Meeting Notes: 10/5/16

Meeting Information

Objective: First GSA Council Meeting of 2016-17

Date: 10/5/16
Location: GSC Fireside Lounge
Time: 5:00-6:30 PM
Meeting Type: GSA Council Meeting

Stackstaker: None
Facilitator/Note Taker: Jess Whatcott (GSA Secretary), Jose Antonio Villaran (GSA IVP)

Attendees:

Preparation for Meeting

Please Read: IVP Candidate Statement by Jose Antonio Villarán (printed in Information section below)

Action Items from Previous Meeting

N/A

Agenda Items

1. Dinner 5:00-5:15
2. Welcome to the GSA 5:15-5:35
   a. Introductions of E-Board and Returning Reps
   b. New people introduce themselves
   c. What is the GSA and what do reps do?

   Questions from participants:
   Can a representative job be shared between several students? Yes, 2 people can be reps. Can also take turns coming to meetings
   What if you can’t make it to the meetings? Come the next quarter or find someone to sub for you
   What kind of experience should one have to be a rep? Anyone can come as long as the department approves you. The leadership training will teach students how to participate in these meetings.

   d. Brief overview of committees that need reps
   If interested, sign up after the meeting

3. Discussion 5:35-5:50
   a. GSA priorities for this year:
   - Housing crisis. Housing difficulties were reiterated
     How to rent a place as an international student. It’s not viable. Maybe the GSA can offer support if you’re an international student, maybe someone can go and look places for you if you’re coming from outside the city. Maybe create a position to help in this endeavor. Also an idea that this is something the IGSA can work on.
     Discussion on housing next meeting, things we can ask for from the association. We’ve
talked to the chancellor about these housing issues.
   An event happening at the MAH next week on affordable housing
- **Multi year funding**- push for department to have long year TA assignments. And not make false promises.
- **Grad student wellbeing**
  b. GSA priorities for 2016-17
- **Transportation, buses**
   Under transportation: in my department, lack of transportation to the satellite campus; the marine lab, maybe get a shuttle? (100 students work there, and faculty and undergraduate researchers)
- **The TA wage**! We’re going to enter contract negotiations in 2018. What we’re getting paid is embarrassing, unethical…

4. Vote Jose as IVP (see candidate statement below) **5:50-6:00**
   Approved by quorum

5. GSA Budget **6:05-6:10**
   a. e-board/Treasurer proposes one temporary line item budget for the Council for vote
   Approved by quorum to spend up to $2000 on student events this quarter

6. Vanessa Putnam from Women in Science and Engineering (WiSE) funding proposal **6:10-6:20**
   Approved by quorum in the amount of $150

7. Santa Cruz Retreat for Analog Play (SCRAP) funding proposal **6:20-6:30**
   Approved by quorum in the amount of $300

8. Evan Grupsmith and local candidate for city council Chris Krohn, request endorsement and co-sponsorship with SUA of candidate forum on campus 10/15/16 5:00 to 8:00 PM **6:30-6:40**
   Christopher Krohn: local candidate for city council requesting endorsement from the GSA
   Previously a member of GSA, member of UPTE…
   Focused on housing issues.
   UCSC has accepted 650 students this year, accepting 1000 more students next year.
   No affordable housing plan on the city council.
   Talked about bus service on campus (“paying more than what we’re getting”).
   Worked as a mayor previously (Bernie Sanders camp)
   Asked for endorsement and participation.
   Discussion: To endorse city council slate: not too many students present vote in Santa Cruz, but several students seemed really supportive. We could use the city council to address our issues of relevance. (every student voting in Santa Cruz would endorse this candidate). We didn’t vote on this. (Nadia: Amend the endorsement = to endorse all 4 candidates. Motion approved to endorse all 4 candidates).

   Approved by quorum to endorse the 4 person slate of “Bernie Santa Cruz” candidates

9. Announcements **6:40-6:45**
   a. Workshop: Communicating Your Scholarship in an Open Access World, October 6, 3:30-5pm in McHenry 4286 (see description below)
b. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month - events on campus and in town
   (see attached flyers)

10. **Clean up and go home!**

**NEW ACTION ITEMS**

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<td>1. Notify WiSE and SCRAP of funding approvals, done by Jess</td>
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<td>2. Notify Chris Krohn of endorsement</td>
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<td>3. Add discussion of housing to next agenda</td>
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<td>4. (Follow up with IGSA after their proposal from last year)</td>
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**OTHER NOTES OR INFORMATION**

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**IVP Candidate Statement by Jose Antonio Villarán**

I’m running for Internal Vice-President because I’m interested in actively participating in the Graduate Student Association Executive Board and contribute in making the UCSC academic community a more propitious, engaging and affordable place for graduate students. As a GSA representative for the Literature Department at UCSD during my MFA studies, I learned about the importance of the different committees and representatives to address campus-wide issues, one of the main responsibilities of the IVP. This seems like a good position to start my involvement with the E-board, and something I hope to continue throughout my career at UCSC. I am eager to learn from our more experienced members, and acquire valuable institutional knowledge that can hopefully be put to good use in the future. I believe my contribution to the GSA E-board would be relevant, and I would certainly appreciate the opportunity to work towards improving our graduate student community.

Sincerely,

Jose Antonio Villarán

**Open Access Workshop Description:**

The event is October 6, 3:30-5pm in McHenry 4286. The panel discussion will feature two UCSC faculty, Roberto Manduchi, Computer Science, and Chris Benner, Environmental Science, who recently published an Open Access book [@chrisbenner](https://twitter.com/chrisbenner). Also on the panel are two representatives from the California Digital Library to speak about funding models for Open Access and legal concerns, Ivy Anderson and Katie Fortney.

With journal costs continuing to soar, it's important to understand the alternatives to traditional academic publishing. This panel provides an opportunity for graduate students to learn how the policy works, what is covered, and how research can be more easily shared with the public. We hope there will be lots of questions and discussion about Open Access at UCSC on the 6th.