Agenda

1) Announcements
   a) Website
      i) Up and running
   b) Faculty Mentor Award Ceremony - 4/9
      i) If anyone else can come, it will be in Anna Head Alumnae Hall
      ii) 4:00pm-6:00pm
   c) Job cards - question about budget
      i) Sanaz - wanted to know if it is okay to have job cards ready for all directors that are turning over; should we put “pending approval” when we post it?
      ii) Don’t want to wait until May to post it and interview
      iii) John: would probably list it with the latest draft budget
      iv) Sanaz will wait to post some of the job cards until after the budget has been finalized

2) Review/record items approved over email
   a) None

3) Delegates Meeting Debrief [MJ]
   a) Only 12 delegates responded to the survey
      i) Live Feedback Form
         1) We should set ground rules/community agreements for posting on the form
         2) Some people were openly criticizing the funding committee
         3) In that way, anonymity maybe was not okay
   b) It would be good to have a presenter on a retirement plan next time
      i) Fidelity also has financial literacy workgroups
      ii) It would be good to talk to a Berkeley contact first
      iii) We should find someone and put them in contact with MJ
   c) They liked Grad Slam
   d) They liked the anonymous Q&A doc
      i) Should try a different format next time

4) Funding Officer
   a) Appoint acting officer
      i) Going to ask Sara to be acting funding chair until her term officially starts
      ii) Bylaws state that there has to be a special election, so we should put it on the agenda for the May meeting
iii) We can appoint Sara for this month though
   1) Sanaz moves to appoint Sara as the interim funding officer
   2) MJ seconds
   3) Approved

b) Funding Guide revision
   i) We will ask Sara to look at this
   ii) We will see how we can incentivize sustainability more

5) Cal Day
   a) MJ, Katie, and Scarlette are planning it
   b) Katie will look up how much we spent on sunglasses last year

6) VITA tax program for graduate students
   a) Has IRS trained volunteers to help file tax return for free
   b) There is a UC Berkeley group that does this
   c) ASUC operates one, but they are at capacity
   d) ASUC asked us if we would be willing to sponsor a site, and they would provide volunteers for next year
   e) We have to apply and request a grant from the IRS
      i) Deadline is by end of May
      ii) The major expense is a coordinator to run everything (a stipend for a grad student)
      iii) Maybe the NGSO Coordinator could do it
      iv) It would be a large event for the spring
      v) The window to submit the grant application is May 1-June 2nd
      vi) Grad Div might be interested in being part of this-John will ask them
      vii) All federal funds have to be matched
      viii) Arturo, MJ, and Sanaz can work on the grant application

7) Alcohol requests
   a) IVP - $400 for co-sponsorship of Students of Color in Public Policy Symposium Reception & Networking Event - 4/17 Anthony Hall - 4-7:30pm
   b) 50 grads, 25 alum
   c) Requesting $425
   d) They might get more attendance if she sends it out to delegates
   e) We should get clarification from MJ

8) GSC Paypal acct Update [John]
   a) GSC had been operating a Paypal account for Bay Cruise
   b) The account was still linked to GSC coordinator from 2008-2010
   c) We have access to the account
   d) Alex, Arturo, and John are still working on it

9) Grad Slam Competition Update [John]
   a) There are three winners
   b) Two presented at the Delegates’ meeting
   c) There was a concern about Masters students being advantaged because their projects are short
   d) One concern was that there wasn’t representation from the social sciences on the judges
   e) One question on the rubric could have been skewed
   f) UCOP is measuring the impact to society
   g) Might have to rename the competition so that its clear what the intentions are
h) We should share the departments of applicants with the person that is upset
   i) Might need to help people craft their narrative

10) Budget
   a) We’ve lost a lot of CACSSF funding that we used to get (about 40k)
   b) Can maybe cut BO, Projects, and Exec budgets
   c) There is a 76k deficit right now
   d) UCSA fees are based on student population
   e) Maybe we could pay less money for UCSA dues
   f) We could also cut meeting meals
   g) We need to write a letter to Grad Div
   h) We could ask the Chancellor or Provost to help cover some gaps, but that might not
      happen because they are already planning for budgetary cuts
      i) Arturo can send this out, and everyone can email him suggestions

11) Diversity White Paper (Iman)
   a) We are going to put the white papers on all the advocacy topics on the website
      i) Alex is going to look for the sexual assault one
      ii) We should format them all so they are consistent
   b) Iman sent a draft
      i) There is concern about the use of the word “democratizing”
      ii) Could maybe explicitly say “incorporate student voices”
      iii) It’s the UCSA campaign term
   c) Iman met with student groups and delegates, and included the three things that she
      heard the most and that were doable
      i) Creating a critical mass of diverse graduate students
         1) Ask that each department records who applies, who is granted an
            interview (if applicable), and who accepts
      ii) Democratizing faculty hiring process
         1) Need to share the resolution that we just passed
      iii) Incorporate cultural competency into NGSO

12) WOCI/EWOCC Conversation Follow-Up?
   a) GMORR/GIGS problem
      i) GMORR has to keep GIGS
      ii) So maybe EWOCC should stay just WOCI, and cut down on staff stipend
      iii) This means GMSP and GWP might have more work
   b) Maybe there should be more funding from ASUC because there is a lot of undergrad
      involvement
   c) Could also make sure we continue to get funding from those that gave us funding this
      year
   d) Sanaz will talk to Amber about it

13) NGSO Coordinator (note about adding a DLab session) Job Card
   a) Might be extended until September 15th
   b) NGSO will be August 25th this year
      i) If it ended August 31st, they would have a week for housekeeping
      ii) AD could finish up any followup
   c) Sanaz moves to approve, Arturo seconds, approved

14) GA/ASUC/CSF Budget letter
   a) by end of April
   b) At the last CACSSF meeting, the CFO said they liked a budget letter by the end of April
c) Sanaz can ask Hannah to analyze fee data first

15) Upcoming meetings with administrators
a) Gibor Basri (4/2) [report back]
   i) Melanie P came with John to the meeting
   ii) They discussed grad student space
   iii) They are starting interviews for his replacement
b) Grad Dean & Bob Lalanne (4/2) [report back]
   i) Grad Housing [John/Antony]
   ii) They spoke with the director of real estate and Fiona
   iii) They talked about putting housing near the Richmond Bay campus, and they discussed potential problems with the area
   iv) Housing costs have remained consistent, but transportation costs have increased, which might indicate that students are moving further away for affordable housing
   v) They need data to know what kind of housing grad students want (dorm style housing, apartments, single units with some shared space)
   vi) Issues about rent control, vacancy control, other laws
c) Governor’s Office (4/3) [report back]
   i) John met with his staff
   ii) There were about 35 students there
   iii) They spoke about online education, and three year degrees, and students complained
   iv) There’s another meeting tomorrow with Napolitano
d) Harry Le Grande (4/8)
e) Dean of Students (4/15)
f) Gibor Basri (4/15)

16) Review action items in Trello

notes from last meeting: https://docs.google.com/a/berkeley.edu/document/d/1t6FwDySb5DBmscvaddl8jH26GZ5Qib18HW4na-PdbWQ/edit