GA Executive Board Minutes
July 13, 2015

In Attendance: Jenna Kingkade, Aaron Smyth, Jonathan Morris, Lyndsey Ogle (phone), Sara Wichner (phone), Arturo Fernandez (phone), Sara Abarbanel (phone), Cory Hernandez (phone), Iman Sylvain (phone), Scarlette Li (phone)

I. Introductions
   a. Name, Position. One thing you’re excited about for the remainder of the summer.

II. Public Comment (if speakers exceed 10, 1 minute per speaker)
   a. Healthcare Coalition Representative—Jackie Zaneri
      i. Jackie is here to talk about the University’s decision to drop dependent coverage from SHIP.
         1. It was UHS’s decision. UHS provided insufficient information to the Student Health Insurance Advisory Committee on which some GA delegates sit.
            a. UHS has been looking for ways to cut the healthcare premium.
            b. The decision to cut dependents was approved by the UHS head.
            c. The idea is that dependents can switch to the state exchange or Medical and it is cheaper for them to do so.
            d. The problem is that affordable care plans do not work for international students, undocumented students, and students with multiple kids.
         2. The coalition filed a grievance and held a meeting that included student parents. UHS was invited, but they didn’t come.
         3. The coalition wants to see the decision overturned immediately, but is looking into alternatives, such as getting dependent coverage for this year while working to have the decision overturned for next year.
      ii. What role does the GA play in this matter?
            1. The coalition wants to put as much pressure on UHS as possible. UHS should not have made such a decision without talking to the people that will be affected by this.
            2. A resolution asking for the reinstatement of coverage for dependents will be drafted.
III. Updates
   a. CAVP Lyndsey
      i. The GA is in the process of hiring Project Directors. The GA will send an all-graduate student email advertising the open positions in order to attract more applicants.
      ii. Hopefully all Project Director positions will be filled by early August. The GMORR Director and the Graduate Parent Advocacy Project Director have been hired.
      iii. Lyndsey will share bios of the new Project Directors with the Executive Board.
      iv. Aaron comments that a ‘Getting Involved’ page will be a permanent link so people can check for open positions year round.
   b. EAVP Iman
      i. UCSA Congress is coming up August 9-13, hosted by UC Irvine.
      ii. Iman is planning on reorganizing the EAVP office, and the staff for SAGE.
         1. She is planning on reorganizing the office by having a lobby corps that will head to Sacramento every other month. She will be changing the job cards for the positions.
   c. IVP Aaron
      i. Currently working with Shirley and Joan Iva on revamping forms.
         1. Soda Request Forms, Room Reservations, Delegate Certification Forms.
      ii. There is currently a soda crisis going on. Aaron is working on renovating the soda ‘import’ and ‘export,’ and wants more non-Pepsi and non-Pepsi Co. products.
      iii. Eshleman Hall move is delayed until late October. Aaron is coordinating with Joan Iva and Shirley about all the stuff that is in Anthony Hall and where to place the Business office.
   d. President Jenna
      i. Jenna met with Graduate Student Union and the Berkeley Faculty Association to discuss priorities for the upcoming year, and how to work together to build power on campus.
         1. She will share the notes from that meeting.

IV. Committee Appointments
   a. Some committees just need graduate students, who don’t necessarily have to be delegates. The main goal is to hear the graduate students’ voices.

V. NGSO
   a. NGSO Coordinator Cory Hernandez
      i. One of the biggest changes from last year is that lunch will be extended to 90 minutes instead of 60 minutes. There will still be 4 sessions in a day. Cory is currently working with the Visitors Center and the libraries on giving tours during lunch.
      ii. The GA polled last year’s delegates and the Executive Board on potential keynote speakers, and Cory used the results to make
decisions about who to invite. Corry sent out invitations to three professors who have until Wednesday to respond.

iii. Ellen, Cory’s Graduate Division counterpart, is still in the process of finalizing the workshop schedules. Many workshops will be similar to those offered last year, but there are also some new additions.

1. One of the biggest changes in workshops comes from the Office of the President, which will require all new incoming graduate students to go through Sexual Assault Training.

2. 900 students are expected to attend NGSO, so logistics need to be worked out.

3. The students should finish Sexual Assault Training within 4-6 weeks after NGSO/school starts. Registration might be on hold if the training is not completed.

iv. Iman suggests that there should be cultural humility training during NGSO, because such is stated in the White Paper.

1. Cory says that he will try his best to have a Cultural Humility Session workshop during NGSO.

v. Cory is working with Lyndsey on a Minority Grad Student Panel, which provides a platform for students to talk about their experiences.

vi. The Multicultural Development Center will host a sensitivity workshop, with the purpose of making the students understand the different cultures and identities of the students on campus.

VI. Student Union Contract with Chartwells

a. Discuss concerns about contract with Chartwells and worker contracting.

b. Chartwells is a large food service provider that has a contract with the Student Union.

   i. Food service workers will be contractors, instead of UC employees. These workers will likely be paid less and have fewer, if any, benefits than if they were UC employees.

   c. President Jenna and IVP Aaron sit on the Student Union Board.

   d. The goal is to try and make these employees UC employees instead of contracted workers

      i. Jenna will keep everyone updated on the issue.

VII. Communications Agreement

a. The board moves to table this until next week.

VIII. Advocacy Agenda

a. Jenna will coordinate a workshop for Executive Board members to brainstorm about the process for developing an advocacy agenda to propose at the September meeting.

b. Jonathan adds that this should include a review of last years’ advocacy agenda development process and the progress made on each advocacy item.

IX. New GA Coordinator
a. How do we want to incorporate Shirley into GA life?

X. Permanent bDrive folders
   a. We want to have to have bDrive folders set up for each of the Exec Officers so we have permanent records of GA business.

XI. Future E-Board Meetings
   a. August E-Board Meeting; select a regular day/time.
      i. Jenna will send out a When2meet poll.

XII. Standing Committee on Professional Development Resolution
   a. Do we want to create a standing committee to partner with Grad Div. on new initiative?
      b. Professional Developing Standing Committee Resolution
         i. Aaron proposes to have a GA standing committee for Professional Development instead of a work group that dissolves when the school year ends.
            1. This standing committee will be more administrative in the nature, and will work frequently with the Marketing and Communications Director.
            2. Aaron expresses the need to create a well thought-out committee description.
         ii. Grad Div. has a space for Professional Development. It would be great if the students can use this space.
            1. Grad Div. does not have a committee for Professional Development.
            2. Grad Div. is also in the process of hiring the Associate Dean for Professional Development.
         iii. Aaron plans to draft a proposal and create a campus committee composed of faculty members, Career Center staff, Grad Div. faculty, and graduate students. The proposal will be sent to Fiona upon completion. A resolution will also be drafted and proposed before the delegates.

XIII. Resolution regarding dependent health care coverage
   a. Jenna proposes to draft a resolution to reinstate dependent coverage for the September meeting. She volunteers to be a co-sponsor of the resolution. Iman also volunteers to be a co-sponsor.
   b. This item will be tabled until the next meeting.

XIV. Contingency Funding Apps
   a. Approving Summer Contingency Funding Applications
      i. Today the board will not be voting on Funding Apps that include requesting funding for past events.
      ii. Today the board will be voting on the funding the Bay Area Vision Research Day and the Entomology Student Organization.
      iii. FC Sara explains the FC recommendation:
         1. The Bay Area Vision
            a. The Bay Area Vision will not be funded for ‘Printing Programs,’ they can just print at the GA.
b. Contingency App limits funding food to $800, so the Bay Area Vision will only be funded $800 for food.

2. The Entomology Student Organization can be funded in full.

d. Funding for Room reservations

i. One student organization is requesting $1,800 for room reservation, the student group was unable to reserve Anna Head because it had already be reserved.

ii. There’s a year’s of Space Reservation Fund that the GA has not used. The student org’s room reservation funding can come out of that.

XV. Staff Job Cards

a. Notes: Approve job cards for Marketing Director and Committee Coordinator. Discuss GSC Card.

b. Marketing Director and Committee Coordinator

i. Former CAVP Sanaz suggested that someone should be hired to spearhead the committee assignments. This person will coordinate the committees, have continuing dialogues with people on the committees, and give the information to the delegates.

ii. The Marketing Director card should be reframed as the Marketing and Communication Director, communications experience (e.g. journalism) should be part of the skills desired.

iii. One board member moves to approve the job cards as amended.

1. Others seconded.

2. No objections.

c. GSC

i. Should GSC continue to have two positions? Should a co-director be hired or should there be just Chris with more assistants?

ii. Should Chris be on the hiring committee for this new co-director/assistant?

iii. Iman suggests that it will be better to have two brains to think of how to appeal to the mass graduate students instead of just one.

iv. Correction on the GSC Job card: it should be $800 per month for 9 months

v. Aaron suggests that the 2 GSC co-directors should be working as co-equals. The GA should not split these two positions or the budget.

d. Additional Notes:

i. GA needs to hire a data analyst to help with the survey at the end of the year.
ii. We need to think more about campus participation: how to make the student organizations see the GA as more than just their source of funding.

iii. If we hire people for the GA for only two or three months (part-time), can we just give them PSAs?

XVI. Evaluation
   a. Check-ins, identity tension and lessons learned.

XVII. Meeting adjourned