

## 12-01-2009 UCSB Graduate Students Association Assembly Meeting

- I. Agenda approved by consensus
- II. 11-03-2009 meeting minutes approved by consensus
- III. Announcements from Graduate Division, Assistant Dean Christian Villaseñor)
  - a. Cheadle Hall may be locked on December 2, 2009
  - b. Grad Div will be closed the last two weeks of December
- IV. Officer Reports
  - a. President (Reginald Archer)
    - i. Four campus fee initiatives are being considered, and may either be placed on a ballot or voted on by the GSA Assembly
      - Counseling services: \$10.85; Career services: \$5.55; Student Affairs Net Zero Campaign: \$1.35; Halloween Lock In: \$5 to \$30
    - ii. Committees needed to be filled by a graduate student representative:
      - Campus Elections Committee; ECEN Governance Board; Chancellor's search committee for University Librarian
    - iii. Call for conference organizers (slated for Spring 2010):
      - GSA is going to be planning an interdisciplinary conference on race and identity; GSA needs help with conference planning, and working on funding proposal
  - b. VP External (Adam Truxler)
    - i. Return GSHIP cards to ASAP
    - ii. Daylong fast for education will be held in front of Cheadle Hall on Dec. 2 starting at 9 a.m.
  - c. VP Academic (Indy Hurt)
    - i. Posted notes from last Grad Student Support Network meeting on [www.ucsbgsa.org](http://www.ucsbgsa.org), which includes an overview of what had been accomplished during the quarter
    - ii. Next GSSN meeting is December 2, 2009. Check the GSA web site for minutes from this meeting shortly thereafter.

d. VP Student Affairs (Aimee Woznick)

i. Committees that need graduate student representatives:

- Campus Access Committee; Student Health Advisory Committee

V. Special Guests

a. Discussion of fee increase impacts

i. Cassandra Engeman, UAW 2865

- According to the current union contract, fees are waived regardless of what they are; fees are covered for TAs funded at 25 percent or higher. The current contract expires in September 2010. The union will be polling members in 2010 for feedback on the upcoming contract negotiations.
- She recommends tracking hours worked per week in order to protect yourself. The union files grievances based on workload. If it's a systemic problem, she recommends having people file together.
- For more information from the UAW, go to [www.uaw2865.org](http://www.uaw2865.org).

ii. Gale Morrison, Graduate Dean, and Student Regent Jesse Bernal

- Dean Morrison discussed the impact of the recent fee hikes. She said student financial aid is protected on campus. Graduate Division receives funding for block grants and University Student Aid Program (pays for benefit packages for TAships). GSRs funded at 25 percent and above are protected. TA allocations in departments are taking hits; departments are responsible for determining TA assignments, not GradDiv.
- Regent Bernal discussed the UC Commission on the Future, which is looking at education/curriculum, funding strategies, access and affordability. The commission is discussing what the proportion of UC enrollment graduate students should comprise, how to provide funding for graduate students, the proportion of non-residents, and UC's 11<sup>th</sup> online campus.
- Regent Bernal also discussed two major systemwide fees: educational and registration. There has been some discussion about eliminating registration fees, which provide campus services. Dean Morrison added that other fees include campus-based fees and GSHIP.

- Regent Bernal encouraged graduate students to participate in UC's systemwide lobbying day in Sacramento in March.
- Regent Bernal also encouraged students to apply for the Student Regent position. More information is available at [www.ucop.edu](http://www.ucop.edu) (search: student regent).

b. Mental Health Climate

i. Angela Andrade, Student Mental Health Services

- Ms. Andrade discussed the services that are available through Student Mental Health Services, which includes social workers, psychiatrists, and phone counseling services.

ii. Turi Honegger, Counseling Services

- Dr. Honegger discussed the services that are available through Counseling Services, the mental health climate on campus, and concerns over funding for mental health services. Counseling Services provides consultation, individual counseling, and group therapy. Counseling is provided on an as-needed basis, and there is no limit on the number of sessions. Appointment availability for counseling varies throughout the quarter for non-crisis situation.
- Dr. Honegger and Ms. Andrade both addressed resources available to Veteran's on campus.

VI. Events

- a. Bagel Hour, 8:30-10:30 a.m., December 2, 2009
- b. Happy Hour, 5-7 p.m., December 4, 2009 at Elephant Bar

VII. Next Meeting: 6-7:30 p.m., January 5, 2009, Graduate Students Association Lounge

Respectfully submitted,

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