Vote to have $1500 go toward Thursday event. Passed
Vote to have a Thursday event: Objection to consent. Vote Passed

Executive Officer Reports

President: Please look at the subpoena documentation and make your own personal decision. GSA is not taking any stance.

President Yudof has issued a statement regarding the budget which is online at the GSA website. http://www.gsa.ucsb.edu/news.html. There is also a document sent to control points regarding what departments have to do.

Next Assembly meeting: Tuesday, March 3rd
Regent Scorza and Regent Designate Bernal visiting UCSB: February 6th, 1-3pm Town Hall Meeting,

SRB Multipurpose Room

Cultivating our Queer community. 2/13-15/2009 at UCSB http:// www.comeoutwest.org

VPBF: Travel Grants are available online. $75 per person for pre-candidates. First come first serve.

Departmental rebates occur per representative attendance at meetings. You get $1 per registered grad students as long as your depart is registered with OSL. Many departments have money in their accounts but must be registered each year.

VPGSA: A plan will be brought forth to the GSA Assembly with some options to be voted on. The plan will be proposed within the next 3-4 months. Right now, we need to know complaints, concerns, questions etc regarding insurance. gship@gsa.ucsb.edu

VPEA: Student Lobby Con Feb 28 thru March 2
Regents meeting 3/17-19. UCSA is working on Statewide health care and looking for students to share personal experiences.

Systemwide committee vacancy: Taskforce on planning for doctoral education has an opening for someone to sit on committee. Please contact Filiberto.

Happy Hour: Friday, February 6th…Hollister Brewing Company, 5 pm.