ASSEMBLY Minutes

UCSB GSA ASSEMBLY
Tuesday, January 6, 2009
6-7:30pm, GSA Lounge

Open Meeting 6:03 By Amber

Approval of Agenda: Stephen motion, Seconded
Approval of Minutes (December, 2008): Allison (comp lit)
Seconded by Don (Linguistics)

Announcements from Graduate Division

Christian Villasenor, Assistant Dean of Graduate Division Dean Morrison sends her regards and no formal announcements.

Wellness Program Http://wellness.sa.ucsb.edu

Presentation:
Any suggestions of how to help grad students, please provide feedback and for information and feedback, contact Mark.Shishim@sa.ucsb.edu

- Overview of services: Wellness website is a really great resource with a calendar providing all the "fun stuff" to do on and off campus with a wide range of things you can pursue. Usually free or affordable to graduate students.
- Has a huge off campus resource list i.e. transportation, bus resources bike maps etc.
- Would like to include a grad student button on page for grad specific services
- 4 drop in centers Free massage 12-1 on M, T, W
  - Monday: SRB
  - Tuesday: Lib
  - Wed: UCEN Visitors center
  - Thurs: Carrillo dining commons
- Night series: professors discuss controversial issues etc., catered events with free food.

Field trips: tries to connect students to professors and research.
You can set up tours to your own labs.

Interns plan all types of events as well.

If you sign in, you get put into drawings for end of quarter prizes.

Bridge to wellness @ Santa Catalina: Opportunity to table out at Santa Catalina (1300) students so you can promote events and activities to them. For more information go to http://wellness.sa.ucsb.edu

Graduate Student Appreciation Week

April 20-24 proposed date
Stephen Gosnell, VPSA will solicit graduate student input

Graduate Division Google Calendar

The Google calendar is up and running and grad students can link to their personal GSA calendars http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/calendar/

Vox Populi

Statements, announcements, inquires from Assembly floor

Carolyn: Starting the GShip process on Friday. Start thinking about how GShip works for your department.

CoSponsorships

LISO (Language Interaction and Social Organization – Recommended, $150

Grad Student conference with expectation of 150 ppl
Anna Sorenson moved to increase from $150 to $300
Tim from education seconded. No objection to consent
LISO awarded $300

Spanish and Portuguese Department asking $300 – Recommend $150

Conference happens every year with renowned speakers
Flyers programs, etc. Feb 28th est 100 plus 20 presenters
Laura bren school,
Objection to consent:
Vote 13 for, 18 against: Motion failed.
Moti*on by Don, 2nd by Ian to fund at $300, no objection to consent.*
Spanish and Portuguese Dept. awarded $300

ByLaws Proposal

Proposed changes to bylaws have been compiled and can be viewed at http://www.gsa.ucsb.edu/bylawsproposedchanges.pdf

Executive Officer Reports

President
C.O.P. UCSB PD Searching for a committee rep to hire new Chief Of Police. Please email Amber if you would like to serve on this committee.

Student Regent: Jesse Bernal-- Application is open for student regent: 2 yr commitment, 1st year as designate and then full role for the 2nd yr.

Applications are in Office of student life (OSL). Contact Jesse if you have questions

VPIA: Bagel Hour is Wednesday at 8:30 am

Budget and Finance: Travel Grant application up this week

VPCR:
Office of residential life is hiring for summer RAs

Facebook

To join our facebook group, click here: GSA Facebook Group
or search for GSA in the groups section!

GSA Social Network

Join our free social network and connect with other grad students, create forums, blogs etc.
http://ucsb-gsa.ning.com/

VPGSA: GSHIP meeting is this week for the first time. We pay for insurance on campus so students should be involved

GS Affairs committee: Mentoring is an issue that comes up. What do you expect from Mentors? We need feedback from students to define what does a good mentor look like?

Committees need to be filled. One especially important one is the Child care advisory committee. It is a paid position and any grad student can serve on this committee. Contact Stephen Gosnell

VPEA:

UCSA is in the process of planning the Lobby Conference where we go and talk to legislators about what our issues are. Our legislators don't necessarily have an idea about what we go thru as grad students.

Regents meeting: you can go attend or you can act as a rep and talk during public comment. Or you can go to the regents meeting and be a white liner. The meeting will be February 4-5 at UCSF Mission Bay.

Identifying action agenda item for UCSA: Undergraduates are proposing piece of legislation that would freeze fees and tax millionaires by 1%.

We are also working to incorporate grad student language into the master plan. Working on a piece of legislature that does not tax student stipends.

Budget: the tax revenue keeps decreasing so the budget needs to adjust and reflect. It's basically a true loss of $250 per student per campus. For this campus alone, we lose 150 fellowships next year.
Council on Budget and Planning: need a proxy to sit on committee to approve capital plan or building expenditures etc.

There is an opening for a legislative liaison to work with Filiberto at the statewide level with UCSA. Will work on lobby conference planning, etc. If interested please contact Filiberto.

Calendar! HAPPY HOUR IS ON FRIDAY AT Hollister Brewing Company!

Motion to adjourn and seconded. No objections 7:23 pm.