Meeting Agenda 05/10/18

Meeting Information

Date: 05/10/18                     Location: GSC Fireside Lounge
Time: 5:30 PM                       Meeting Type: GSA general meeting

Stackstaker: Sara Nasab               Facilitator: Sara Nasab
Note Taker: Tony Boardman

Agenda Items

1. Food and introductions 5:30-5:40 pm
2. Meeting quorum 5:40-5:45 pm
   ○ Vote in new members
   a. Vote in Rosanna for EES
3. Introduce candidates for next year’s Eboard 5:45-6:00 pm
   a. Sasha Wasserstrom running for solidarity officer role.
   b. Randy Villegas running for President. Previously an organizer and journalist, focusing on social justice issues. Has worked for a member of congress.
   c. Katie running for vice president of shared governance
   d. Radhika Prasad running for Chair
   e. Jayashree Sridhar running for Secretary.

Comment: New Dean of Graduate Studies in the new year.

4. Strategic Academic Planning Update 6:00-6:30 pm
   ○ Andrea Cohen, Martin Berger, Prateek Arora, Kim Hwe
   a. MB - co-chair of the Beyond Compliance group
   b. Envision - a campus-wide plan. Building solidarities across disciplines, between groups, looking to get external funds.
   c. ‘The days when the state funded UC generously are in the past’
   d. Looking at the list of barriers to the things people want to do.
   e. The statements from research groups

Q: Merging programs is scary because it merges programs that are commercial with programs that are not commercial.
A: This is not a top-down initiative.
Q: This proposal is a false choice, mixing economic benefits with humanistic benefits. The survey is cynical and bad.
Q: DANM student - for this sort of interdisciplinary work it is useful to have this kind of cross-disciplinary point
Q: We in the humanities risk extinction.
Q: SC is one of the last bastions of places where they put money into things that do not relate to monetary value. On the other side, making space for interdisciplinary programs.
A: There are a lot of underutilized spaces.
A: We’re concerned about raising funds. We have fewer dollars every single year so we have to choose where our funds go, or we stay ‘pure’ to our roots and become a third-rate institution.
Q: What can we do to push back against these cuts?
Working for the ‘success’ of the university. Trying to save programs like HistCon, creative writing ‘even though they don’t make any money’

- Objective: Raise awareness about the strategic academic planning process. The SAP process aims to identify, highlight, and fund, academic areas that will strengthen the university, as a whole, and allow us to build stronger programs for students, create new research opportunities for faculty, and heighten our global impact.

5. Introduction and approval of 2017-18 budget (Juliana Nzongo) **6:30-6:55 pm**

7 approved, 4 abstained

6. Final announcements