Delegates Meeting  
September 10, 2015

1. Welcome (1.5 mins)
2. Agenda approved with amendment of talking about dependent healthcare (1 min)
3. May minutes approved (1 min)
4. Public Comment (4.5 min)
   a. Northwest campus—fence going up around the chancellor’s house costing 400k, 85k for the gate and a full time security person. When we think about money, think about this.
   b. Matt—Design lab
   c. UHS dropping dependent healthcare is something we should be looking.
   d. Shirley and Joan Iva introductions of themselves and LEAD Center.
5. Guest Announcements
   a. Lt. Suezaki (3 min)
      i. Liaison from UCPD, jsuezaki@berkeley.edu.
      ii. He addresses concerns about campus safety.
      iii. He’s been in Berkeley a long time.
      iv. Last year’s bait bike program—bike theft dropped 77%, 46 people arrested. Bike theft dropped only 44% if include bait bikes. City of Berkeley is taking this on.
   b. Toni Gomez, Graduate Student Professional Director, UCSA. (7.5 min)
      i. Congress
         1. Election results. Iman University Affairs Chair—she meets with UCOP and Regents
         2. Other grad students also got positions. One from UCSB and one from UCSC.
         3. Graduate student agenda
            a. Previously 2 year campaign. Grad students found as limiting.
            b. Issues looking at:
               i. Normative time to completion, ABD students paying full tuition. Looking into 5+2 program at UCI.
               ii. Food security and equal access to resources. Graduate students turned away from food pantries because of their stipends.
               iii. Wellness survey. Want to take it system wide. Dax and Pierre are turning the work over to Iman who will be an advocate.
Affordable Student Housing. Students starting housing coops. What the UCs can do and what their obligations are for graduate students.

Climate for diverse student identities. Want counselors that mirror student diversities and safe spaces.

4. Next meeting is this weekend at UC Davis.
5. Will be back at the GA because of a fee proposal.

c. Chris Gehrig and Willie Reese, GSC (2 min)
   i. Welcome back party happening on 9/11/15.

d. Kristin Nelson (1 min)

6. Project Directors (6.5 min--for #6, 7)
   a. Mentor applications for GIGS are out.
   b. Still hiring for GWP

7. Committees to join ( 
   a. Campus committee
   b. Internal Committees

8. Executive Board Summer Decisions (.5 min)
   a. Budget—didn’t have quorum. Approved by the Executive Board

9. Officer Updates (30 min + 3 min extension)
   a. Rules Chair: Jonathan Morris
      i. Decisions over the summer
         1. Decisions are subject to review by the delegates. Delegates can introduce a resolution or action to review an exec board decision and it will get voted on.
         ii. Bumped up the title of the ASUC SU executive director to a dean
   b. EAVP: IMan Sylvain
      i. What is External Affairs?
         1. Student governance, advocacy, and activism.
         2. Governance:
            a. How can we be a resource for them and for us
         3. UCSA is our statewide organizing body. Through it, we promote accessibility and affordability for students across campuses. Iman works as the university affairs chair.
            a. How we interact with the Regents. Money to the Regents. Regents are not necessarily educators.
            b. Can all work together
         4. Advocacy
            a. Issues we discussed last year: Graduate students on hiring committees. Black live matters.
            b. Organizing
            c. City government will come to Iman to understand graduate student views on issues.
            d. Lobby corps
   5. Activism
a. We raise hell.
   i. Fighting tuition hikes.

6. Community Building.
   a. We did a musical.
   b. Students of color conference (which will be here at Berkeley this year).
   c. Voting
      i. Women and people of color.
      ii. Political party
      iii. Reviewing the ballot measures

7. How to join—contact Iman.

c. IAVP: Aaron Smyth
   i. Sits on the ASUC student union board
      1. Most updates are about that. Also Jenna and John Ready sit on that board.
      ii. There’s a 75-80% chance we’ll be in the Senate Chamber in Eschelman.
      iii. Marko QTAP PD, QTEP and Queer Grads are having a Welcome reception on 9/17 at Anthony Hall patio. Free drinks.

d. VP of Finance: Arturo Fernandez
   i. Brief synopsis of the status of the GA finances. We’re above water.
   ii. 2015-2016—budgeted a deficit of $10k, previous year $48k
   iii. Problems
      1. Forgot to budget QTAP
      2. Forgot to add $15k
      3. Commercial revenue will cover
   iv. Bad News List
      1. Carry forwards from previous years
      2. Estimated 50k budget deficit from last year, but $37k from Boat Cruise
   v. Conclusion: we want no more deficits going forward.
   vi. Where to see? GA website, About→ budget→ in xlsx

e. President: Jenna Kingkade
   i. We did a lot over the summer. She is available by email, office hours.
   ii. NGSO
      1. Cory was NGSO chair and did an awesome job.
         a. He did a lot of things differently.
            i. Sexual assault training, from UCOP director.
            ii. Lunch with Greenwell.
            iii. Cultural humility training.
            iv. Post-event mixer.
            v. Tours.
      iii. Chancellor Meeting in September
         1. Talked about expectations—wanted updates.
         2. Affordable housing—what are they doing?
            a. Not much. They want to build more.
b. Really only 100-200 beds, when we have 10k grad students.

3. Dependent Healthcare.
   a. Last year got a presentation from UHS. University took straw poll and took that as consent for dropping dependents. Chancellor has not really been involved.
      i. Think we should consider a resolution.

4. Wellness—might go system wide.

5. Reaffirmed resolution to students on hiring committees. But there is tension between chancellor and academic senate.

6. Rec Sports. Fields not accessible right now, and will be used by athletes. Not just recreation, but wellness.

iv. Student Union
   1. Issues cropping up there. Large effort of campus contract workers, movement to the same benefits as the UC system. As of now the student union is trying to get an addenda to the contract.

v. Student Fee Increase
   1. Fees escalated to pay off the construction for Eshelman

vi. Prioritizing collaboration with the ASUC.

vii. Two announcements.
   1. Join the ASUC Judicial Council
   2. Office Hours—on the GA website.

10. Dependent Coverage (10 min + 5 min extension)
   a. Mitar would like to direct the executive board to draft a resolution.
   b. Matt’s been working with Dax with people across campus. Ethical question—does Berkeley support families? Education Department is very upset.
   c. Student families are strapped. No affordable housing.
   d. Is there a way to boycott?
   e. If you don’t have full coverage, it is a problem
   f. We need to remember to consider spouses and not just children.
   g. We help direct funding to UHS on some committees.

11. GA Funding Update (5 min)
   a. A lot of the events are August and September.
   b. Applications $17,401, Approved $13,453. Total for the year $19,000. Remaining $5,547.
   c. Still 2 pending, working with the applicants to reduce costs.
   d. Applications for fall events are coming. The deadline is on 9/14.
   e. Applications are now online.
   f. Be on the funding committee.

12. 2014-2015 Advocacy Agenda (15 min)
   a. Diversity
      i. White papers
         1. One to get students on graduate student committees for hiring. Lots of push to get people in the door, but a lot don’t necessarily stay.
            a. 2/3 done.
i. Cultural humility.

ii. White paper on hiring committees. Haven’t yet gotten data. What do the applications look like? Is it a money issue? Lots of protests last year. Only woman of color in CNR was denied tenure.
   1. Tenure: only senior faculty. Only promotes from those above, not peers. Mostly white male.

b. Sexual Assault
   i. Sexual assault training is now mandatory for incoming graduate students. What are the next steps? Jenna is on a committee.
   ii. Kena is part of the university wide meetings. It’s not clear it’s being enforced to get the training. What is considered valid or not under this new paradigm?
   iii. As part of the wellness referendum, the university is hiring a specialist. An idea is to fundraise a center on campus! Looking at creating safe houses that are unmarked.

c. Wellness
   i. Last spring students agreed to a fee which created funding for the next 30 years for diversity and other things. Expanded hours. Fundraising is happening. They want to be more transparent and will have a website soon.

13. Advocacy Pulse Check: (20 min + 5 min extension)
   a. What do delegates want to talk about this year?
      i. Sustainability
         1. More access to recycling and compost. Some departments don’t have a recycling program.
      ii. Professional Career Development
      iii. Affordable Housing
      iv. Social Justice—to general?
      v. Expense of being a graduate student in Berkeley (institutional support, housing costs, costs of living)
      vi. Funding not transparent, hard to make decisions
         1. Transparency of data collection
      vii. Diversity—so much
      viii. Accessibility of the research (open access publishing)
         1. Unclear if you can’t publish
      ix. Campus Fee—raised to almost $600, and it is not covered by fee remission. Some departments will cover, some will not.
      x. Propose bringing back the Graduate Student Advocate position
   b. Exec Board Meeting about Advocay
      i. Reflected on successes and where we could have more.
      ii. New system: Two year plan to get more done on one issue.
      iii. Reviewed last year’s plan
1. Sexual assault. Taken up by the university, so we don’t feel like we need to own it.
2. Wellness, also blown up in a good way.
3. Diversity—still need more
   a. Pushback from the departments for students on hiring committees.
iv. Reached consensus: affordable housing
   1. We can use this to talk about a spectrum of issues.
v. Point of information: what do the rules say about moving to a 2 year plan?
   1. Essentially nothing, except that the exec board should propose an agenda.
vi. Next steps:
   1. Feedback form—write a few sentences about advocacy thoughts.
   2. Propose a plan!

14. Meeting Adjourned