Meeting Agenda 05/24/18

Meeting Information

Date: 05/24/18  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. Instate new representatives 5:40-5:45 pm
3. Advertise new committee members 5:45-5:50 pm
   a. Title IX Director Search -- 1-2 reps -- (1 hour for three days in the next 3 weeks)
4. TAPS Bike Library -- Sam Weinstein 5:50-6:00 pm
   i. Have a fleet of 28 bikes that they give out to students and faculty over the quarter.
   ii. They have run out of space. They are keeping them in Stevenson.
   iii. The plan to expand program is to move space into the Granary at the base of campus. Asking EVC Tromp.
   iv. Asking for about 25 square feet per bike.
   v. will follow up after they’ve had the meetings.
   vi. Other people who want to move into Granary: Admissions wants to move out of the cook house to the Granary. TAPS wants to move there too to deal with parking requests. The Bike Library suggest that it would look good to see forms of alternative transport at the base of campus.
   vii.
5. To vote: Funding request for Photovoice exhibit: Saugher Nojan (*attached p. 3) 6:00-6:15 pm
   i. Saugher has done Campus Climate research around the muslim student population.
   ii. Most of the funding is going towards having Halal food there, and getting the pictures printed. Getting photos enlarged. Asking for $1500
   iii. Hoping Oakes come through
   Q. Is this open to public?
      A. Yes! Hoping to reach out to everyone, grads, faculty, people from outside etc.
   Treasurer: We have more to give out - petition to give $2,000 10 for, 0 oppose. APPROVED!
6. To vote: UCSC GSA membership in UCSA and UCGPC (UC Graduate-Professional Coalition) (*EVP’s recommendation p.2) 6:15-6:30 pm
   i. EVP sits on boards for student-wide bodies.
   ii. It seems like Graduates aren’t going to be returning to the UCSA (undergraduate association)
   iii. This will involve a bylaw change, because UCSA is mentioned in the bylaws.
iv. UCSA is the UC Student Association which until fall had representation from (almost) every UC undergrad and grad association. There are now only three GSAs left in UCSA.

v. Some things about not joining UCGPC immediately: They don't have checks printed in UCGPC, some things are kind of shaky. Rebecca was hesitant about sending fees to them.

vi. Our campus is invisible without representation.

Q. UCSA had trumpeted the role they had played in getting UC extra funding. Has UCGPC?

A. i. Showing state legislators what a grad student is has been hard. Some things that undergraduates did not lobby for and graduates did.

ii. UC actually does a lot of lobbying.

Q. Seems from the media that UCSA has had quite a bit of time.

Q.

A. i. NAGPS (National Association for Graduate-Professional Students) are less effective than a system-wide body.

ii. It's not fair to have another grad student come on and be the EVP on a really unmanageable board at UCSA. None of the campaigns have gained any traction, and people have been really suffering going to them.

iii. Rora had no interest in UCSA lobbying conference

iv. Rebecca says to wait for 501(c)(4) tax status for UCGPC to join.

Q. Is there a disadvantage to push leaving UCSA til the fall?

A. Rebecca has waited throughout the year to make a well-informed decision. Making these decisions with a new board will be hard. There is a lot of history to this decision.

ii. If next year's council decides we want to be members again we can rejoin.

Q. At prior UCSA meetings there were separate grad meetings. This isn't the case?

A. UCSA restructured to compensate for lack of grad students.

Q. Benefits to staying?

A. They send people to systemwide committees. But today UCSA did not even send anybody to regents’ meeting today.

8. Announcements: Remaining time.

a. The UC sexual violence policy is currently under review, and students can submit feedback to Alison in person, over email, or through this anonymous form: tinyurl.com/ucsc-tix-feedback. Additionally, candidates for the new Title IX Officer are interviewing on campus next week. If grads have any particular feedback on what they are looking for in a Title IX Officer, please contact Alison Hanson by next week (akhanson@ucsc.edu).

b. The next meeting for the Beyond Compliance Working Group is going to be Thursday May 31st from 300-430 in Kerr 212. Some of the subcommittee groups have met this month are also wanting to meet specifically with graduates at the end of the quarter with more information once it is complied and a full report can be made. More information is going to be available to us at the May 31st meeting. If there is anyone who would like to be involved with the Beyond Compliance initiatives subcommittees or just attend any of the meetings, please feel free to email me Ike Minton - jiminton@ucsc.edu, Martin Berger - maberger@ucsc.edu, or Kim Lau - lau@ucsc.edu.
c. Student Housing West is facing community opposition. Extended comment period for EIR. Grad students are currently being really outweighed by angry locals. Please make

d. Remind your grants that next travel grant deadline is Friday at 5.00.

e. Final announcements (Committees, etc.)

GSA website: https://gsa.ucsc.edu/

EVP recommendation (Rebecca Ora) on UCSC GSA membership:

In light of the separation of all but three graduate organizations (UCSC, UCLA, UCSB) from UCSA in fall 2017, and the subsequent unsustainability of UCSA as a productive platform for graduate student advocacy, it is hereby resolved that UCSC GSA will not return as a dues-paying member of UCSA as of fall 2018. UCSA will continue to send the External Vice President to UCGPC and other systemwide meetings, as deemed relevant in order to continue participation in systemwide affairs and to ensure that UCSC graduate students are robustly represented.

It is recommended that UCSC GSA consider becoming an official dues-paying member of UCGPC by the end of fall quarter 2018, and to assess UCGPC’s roadmaps for financial transparency, accountability and legality as pertains to uses of student funds.

Question to voted on: Join UCGPC and leave UCSA.