

11-03-2009: UCSB Graduate Students Association Assembly Meeting

- I. Agenda approved by consensus
- II. 10-06-2009 minutes approved
- III. Introductions of GSA officers and department representatives
- IV. Announcements from Graduate Division (via Assistant Dean Christian Villaseñor):
 - a. Open office hours w/ Dean Gale Morrison, 11/4 from 12-1 p.m. in the American Indian Cultural Resource Center in the Student Resource Building. This will be a roundtable discussion covering funding facts and myths.
 - b. Graduate Division will sponsor a parenting workshop 11/9, 5:30 p.m. in Storke Family Housing Community Center. The workshop will talk about resources available to grad students with children.
 - c. Graduate Division is sponsoring three thesis and dissertation filing workshops: 11/12 (2-3 pm, Engineering Science 1001), 18 (North Hall, 1006), Dec. 1, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. (multipurpose room, Student Resource Building)
 - d. Check out GradDiv's Google Calendar for regular updates
- V. Liz Hall, Executive Director of UCSA:
 - a. Ms. Hall provided an overview of UCSA, and its current campaign to implement a systemwide Graduate Student Health Insurance Plan
 - b. No systemwide guidelines exist for graduate and professional students, with disparities in levels of coverage and cost across the UC system
 - c. The current campaign aims to address: dependent care for graduate and professional students, reciprocity (with other UC campuses) and extended care
 - d. Upcoming UCSA events: Oct.-Nov.: GSHIP postcards and systemwide committee recruitment; Students of Color conference; March for Higher Education. For more information, visit www.ucsa.org.
- VI. Officer Reports
 - a. VP External (Adam Truxler)
 - i. Will coordinate disseminating GSHIP postcards (goal is to send in 300)
 - ii. 21st annual Students of Color Conference will be at UC San Diego, 11/13-11/15. For more information visit <http://www.studentofcolor.org/>.
 - iii. Regents meeting will be 11/17-11/19 at UCLA. For more information, please visit <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/regents/meetings.html>
 - b. VP Budget (Rachel Winslow)
 - i. Ms. Winslow presented "Fund Our Future" to the UC Commission on the Future. She proposed that the UC only admit grad students that it can fully fund and to link TA funding to undergrad enrollment.

- c. VP Academic (Indy Hurt)
 - i. Ms. Hurt reported on a recent graduate council meeting that included Vice Chancellor Gene Luca. Discussions at this meeting ranged from stabilizing funding for graduate students, diversity at the university, university strategic academic plan, and recruitment and retention of faculty, graduate students and staff. As for how graduate students can get involved, VC Lucas suggested attracting media attention and voicing concerns to politicians (Lois Capps and Tony Strickland)
 - ii. Ms. Hurt also discussed professional development opportunities. iClicker workshop (Indy will work with the company on a possible travel grant); iClicker may come out again; possible May; advocate to make iClicker more affordable
- d. VP Student Affairs (Aimee Woznick)
 - i. Ms. Woznick reported that there are 8 committees that need to be filled. See <http://ucsbgsa.org/get-involved/committee-membership/> for more information.
- e. VP Internal (Diana Anzures)
 - i. Ms. Anzures reported on committees that need grad student representatives, including the campus elections committee and the ECEN.

VII. Co-sponsorship

- a. Raagmala was approved for \$300 of funding for an Indian music concert held on Oct. 17. The event was free to students.

VIII. Announcements

- a. Co-sponsorship: For more information, please visit <http://ucsbgsa.org/documents/funding/>
- b. Travel funding: GSA offers funding for conference travel for students who have not yet advanced to candidacy. For more information, please visit <http://ucsbgsa.org/documents/funding/>
- c. Graduate school week (UCSB Career Services; 80 graduate schools will be here)
- d. Career Services: really want people to know services available; CV; reference letters; looking into post-doc services. For more information, please visit <http://career.ucsb.edu>.
- e. Happy Hour: 5-7 p.m. at Holdren's (Goleta, Camino Real), will have some drink specials
- f. Bagel Hour: Wednesdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m.
- g. SMERF: Student Medical Emergency Relief Fund (resource available). For more information, please visit <http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/smerf/index.aspx>.
- h. For up-to-date information about GSA, please visit www.ucsbgsa.org.

Respectfully submitted,

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