



**Graduate Assembly
Delegate Meeting**

April 2nd, 2015

5:30-10, Anna Head Alumnae Hall

I. Approval of the Agenda and the March 2015 Minutes

- a. Agenda
 - i. One Delegate motion to move Graduate Well-being report by Galen to 4a, which is before UC Grad Slam.
 - ii. One Delegate motion to move item 10 Resolution 1503A Discussion after the UC Berkeley Dean of Students Report
 - iii. One Delegates motion to remove agenda item number 14
- b. March Minutes-
<http://ucberkeley.wpengine.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Mar-15-Minutes-.pdf>
- c. **Delegates approved agenda and minutes by voice vote**

II. Feedback Form

- a. Delegate Feedback Forms-
<http://tinyurl.com/GAFeedbackApril>

III. Resolution Referral

- a. Resolution 1504A-Resolution for the Use of Anthony Hall
 - i. Resolution referred to Campus Affairs, Rules, and Budget Committees

IV. Grad Well-Being Report –Galen Panger

- a. The presentation is available at
<http://ga.berkeley.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Well-Being-Report-Deck.pdf>

V. UC Grad Slam Competition Presentation

- a. Elizabeth Bruns
 - i. Acupuncture improves pain with little side effects but is not widely used in the medical field
- b. Alexis Shusterman
 - i. Speaker was not present at the meeting
- c. Nicholas Errico
 - i. Individual leg and torso component for medical exoskeleton that allows the paraplegic to put them on by themselves

VI. Announcements

- a. Guest Announcements
 - i. UCPD Lieutenant John Suezaki
 1. There were only three reported bike thefts on campus in March. The numbers are decreasing which means the program is working

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2. There were cases of car burglaries on campus. Four people were brought onto court.

b. Delegate Announcements

- i. There's a new comment section that was sent out via email for delegates to leave comments or questions that were not brought up during the meeting
- ii. The campus is too green while California is in a drought. One delegate suggests that the GA should take a stance on this issue
- iii. The School of Education has a workshop in Tolman Hall tomorrow

VII. UC Berkeley Dean of Students-Joseph Greenwell

- a. Greenwell is the dean of all students on campus
- b. He deals with what happens outside of the classrooms
 - i. He works with New Student Services, Student Affairs, and Center for Student Conduct (code violations).
 - ii. He works with students in crisis (homeless, or experienced loss, etc.)
 - iii. He works directly with the Public Service Center and the Career Center
- c. The lean towards undergraduate students in their support is one of concern
 - i. Greenwell has talked to Fiona (the Grad Dean) about how to work together
- d. He is concerned with how to address the mental health challenges on campus: how to create a sense of community and a sense of belonging.
- e. Greenwell acknowledges that graduate student housing is a problem: students are moving further and further away from campus.
 - i. The university is looking to expand their housing options

VIII. Resolution Discussion and Vote

- a. Resolution 1503A-Resolution in support of Financial Advising for Graduate Students
 - i. Referred to Campus Affairs and Budget Committees
 - ii. **Delegates voted to approve the resolution**
 1. **46 in favor**
 2. **0 opposed**
 3. **2 abstained**

IX. Wellness Initiative-Kristina Kangas & Matt Grigorieff

- a. Their presentation is available at:
[Http://ga.berkeley.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/GA-Wellness-Presentation-April-2.pptx](http://ga.berkeley.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/GA-Wellness-Presentation-April-2.pptx)

X. ASUC Elections-ASUC Elections Chair & ASUC Attorney General

- a. Speakers were not present at the meeting

XI. Resolution Discussion and Vote

- a. Resolution 1501A- Resolution in Support of Full and Permanent Participation of Graduate Students in Faculty Hiring Process
 - i. Referred to Campus Affairs and External Affairs Committee by the Executive Board
 - ii. Delegates motion to use the amended version of the resolution
 1. The motion was rejected
 2. The motion was called to question
 - a. **45 voted in favor**
 - b. **2 opposed**
 - c. **3 abstained**
 3. **The delegates approved the new amended language of the resolution**

- iii. A delegate move to amend the resolution by adding "unless no volunteer comes forth after "not appointed by the department faculty or chair" in the third resolved clause
- iv. The allocation time for this resolution ran out.
- v. The delegates motion to table this resolution until after the funding report.
 - 1. The motion passed with no objections
- b. Resolution 1503C- Resolution to Amend the By-Laws Creating the Vice President of Finance
 - i. Referred to Campus Affairs and Rules Committees
 - ii. Delegate's motion to add the rule's officer's unofficial 'recommendations' to the resolution
 - 1. Motion passed
 - iii. Motion was called to question as amended
 - 1. **36 voted in favor**
 - 2. **5 opposed**
 - 3. **3 abstained**
 - iv. **Resolution passed as amended**

XII. Graduate Council Representative- Alternate Representative Election

- a. Bylaws state that an Alternate for Representative Election must be elected
- b. Kasra Nowrouzi and Kena Hazelwood-Carter run
- c. **The bylaws states that an Voice Vote for Confidence is required when an Graduate Council Representative Alternate is being elected**
 - i. **Voice Vote for Confidence for Kasra Nowrouzi**
 - 1. The "ayes" have it
 - ii. **Voice Vote for Confidence for Kena Hazelwood-Carter**
 - 1. The "ayes" have it
- d. The delegates vote
 - i. **12 voted in favor of Kasra**
 - ii. **21 voted in favor of Kena**
 - iii. **7 abstained**
 - iv. **There was no simple majority so a revote is required**
- e. The delegates revote
 - i. **20 voted in favor of Kasra**
 - ii. **23 voted in favor of Kena**
 - iii. **0 abstained**
 - iv. **Kena wins**

XIII. Funding Officer Presentation

- a. Contingency Applications Approval
 - i. The Contingency Fund recommendation is available here:
http://ga.berkeley.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/April-2015-Contingency-Funding_3_18_15_FC-recs.pdf
 - ii. One delegate proposes to flag all allocations that are over \$1,000
 - iii. Funding Officer notes that there are approximately \$4,000 left in the Contingency Fund account
 - 1. The contingency fund will last until the end of September
 - 2. One delegate motion to move all the GMRR left over fund of \$18,663.87 to cover the estimated deficits from Grants and Publications and move the rest to Contingency Fund.
 - a. **Voice Vote: the "ayes" have it**
 - b. **Motion passed to move \$18,663.87 from GMRR to the Contingency Fund**

- iv. One delegate motion to change the amount for the Berkeley Journal of International Law from \$1,200 to \$500 (the cap for GMRR)
 - 1. **Voice vote: the “ayes” have it**
 - 2. **The Allocation for the Berkeley Journal of International Law adjusted to \$500**
- v. One delegate motions to defund the Berkeley New Music Project
 - 1. A delegate objects
 - 2. **Voice Vote: “ayes’ have it in favor of defunding**
 - 3. **Allocation for Berkeley New Music Project changed to \$0**
- vi. Delegate motions to change the amount \$1,250 for Journal of Middle Eastern and Islamic Law from \$1,250 to \$750
 - 1. There were no objections
 - 2. **Funding allocation for Journal of Middle Eastern and Islamic Law changed to \$750**
- vii. Allocation for Social Welfare Graduate Assembly
 - 1. The funding might not be spent by this student organization. The funding will be used to fund other student groups that reached out to this group.
 - 2. **Voice vote extending time by 2 minutes: “ayes” have it**
 - 3. The delegates call to question what the Funding Committee has recommended
 - a. **27 voted in favor**
 - b. **6 opposed**
 - c. **1 abstained**
 - 4. **The allocation has been approved in full amount**
- b. Funding Guide discussion and votes will be tabled until the May Delegates Meeting

XIV. Resolution and voting continued

- a. Resolution 1501A- Resolution in Support of Full and Permanent Participation of Graduate Students in Faculty Hiring Process
 - i. Delegate move to amend the resolution by replacing “shall” to “should” in the resolved clause that begins with “in the unlikely event that no student volunteers to...”
 - 1. Another delegate moves to amend by replacing “should” to “will”
 - ii. The amendments to the resolution has been adopted
 - iii. Vote to call to question or not to call to question
 - 1. 17 voted in favor of calling to question
 - 2. 18 voted in favor of not calling to question
 - iv. Unable to call to question, the floor goes back to debate
 - v. Delegate moves to amend line 46 by replacing the line with “the GA endorses full and permanent participation”
 - vi. **Vote Voice: “ayes” have it**
 - vii. **Resolution passed as amended**

XV. GA Budget 2015-2016 Approval

- a. Treasurer moves to table the budget approval until the next Delegate Meeting

XVI. Officer Reports

- a. President
 - i. Funding Officer’s stipend was withheld.
 - 1. The officer resigned during Spring Break
 - a. Election needed in the absence of an officer position
 - ii. Introduces Joan Iva

1. THE NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR STUDENT GOVERNMENT AND LEADERSHIP Development
 - iii. The Faculty Mentoring Award (FMA) winners were chosen
 1. There were around 50 applicants
 2. The Award Ceremony will occur on April 9th in Anna Head Alumnae Hall
 - iv. The new GA website is up
 - v. The president met with administrators on housing issues, Graduate Student Housing and housing in general. He met with Fiona (the Grad Dean), Bob Lelane, talked about all kinds of issues with housing.
 1. There are several housing projects in progress, but these projects are mostly undergraduate student focused.
- b. CAVP
- i. Sanaz is not present at the meeting
 1. MJ presents on her behalf
 - ii. The presentation is available here:
<http://ga.berkeley.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/CAVP-update-4-2-2015.pptx>
- c. EAVP
- i. The presentation is available here:
http://ga.berkeley.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/eavp_april.pptx
- d. Motion to add VP of Finance report in the Officer Reports for 5 minutes
- i. He presented the CAPRA
 - ii. He made an announcement with Software Accounting. A vendor has already been found, just need to double check.
 - iii. There's a financial literacy event at Dwinelle Plaza tomorrow

CVII. Adjournment