MEETING INFORMATION

Date: 04/05/18
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: GSC Fireside Lounge
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
   Richard Berlotti (???) voted in in DANM!
3. Call for volunteer to participate in PhD Career Pathways Survey 5:45-5:50 pm
4. Travel and Research grants related 5:50-6:15 pm
   a. Travel Grants update
   b. To vote:
      i. “Travel Grants coordinator” position title to “Research and Travel Grants coordinator” position title for Alexandra Race
      Approved!!!
      ii. Maximum funds allotted for each travel and research grant.
      Things like buying computers. $500, $1000 for supplies, $500 for professional development. This won’t change until next academic year, which we can discuss in the following meetings this quarter, when we finalise the budget.
      Question: if whole amount is not given in first round, could whole amount be got in the next round? Answer: No.
      iii. Budget for travel and research grant.
5. Ike Minton -- Advertising Graduate Forum on Sexual Violence 6:15-6:20 pm
   Martin Berger putting together things for ‘best practices for grad students’ advice.
6. Advertisement -- Elections coming up! 6:20-6:25 pm
7. Rebecca Ora (EVP) 6:25-6:50 pm
   a. UCSA/UCGPC membership
   No grad students at UC Student Association.
   Don’t generally send very many people to the conferences that UCSA puts on.
   They’re doomed for failure
   Q. so we are voting whether to be in UCSA or UCGPC?
- Money murkiness with UCGPC
- Regents don’t understand grad students and only see things in terms of recruitment.
- They didn’t have a cost of attendance survey for grad students (which they did for undergrads)
  b. Open access policy discussion
Lack of consultation over open access
Can we have the option of choosing whether it should be online or not?
- People who have to reproduce images with copyright problems, it’s important to look this stuff up.
This might be important to bring up in union bargaining.
  8. Voting on adding $20,000 for GRAF.
We will be getting $40,000 from SFAC from Juliana’s grant proposal.
PASSED!
  9. TAPS - One of the last things Ty Miller (outgoing dean of graduate studies) is doing is to separate out the election process. The Athletics fee we don’t benefit from.
Point - anybody who’s in debt can just go through the chancellor and get it to pass, even though the GSA doesn’t approve it, like the athletics thing.
  10. Updates -- committee-related, GSA-related
  a. Adrienne Ricker -- UCShip Feedback
Increased transgender benefits. Things that were previously considered ‘cosmetic’ (hair removal etc.) and so weren’t covered by insurance, now are considered medical and are.
UCSHIP - there’s a large reserve of money kept so that premiums wouldn’t spike which was gaining interest. Now a committee in place determining how to use the interest. It can’t be used to build buildings etc., has to be used for programmes etc. Adrienne suggested feminine hygiene products in line with many other universities.
Ideas: - wellness days to lower stress.
  - Improvement in CAPS.
  - Family products: diapers, etc.
  b. Fill in spots for Search committee for Tyrus Miller (dean of grad studies) replacement
  c. Giving Day made more than $11,000!
  d. Gordon Keller -- Gauge interested students for the following:
    i. Sustainability Plan Goal 3.1A: Collaborate with Student Metro Transit District (SCMTD) to increase capacity and frequency of service on UC Santa Cruz routes, including incorporation of articulated buses and new routes to UC Santa Cruz satellite locations.
Response: We weren’t very happy with their response.
  - Gordon will go back and ask about what ‘increased capacity’ means.
  - Response: for a lot of students this is the only way to get to campus.
  - Will it cost the same in a few years to buy the monthly bus pass, as to pay the fees?
    ii. TAPS’ input: When the student transit fee referendum is on the ballot, we can use all the sustainability advocates we can muster to help get that measure passed. Transit accessibility is the primary means of sustainable
transportation we have for moving affiliates to/from and around campus. (That will address our ability to get more routes and services in 3.1A)