

**Graduate Assembly  
Delegate Meeting**

April 3, 2014

5:30-9:00pm, Anna Head Alumnae Hall

**I. Approval of the Agenda and March Minutes**

- a. Minutes are posted at <https://ga.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/delegates/2014-03-06/March%202014%20Delegate%20Meeting%20Minutes%20.pdf>
- b. Delegates approve agenda and minutes by voice vote**

**II. Feedback Forms**

- a. Available at <http://bit.ly/AprilGA>

**III. Resolution Referral**

- a. 1404A: Resolution to Establish a Summer Funding Workgroup and Directed Action
  - i. Referred to Rules and Funding Committees

**IV. UCPD Updates**

- a. UCPD provided an update on bike thefts
  - i. In January, 15 bikes were stolen
  - ii. In February, 19 bikes were stolen
  - iii. In March, only 10 were stolen
    1. UCPD believes they helped reduce the number of bike thefts
      - a. UCPD targeted the areas of previous bike thefts
      - b. They made 9 arrests related to drugs
        - i. They believe this is connected because they think that drug users usually look for ways to make quick money
  - iv. These numbers refer to situations where the entire bike was stolen
  - v. Students should write down their serial numbers because there's no way to confirm whether the bike was stolen based off of a description alone
  - vi. UCPD will provide more tips at the next meeting
- b. UCPD will have a booth at Cal Day on April 12<sup>th</sup>
- c. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month
  - i. "Take Back the Night" is occurring on April 17<sup>th</sup>

**V. Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Claude Steele**

- a. He started this week
- b. He shared some information about his background
  - i. He is a social psychologist
    1. His research is in the areas of identity, addictive behaviors, and effects of stereotypes
  - ii. He was the Dean of Graduate Education at Stanford

- c. As EVC and Provost, he is the chief academic officer and is responsible for managing academic and financial aspects of the university
- d. He really cares about campus issues, but is spending time learning about the university before he enacts any changes
  - i. Delegates brought up issues of faculty gender, the tenure process, and classroom integrity

## **VI. ASUC Elections**

- a. Elections Council Chair
  - i. Voting is April 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Polling locations will be Dwinelle, Wurster, and Sutardja Dai Halls
  - iii. The voter guide will be released over the weekend
  - iv. Students don't have to vote for every position, but must click through the entire form to submit their votes
- b. Student Tech Fee
  - i. The voter guide is online
- c. Candidates
  - i. All candidate platforms are available online
  - ii. Senate candidate: Jeff Stock
  - iii. External Affairs Vice President Candidate: Caitlin Quinn
  - iv. Executive Vice President Candidate: Justin Kong
  - v. President Candidates: Naweed Mohabbat and Pavan Upadhyayula

## **VII. GA and Guest Announcements**

- a. Graduate Social Club: Boat Cruise
  - i. The bay cruise is sold out
  - ii. GSC has a few bar nights and a game night soon
- b. EWOC Updates
  - i. Presentation by John on Amber's behalf
  - ii. The conference was very successful
  - iii. Available at <https://ga.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/delegates/2014-04-03/2014%20EWOC%20Recap.pdf>
- c. Guest Announcements
  - i. Faculty Mentoring Awards is April 15<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm in Anna Head
  - ii. Cal Day is on April 12<sup>th</sup>
    - 1. The GA is giving out swag at Anthony Hall
    - 2. Delegates should let Katie know if they are interested in volunteering
  - iii. Matt Grigorieff and the Wellness Initiative Committee welcomes and encourages more student input
    - 1. Delegates should email Matt for more information
  - iv. Matt Goren spoke about the possible Tech Fee
    - 1. He was the Operational Excellence Communications Coordinator a few years ago

2. He believes that the committee can get the software cheaper or free with more negotiation
3. He believes the fee benefits the software companies more than the students
4. Bahar clarified that while the fee would be \$51, a third would be for aid, about \$20 is for software, and about \$20 is for non-software technology
  - a. A committee decides the specific software the campus will receive
  - b. Usually a few members of the Executive Board serve on the committee

#### **VIII. Campus Climate Survey**

- a. The presentation is available at <https://ga.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/delegates/2014-04-03/UC%20Berkeley%20Campus%20Climate%20Survey%20-%20Topline%20Results%20Alternate%20FINAL.pdf>
- b. Delegates can provide input to the survey on the Feedback Form

#### **IX. Contingency Funding Approvals**

- a. Summer Contingency approvals will be done on a rolling basis by the Executive Board
- b. The online funding application is still in progress
- c. A few contingency applications were out of round, so the funding committee recommended moving them to the summer
- d. Delegates vote to approve funding with amendments by voice vote**
- e. April Funding Approvals can be found at <https://ga.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/funding/2013-2014/13-14%20Contingency%20April%20cover%20FINAL.pdf>

#### **X. 2014-2015 Budget Approval**

- a. The proposed budget and presentation are available at <https://ga.berkeley.edu/delegates/meeting/2014-04-03>
- b. There was a proposed amendment to add \$3000 for staff for The Berkeley Graduate for a Social Media Manager
  - i. The reasoning is that they have so many needs as a publication that one Social Media Manager for the GA is not enough to meet their needs
  - ii. Amendment passes with 68% of votes**
    - 1. 26 in favor**
    - 2. 9 opposed**
    - 3. 3 abstained**
- c. **Delegates voted to pass the budget as amended**
  - i. 35 in favor**
  - ii. 1 opposed**
  - iii. 1 abstained**

**XI. UAW Strike Discussion**

- a. Carl Nadler, an Economics Delegate, and Olivia, and undergraduate spoke about the recent strike
- b. There have been several meetings between the bargaining team and UC management
- c. There was a problem over the negotiation of class sizes and undocumented students
- d. Twenty students on strike at UC Santa Cruz were arrested
- e. There have been problems since last summer
- f. The union does try to impact change through methods other than strikes
- g. Delegates can contact Carl for more information

**XII. Professional Development Task Force Report**

- a. **The presentation and report are available at**  
<https://ga.berkeley.edu/delegates/meeting/2014-04-03>

**XIII. Resolution Discussion and Vote**

- a. 1403A-Resolution to Endorse the Proposed Berkeley Minimum Wage Ordinance
  - i. The External Affairs Committee proposed several amendments
    1. The proposed changes are available at  
<https://ga.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/delegates/2014-04-03/EAVP%20Committee%20Edits%20to%20Res%201403a.pdf>
    2. **Delegates vote to approve amendments**
      - a. **19 in favor**
      - b. **10 opposed**
      - c. **1 abstained**
  - ii. **Delegates voted to pass the resolution**
    1. **23 in favor**
    2. **3 opposed**
    3. **4 abstained**
  - iii. The final resolution can be found at  
<https://ga.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/delegates/2014-04-03/Resolution%201403A%20Final.pdf>
- b. 1403B-Resolution to Amend the Graduate Assembly Bylaws
  - i. Aaron Smyth proposed an amendment to remove the line allowing committee seats to have alternates
    1. **Delegates approve amendment by voice vote**
  - ii. The treasurer proposed several amendments to the resolution
    1. All proposed changes can be found at  
<https://ga.berkeley.edu/delegates/meeting/2014-04-03>
    2. **Delegates approve these amendments by voice vote**
  - iii. Rules Committee proposed an amendment to change the number of seats on the committee
    1. **Delegates approve amendment by voice vote**

**iv. Delegates vote to approve the resolution**

- 1. 23 in favor**
- 2. 1 opposed**
- 3. 2 abstained**

**v. The final resolution can be found at**

<https://ga.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/delegates/2014-04-03/Resolution%201403B%20-%20Budget%20Committee%20Bylaw%20Change%20Final.pdf>

**XIV. Adjournment and GA Social**