MEETING AGENDA 02/08/18

MEETING INFORMATION

| Date:      | 01/25/18 | Location:     | GSC Fireside Lounge |
| Time:      | 5:30 PM  | Meeting Type: | GSA general meeting |
| Stackstaker: | TBA     | Facilitator  | Sara Nasab          |
| Note Taker: |         |              | Tony Boardman       |

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Pizza and introductions **5:30-5:40 pm**
2. Meeting quorum **5:40-5:45 pm**
   a. Vote in new members
3. Advertise open (any available) committee positions **5:45-5:50 pm**
   a. Advertise for position of Conduct & Community Standards *
   b. Advertise Title IX Director Recruitment (volunteers) *
   c. Advertise Graduate SHW Committee (volunteers) *
4. TAPS -- Susan Willats & Larry Pageler **5:50-6:10 pm**
   a. Brief update on transit services to UCSC, and our work drafting a Student Transit Fee measure for the Spring 2018 Student Ballot

Director and Ass. Director of TAPS
Metro Buses and university buses were full fall quarter
Ridership was up 5-6% fall quarter above the year before.
32,000 people rode the buses on the first day of fall quarter last year
TAPS developed 22 route from campus to coastal sciences
Articulated buses - carry 110 people rather than 80 on a normal buses. Come up to campus 39 times a day on weekdays
More ridership on weekends
Campus transit operation got a $3mil debt
Looking to get a **referendum**. If this referendum doesn’t pass, TAPS will have to cut services.
Student focus groups about transit over the past year. Some support for $40 a year increase.
Students would rather be told it’s going up $4 a quarter
Students prioritized lowest
TAPS has already secured $85,000. Looking to get $1mil from the city to buy back the metro services.
Old Long range development plan, settlements made by the city were sent towards the articulated buses.
Bike shuttle used to be funded by parking fees. It’s now in the Transit budget. If they can get it in the Parking budget that will reduce the fee increase by about $3 or $4 per quarter. Over 5 years it raises by $85, assuming the $1mil from the city doesn’t come through. If this money comes through, $81 but not such a drastic change in the first year. 20 years to pay off $3mil deficit. 2038. A monthly metro pass would be $65 a month. The fee increase is to keep pace with enrolment growth. Increase of population of nearly 1/3. Students can’t opt out of paying the metro fee. These will be back within a month. ACCTAP Argument that bike shuttle should be in parking budget. Bike shuttle costs about $5 a ride. What they want: do grad students want this on the ballot?? Will come back in a month with the figures, and see if we can get appropriate turnout

5. Alessia Cecchet: 6:10-6:25 pm
   a. Feedback regarding FAQ housing doc for International students produced by the International Office
Alessia will send out a document around to international students

6. Rebecca Ora 6:25-6:50 pm
   a. Housing updates -- discussion with SUA. Feedback on how grad students would like to be represented.
   b. UCSA/UCGPC updates
We talked last week to the SUA EVP who was creating a housing petition. What are we explicitly asking? This statement did not recognise grad students. Tuition increase would mostly impact increase, was on the agenda. Housing - the last link on email Rora sent was to Annual Cost of Attendance survey. This is on the GOPC website. Good evidence that TA salary insufficient to support Asks whether GSA wants to make an explicit campaign around housing UC Merced has no grad housing. Only UCSC, Uc Berkeley, UCSF expensive northern campus have under 10% graduate housing. Now is interesting time because there isn’t system-wide work being done for grads at all. On campus housing runs around $750 at other campuses. Rora will send us those documents from UC office of the president, in terms of %s of students housed on each campus. Q: Certain campuses offer guaranteed housing. UCSB was offering on-campus housing at a cheaper rate. What causes these discrepancies?
Building on campus being expensive. It’s insincere for UC to pay TAs the same across campuses. UC Irvine guarantees a few years, UCLA has a guarantee. UCSC has no guarantee. Building another UC so as to up state funding?

Annual Cost of Living survey
Why isn’t UCSC seen as an exceptional case?
All of the UCs are written as subsidised housing, including UCSC, even though that’s not necessarily the case. Theoretically our housing is below market rate, but we don’t get paid market rate.

Graduate students pulled out of UCSA (UC student Association). UCSA has a Student of Colour conference, and UCSA Lobbying day in March, now grads are doing Campus Climate Conference and grad students Lobbying conference (that will be more expensive).

UCSC benefits from UC Student Association, in terms of access to administration.

7. Final committee updates -- We need a travel grants coordinator!
Alexandra Race voted in as travel grants coordinator!

Other committee updates
1) Juliana - Adobe changed permissions. We may need to purchase Adobe. Adobe purchase is $600, but $20 a month.
2) Dan: if you want access to notes on committee, ask Dan. Conversations change when a grad student is on these committees.
3) Adrienne: Health insurance committee. Company called Optum give rebates/discounts to campuses if they recommend/gently pressure to use generic drugs rather than brand name drugs. Adrienne wants to vote yes, we pay bronze-level prices for ‘platinum-level’ plan.

Question about whether the ‘brand name drugs’ if they work better

*Starred items consist of supplemental items attached to the agenda

Advertisement: Title IX Director Recruitment.

Graduate student volunteer to sit through candidate interviews on at most the following dates.

Thurs - February 22, 1:30-2:45
Tues - February 27, 1:30-2:45
Thurs - March 1, 10:30-11:45
Mon - March 5, 10:30-11:45

Use 2-3 of these dates.
Each participating group can ask two questions with one follow-up. Additional questions will need to wait until the end if there is remaining time.

**Advertisement: Student Housing West**

In addition to new undergraduate student housing, the Student Housing West project will bring onto campus new Graduate Housing units as well as new Family Student Housing apartments. While the University and Capstone Development partners are committed to working with all SHW constituent groups across campus and will host a variety of open forums for stakeholder engagement, we are also open to meeting with smaller focus groups for more in depth discussion. Formally the SHW Student Advisory Council has an appointed Graduate representative, Dan Killam, who brings feedback to each Advisory Council meeting. The SHW SAC also has a FSH/EES representative who is also a Graduate student, Sara Crandall.

If the graduate students wish to form a smaller group of students with whom we can engage, we are happy to meet with this constituent cohort as well. Representation on said group would be at Graduate student discretion.

Through this process we would be able to solicit feedback on various stages of the project, answer questions, hear concerns, and incorporate ideas and concepts into the overall program where feasible.