



Graduate Assembly

Delegate Meeting

February 5th, 2015

5:30-9:30, Anna Head Alumnae Hall

I. Approval of the Agenda and November 2014 Minutes

- a. Agenda
- b. December Minutes- <https://ga.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/delegates/2014-12-04/Dec%2014%20Minutes.pdf>
- c. Delegates approve agenda and minutes by voice vote**

II. Feedback Form

- a. Delegate Feedback Forms-Fill out at <http://tinyurl.com/GAFeedbackFebruary>

III. Announcements

- a. Guest Announcements
 - i. UCPD Lieutenant John Suezaki
 1. The UCPD has caught some of their major bike theft suspects
 - ii. Mary Virginia Watson
 1. The representative gave an update about the Richmond campus
 - iii. Matt Grigorieff- Graduate Wellness Survey
 1. They have a website: <http://www.votewellness.com/>
 2. Students vote to increase health and wellness services in April
 - iv. Matty Lichtenstein-Graduate Student Lounge
 1. There is now more graduate student space available in Hearst Gym
 - v. Lyndsey Ogle-Marketing Director
 1. Delegates should join the Facebook group
- b. Other Announcements
 - i. Sara Wichner gave an update about the Banking Consolidation Workgroup
 1. They sent out requests for information last year
 2. They received information from a wide range of financial institutions

IV. New Graduate Division Dean-Fiona Doyle and Open Comments

- a. Fiona thanked the delegates for being involved in something outside of their department
- b. She has been in the Materials Science Engineering department since 1983
 - i. She served as the department chair
 - ii. She has also served as the Executive Associate Dean in the College of Engineering
 1. She affected the transformation of undergraduate student services in engineering by building developmental services and workshops
 - iii. She has led the Academic Senate
- c. She answered delegate questions

1. She addressed student concerns about the lack of faculty support for professional development
 1. She became a professor because she could not find a job in industry, but she grew to love teaching
 2. She is concerned that professors measure their success in one sense by where their students continue their academic growth
 3. She wants to systematically present information to students about job opportunities
 4. She is working to refurbish several spaces to host professional workshops
- ii. She addressed several of her priorities for the remainder of the year
 1. She wants to work on acquiring more money to the university for fellowships
 2. She wants to simplify several processes by removing policies that are no longer relevant
- iii. Students are concerned about the rent prices in the Bay area
 1. This was the first time that the issue was brought up to her
 2. She will confer with Student Services on the issue
- iv. Students are concerned that while Berkeley is a highly ranked institution, other universities are cited more for their research
 1. She believes that in one sense, this problem is echoed by the state removing funds from the university
 2. However, she thinks that this problem is not true for the Sciences
- v. Students asked her to address faculty and student diversity
 1. She was the third woman hired as faculty in the engineering school
 2. She agrees that more needs to be done
- vi. Students would like to be more involved in faculty evaluations
 1. She suggests that students ensure they are in class when faculty evaluations are given out
 2. She suggest students make standing meetings with their department or group chair
 3. Delegates suggested that more evaluations should be done online
 4. Several delegates think there needs to be more consequences to professors for poor evaluations
 - a. She believes there are serious consequences in place already
- vii. Delegates said that administrators are not responding to student concerns about Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition
 1. She promised to look more at the documents regarding the issue

V. UCSA JOBS Survey-Toni Gomez

- a. She provided the results of the survey
- b. Her presentation is available at
http://prezi.com/85zqbwb61cdm/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy&rc=ex0share

VI. Graduate Assembly Project Directors and Staff

- a. Graduate Women's Project-Ina Kelleher
 - i. Ina was sick so she was unable to present
- b. Student Lobby Conference-Jane Pomeroy
 - i. Delegates should let Jane or Iman know if they are interested in going to the Lobby conference
- c. Title IX GA Advocacy Agenda-Jane Pomeroy and Amber Piatt
 - i. They are doing a wellness event for advocates who feel burnt out
 - ii. They started the "It's on Us" campaign

- VII. Graduate Council Representatives
 - a. Fiona Doyle is working to improve policies
 - b. Delegates can email Sonia Travaglini if they have any concerns they would like the Graduate Council to address

- VIII. Resolution Referral
 - a. None

IX. Funding Approvals

- a. Spring Funding Committee Recommendations and Approvals
 - i. GMER
 - 1. Berkeley Law Project for Survivors of Sexual Violence
 - a. Aaron Smyth moved to fund the group at \$415**
 - i. There was an objection because a delegate felt the group should be funded from Contingency instead
 - ii. Delegates approved the amendment**
 - 1. 31 in favor**
 - 2. 18 against**
 - 3. 7 abstained**
 - 2. Wage Claim Clinic
 - a. Aaron Smyth moved to fully fund the group from Grants**
 - i. Motion passed by voice vote**
 - 3. Delegates approve all other recommendation by voice vote**
 - ii. Grants
 - 1. Grads in Germanics
 - a. A motion to fund the group at \$500 failed**
 - i. 17 in favor**
 - ii. 20 against**
 - iii. 7 abstained**
 - 2. Consumer Rights Workshop
 - a. A motion to fund the group at \$700 failed**
 - i. 13 in favor**
 - ii. 32 against**
 - iii. 7 abstained**
 - 3. Graduate Student Journal of the School of Education
 - a. A motion to fund the group at \$1500 failed**
 - i. 13 in favor**
 - ii. 28 against**
 - iii. 5 abstained**
 - 4. Delegates approved all other recommendations by voice vote**
 - iii. Contingency
 - 1. Several items on the document had been approved already
 - 2. Delegates approved all recommendations by voice vote**
 - iv. Publications
 - 1. Delegates approved all recommendations by voice vote**

b. All funding approvals can be found at <https://ga.berkeley.edu/funding/status>

X. GA Committee Grad Rep Updates

- a. Jonathan Morris and Antony Kim gave updates from their committees

XI. Officer Reports

- a. President
 - i. Report is available at <https://ga.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/delegates/2015-02-05/PresidentReport-Feb2015.pdf>
- b. CAVP
 - i. Report is available at <https://ga.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/delegates/2015-02-05/CAVP%20update%202-5-2015.pdf>
- c. EAVP
 - i. Report is available at <https://ga.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/delegates/2015-02-05/EAVP%20Report.pdf>
- d. Treasurer
 - i. Report is available at <https://ga.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/delegates/2015-02-05/Fall%20%E2%80%9814%20GA%20Budget%20Summary.pdf>

XII. Resolution Discussion and Vote

- a. 1501a- Resolution in Support of Full and Permanent Participation of Graduate Students in Faculty Hiring Process
 - i. **Delegates tabled by voice vote the resolution until next month**

XIII. Adjournment and GSC Social Hour at Henry's