MEETING AGENDA 11/19/15

MEETING INFORMATION

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Stackstaker: Whitney
Facilitator/Note Taker: Jenn/Miten

Attendees: GSA reps

PREPARATION FOR MEETING

Please Read: Proposal for a Bylaws Review and Redrafting Committee (see end of agenda)

ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

N/A

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Introductions/icebreaker 10min, 5:10-5:20pm
2. Anyone interested in becoming a rep? 10 minutes, 5:20pm-5:30pm
   a. Get contact/explain how to become a rep
3. Proposals 25 minutes, 5:30pm-5:55pm
   a. Proposal for a Bylaws Review and Redrafting Committee
      i. Intro – needs change
      ii. Discussion –
         Don’t change anything; rather reserve thoughts for now; Changes should happen one at a time;
         Make this a generative committee; Track changes 2-3 per meeting; Don’t change the constitution; Change it in small steps;
         4 people for the working group; Balanced group?
         Better transparency needed. Plan better for spurts of discussion;
         2/3rd vote to change or majority (≥51%)
         Need reps; Decide how many reps needed to vote;
Is there a need to change the original constitution? GSA needs institutional memory; keep better records; better archive with ‘track changes’ version of documents; Proposed amendment: have group of people dedicated and go step by step in batches, articles and referenda, with track changed documents; Make a schedule ahead of time; do either articles or bylaws; bylaws require GSA council, article requires student body; More urgent: bylaws? Do them first, and then articles if time permits. 
Make early announcements for next quarter that GSA will review bylaws; Amendments for final voting: purely working group; existing bylaws usable till new ones voted in; schedule to be amended to this; bylaws first, then constitution; voting at GSA elections next year; things to be taken up section by section; every member can bring their concerns to the council on the issue under consideration; Motion: Chris, Second: Miten; Unanimous yes

4. Discussion
   
   a. TAPS fee increase **15 minutes, 5:55pm-6:10pm**
   
   Discussion about bike shuttle deficit; fee increases to supplement TAPS; issues with budgeting and transportation costs; insufficient funds to maintain current services; two weak links, weekday night owl buses and bike shuttle; TAPS wants to understand what’s important to people;
   
   Proposals: bike shuttle funded by student transportation fees; get faculty and staff to pay since they use a lot of the services; reduce the service but that’s not very efficient; TAPS under pressure to meet environmental standards; university should be responsible for taking care of such issues; TAPS is required to be self-sustained; be caution when attending such meetings;

   No address to plans for Long Marine Labs campus for student transport between campuses; plans to institute parking fees at LML;
   
   They are going to put a referendum to be voted on; TAPS willing to come and talk to students at the GSC;

   Discuss this first meeting Winter quarter;

5. Committee reports **15 minutes, 6:10pm-6:25pm**

   Committee on Teaching (Chris): A center for training educators; UCSC got commitment of $1 mil over 3 years or hiring staff; facilitate teacher development;

   IGSC (Miten): Get together on Saturday 21 November 2015 at 7 PM in 99 Bottles; Reps please let international students in your departments know.

   Campus Sustainability and Housing Committee (Megan): renovate FSH for undergrads whilst being sensitive to grads; they couldn’t find off-campus place for grads; 103 of 196 units to be repurposed for undergrads; least affect on families with children; child care facility to remain open; multiple upgrades; process to star tin 1-2 years; voted to move forward; Jessica can help connect people to FSH for more information; Jenn to follow up;

   Grad council: Ty Miller talked about budgets, grad growth, etc. More GSRs and fellowships for grads;

6. Eboard reports **10 minutes, 6:25pm-6:35pm**

   Rebecca: Link to EVP report  
   
   Jess: Solidarity budget can be used to organize something; Do a funding callout? All agree. $2300 per quarter;

   Jess: Winter lunch to go over Title IX and talk about ideas; contact Jess if interested;

   Jenn: Police Advisory Committee meeting about assault training; self-defense training; need for better training; Body cams underway; police should be trained to be less aggressive to students; they’re interested in coming to GSA meeting; doing BBQ around their station; make an agenda item for a GSA meeting to discuss this further;
7. **Announcements (10 minutes) 6:35-6:45p**  
   Jenn: Coordinating meeting time for Winter 2016; alternate times? Doodle poll.

8. Thanks for coming! Closing – remind action items (if any); flag any items that need more time next meeting, or proposed agenda items

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

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**NEW ACTION ITEMS**

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**OTHER NOTES OR INFORMATION**

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**Proposal for a Bylaws Review and Redrafting Committee**

This proposal is for a temporary committee that will review and redraft the UCSC Graduate Student Association bylaws. The committee will meet during the 2015-2016 academic year and will present to the graduate council a revised set of bylaws for proposal by the last council meeting of the academic year.

**Statement of Need:**

The current bylaws are unclear and are unable to meet the growing needs of graduate students. The bylaws are unable to meet the two basic functions that they should serve: setting clear rules for the function of the GSA and establishing clear paths to accomplish graduate student goals. The bylaws are poorly written and outdated. For example, the bylaws do not provide for the direct election of executive board positions like the president and vice presidents. It is hard not to conclude that the bylaws do not meet our needs and need to be updated.

Moving forward the GSA needs clear rules to govern how it functions that are in line with our democratic values and the needs of our constituents. We need processes for creating positions are transparent and fair. The GSA also needs clear rules on stipends so that labor is compensated fairly and GSA funds are protected.

Over the next year the committee will review the bylaws allowing the GSA to deeply consider the future of the GSA and the needs of graduate students. It will set the foundation for a robust GSA that is better able to advocate for students and thus build a stronger UC Santa Cruz.

**Proposal:**

The Graduate Student Association Council hereby authorizes the creation of a temporary committee titled “The Bylaws Review and Redrafting Committee”. The chair of the committee will be chosen by the council in an open election at the first council meeting after the committee is created. Membership in the committee will be open to any graduate student. The committee may choose any place or time to convene.

The council authorizes the members of the committee to seek information and advice from any expert that may aid in the reviewing and re-drafting of the bylaws. These experts may be formally invited as consultants or advisors but may not hold a voting position. The final draft proposal must be approved by a
majority of the committee before being submitted for final review and debate by the full council. The chair will cast the deciding vote in case of a tie vote.

The final draft proposal must be completed and submitted to the full graduate council by the end of the 2015-2016 academic year. After the bylaws are approved by the full council the committee is disbanded. If the redrafted bylaws are rejected by the council the council may direct the committee to reconvene to create another draft.