MEETING MINUTES 03/08/18

MEETING INFORMATION

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AGENDA ITEMS

1. Pizza and introductions 5:30-5:40 pm
2. Meeting quorum 5:40-5:45 pm
   a. Vote in new members
   Liza Hoffman approved for housing committee
3. Advertise open (any available) committee positions 5:45-5:50 pm
4. TAPS -- Susan Willats & Larry Pageler 5:50-6:15 pm
   a. Brief update on transit services to UCSC, and our work drafting a Student
      Transit Fee measure for the Spring 2018 Student Ballot

Update:
Reminder: Students pay $111.66 per ¼, even though costs have gone up.
There are annual increases: $26, $23, $13, $10 and $10. And then $4 a year after that.
This is to: continue metro contact, continue campus transit services, eliminate deficit, support the delivery of transit services as campus GROWS.
They want a service from Live Oak. People from Watsonville want wi-fi on the buses.
This sponsorship will allow it to be put on the vote, it doesn’t mean that the GSA supports it.
Need outreach to student population during April and May.

Questions:
- Some problems with paying for the deficit.
- Q: Someone coming in 2026 is paying over $200 per quarter. Will this become ANOTHER barrier to access to UCSC, and are there ways to help people who can’t pay?
- Q: What happens if this doesn’t pass?
- A: (Bike shuttle will not be affected as it’s in the parking budget.) There would be significant cuts, articulated buses would go away. They would probably just try it again.
- (A cont.) - this is in relation to parking. Some faculty want to exclude grad students from their parking.
- Comment: wi-fi might not be the most useful thing for grad students.
- Q: (comment:) Would prefer to see a yearly fee referendum, because this asks for an increase year by year which puts grad students in a difficult position. If you want people to vote for it, consider doing a referendum on a yearly basis.
- Q: Is there a surplus in the budget for parking.
- A: Students gave themselves a fee to provide transit back in the 70s. There is NO surplus in the parking budget.
- Q: ridership has gone down.
- Q: Why can’t you exclude TAs?
- Q: If the buses aren’t accessible, if you have to drive to campus, why do you have to pay for this pass?
- A: It creates a robust transit system to reduce the demand on parking.
- Q: We are moving further and further out of Santa Cruz because we can’t afford it.

This will be going on (date?)

5. Alexandra Race 6:15-6:30 pm
   a. Voting on increasing members to travel grants committee
   b. Update on Travel Grants committee member application.

Approved!: expanding committee from 3 people to 8.

6. Patrawat Samermit 6:30-6:45 pm -- Update on “Meet the VP Interactive Forum” collaboration between the GSA, GSC, Grad Div, and the Division of Student Success

Division of Student Success: are holding diversity, inclusion and pedagogy workshops. An interactive forum with the Division of Student Success. Will HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE and keep pressure on them to serve our needs.

There’s been a bit of a disconnect with them. Need representation to let them know about grad student needs.

Have a meeting on April 6, 12-2, at the GSC Fireside. Trying to work out doing a video call in! Then have monthly breakfast meetings with them (asking them to finance everything). The committee coming out of this will be making sure that everything the the Division says they will do gets followed through. Holds the Division of Student Success accountable.

Pat asking for attendance from GSA members and to serve on this committee.

New vice Provost, Jaye Padgett, is proactive and listening to student needs.

If you want to ask about mental health support, different needs.

Hoping to have advertising out next week. Pat wants us to DISTRIBUTE to our depts. to circulate this.

There will be food at these meetings.

Q: can they help with travel grants? They don’t now, but they could.

Q: (comment) STEM often have events at lunchtimes.
7. Updates -- committee-related, GSA-related

Student Regent nominating. Adrienne is going through the selection process this week. Council wants someone with interests in over-enrollment.

Approved Juliana to get $500 for all good work she did over summer.

Alessia: Anything else to take to TAPS?
Q: Can we write a response to TAPS? Some people support.
Q: How much is this fee in relation to what we already pay, our TA fee?
Comment: in Denver, fees are $90 a semester, with fewer buses. Things are very different in different schools.
Response: This might be because staff are paid a living wage for SC at UCSC.
Comment: Grad students being overlooked. But we’re still having to pay the increased fee.
Comment: We’re being threatened as a grad student population.
Comment: Can we have any more data on how many grad students actually ride the bus?
Comment: $65 to get a monthly pass. $10 less than SF, and they have MUNI, etc.!
Comment: Why can’t they separate buses on campus from buses off campus?
Comment: Shall we send out a survey.
Comment: We should prepare to react if