Graduate Assembly
Executive Board Meeting
May 20, 2015
2:00pm-4:00pm

Agenda

1) Announcements
   a) Regents Meeting
      i) Thursday and Friday
      ii) UCSF - Mission Bay
      iii) 8:30am start time
      iv) Iman will be a STAR; talking about how tuition plan doesn’t reflect professional students at all
      v) Jane and Amber will be speaking
   b) Arturo went to the State Capitol on Monday for Immigrant Day
      i) Advocated for SB 4, which would let people participate in Covered California regardless of immigration status

2) Review/record items approved over email
   a)

3) Alcohol requests

4) PSA expenditures/policies [Sanaz]
   a) Got a comment from John Morris that it should have said “Vice President of Finance”
      i) GA Officers, Directors, and Staff
   b) MJ has a change made by Katie on the bylaws - she will send the changes to John, who will update the Google Doc, PDF it, and then put it on the website.

5) Open Comment (10 min)
   a) Iman: Would feel more comfortable if PD’s make at least $11k/year
      i) Coordinators 10 months ; $11k
         1) last year they were at 10 months, not 9
      ii) Arturo: last year we used those numbers based on what we were told. They worked 9 months, not 10 months. Iffy, because some of this information is not easily verifiable. Sort of a mysterious process to determine how much each PD works
      iii) John: 9 months [June, July, January, low work months]. I would be on board for 10 months for everybody
      iv) John: Maybe 10 months at $1,500/month [$10,500/year]
      v) Sanaz: Flex fund for 1-2 PDs who are continuing to continue at same rate as this year, since they were hired for a 2-year position? Maybe in the CAVP budget or President’s discretionary budget
      vi) Arturo: Yes, we can expand the CAVP staff fund by $2200
vii) Aaron: What if we make it an application process where anyone who needs an extra month, needs to apply and justify it, and there can be a committee that oversees these and allocates from a given pot.

viii) Sanaz: Take money out of this year’s budget and pay them the difference this year to close the gap this year. [$500 each; which is $1000];

ix) Iman: If you look at 2014 budget, avg 7 non-co chair positions, $1050 for 10 months; but I think $990 is low

x) Budget committee standardized pay per months; diff PDs worked different months

xi) Line 113: GWP: yearly stipend ; next year $9900
   1) for sake of transparency, pay everyone the same amount

xii) John: Proposal: 4 variations of pay that were proposed as options:
   1) 10 x 1000 = $10,000
   2) 10 x 1050 = $10,500
   3) 10 x 1100 = $11,000 [voted down by the Delegates]
   4) 9 x 1100 = $9,900

xiii) Lyndsey: To appeal to a broader pool of applicants, having a realistic expectation that they have that freedom of 3 months not tied into that, will have more people applying/interested than at 10 months.

xiv) John called for a vote:
   1) 9 months x $1100 = $9,900 [Arturo, Sanaz, MJ]
   2) 9 months x $1150 = $10,350
   3) 9 months x $1200 = $10,800

6) Budget approval
   a) EWOCC Organizer Position
      i) Point to be made about marginalizing increasing PSA; if that pays for an EWOCC Organizer position and then there’s not enough to hire other PSAs
      ii) Line 145 in the budget
      iii) EWOCC also has a trustee account: $20k [misc. EWOCC expenses: printing, food, etc.]
      iv) MJ: Potential solution proposed by Katie:
         1) EWOCC largely caters to external community along with undergrad community
         2) Katie had thought about an idea of potentially partnering with ASUC; and ASUC might have some funding to go towards funding an EWOCC Organizer position if we want to keep the position
         3) Originally put on by undergrads
   v) Iman moves to support the Budget Committee’s recommendation
   vi) John moves to do column K with a PSA change to $9,000:
      1) Total: $30,100
      2) Stipend: $9,900
      3) Programs/Events: $10,000
4) Meeting Meals: $700
5) Discretionary: $500
6) PSA: $9,000

vii) John moves to approve this amended budget for the 2015-2016 year; Arturo seconds; passes by consensus

viii) At September meeting, need to discuss with Delegates to ensure that they understand the process

7) GSC Resignation
   a) Heather Arata submitted a letter of resignation from the Graduate Social Club Co-Chairship
   b) Sanaz drafted email response, will send it and let Exec Board know about the response.

8) SHIP changes
   a) Fiona Doyle email stating that the GA had approved of the change.
      i) John sent Fiona an email clarifying that the GA had not approved the changes, as we did not have authority to approve of that. Besides a 10 minute PowerPoint presentation in the Fall, we were not consulted any further.
      ii) Issue with tone: seemed like university official (she) sent an email blaming students for a decision that the university made. John asked her to send an email clarifying the GA's role in the situation, and stated that if she does not, he will.
      iii) UAW is filing grievances about it.

9) Exec Board schedule for May/June
   a) MJ will ask Morris if Aaron can be her proxy during the June meeting(s).
   b) John will clear the rest of the standing Exec Board meetings through June, and will call a meeting if definitely needed.

10) GSC Paypal acct Update [Arturo]
    a) Arturo needs to make sure that attaching his SS# to the GA PayPal account will not result in the IRS flagging his person.

11) Delivery of New Anthony Hall Furniture [John]
    a) If they deliver it, do not set it up, see that something is missing or broken later, they will not replace it.
    b) They will come back and install the furniture later.

12) GA Advisor/Coordinator Interviews
    a) All are invited. Lunch followed by presentation by GA Coordinator (Chris Wong's replacement). 4 people coming during month of June.
    b) This person will work in GA space with Business Office, PD, Exec Board, etc.
    c) It is possible for folks to call in for the presentations, but challenging for the lunch.

13) GA job openings update
    a) Have ton of applications except for TBG-that will be extended.
    b) Hiring committees [Committees must be chaired by an Officer, according to the bylaws]:
i) Iman: WOCI [in charge]
ii) Lyndsey: will sit on all of them
iii) Also have one delegate and one PD on all of them.
iv) Sara: GWP
c) Will send email right now with application materials, ask everyone to rank their candidates by Sunday. Will schedule interviews during the next week.
d) John plans to re-post NGSO and TBG; WOCI is coming, and it will be included in the announcement
e) Don’t know about GMORR yet; can’t send that one out yet.

14) GA Leadership Alumni (GALA) Reception Debrief
   a) Great! Nancy Skinner founded the grad student union; founded the DeCal program; etc.
   b) Jenna’s on board; John passed along contact information to Jenna of another 5-6 people who were here in the 80s/90s who were very excited and passionate but were unable to make it
   c) Looking to grow this into an annual group gathering

15) ASUC Student Union feedback
   a) Classroom space
      i) The Student Union is opening.
      ii) Wheeler Hall will close for renovation.
      iii) They have come to ASUC Student Union and asked if Pauley Ballroom can be used for some of the large classrooms in Fall 2016. They will pay rent. Originally wanted M-F 8:00am-6:00pm.
      iv) Board stated that it would talk through this and consider it.
      v) MWF - late afternoon?
      vi) Sanaz: would suggest that the Event Services director look at the last 3-5 years of reservations and determine which were “hot hours”
      vii) Space is student activities space; free for students to use; other groups have to pay to rent it.
      viii) Alex: if Pauley Ballroom will now be used for classrooms, then:
           1) How will that affect sound restrictions on the other spaces on the same floor as well as throughout the rest of the building?
           2) Where will the tabled (classroom) chairs be stored throughout the week when the Ballroom is used for other events? Who will pay to store them?

16) VITA tax program
   a) Administrative overhead of getting this annual program going might be too much for our organization.
   b) Sanaz: why can’t Grad Div or someone else put someone else in charge of taking this on?
   c) Sara: Maybe collaboration with Grad Div?

17) Upcoming meetings with administrators
   a) Chancellor (5/13) [report]
i) 15 minute recap at the end-of-the-year
ii) didn’t say anything about the protest
iii) Jenna and John met with David (Chancellor’s Chief of Staff) yesterday:
   1) Jenna was pushing on Richmond
   2) The response was that they still do not have the developer set, so there is no one to make an agreement with

b) Academic Senate Chair (5/19) [report]
   i) Introduced Jenna to the current and incoming AS Chairs
      1) Incoming: Ben Hermelin from Haas
   ii) Talked about the faculty diversity issue-did not go over well
   iii) Ponos: graduate students have more myopic view, while faculty have more long-term view

c) VC Research hiring committee (5/19) [report] [Sara]
   i) Meeting yesterday morning
   ii) 15 people on it; Sara is the only grad student
   iii) Faculty, some administrators: Chancellor Dirks, Claude Steele
   iv) Went over timeline: they want to hire someone by september
   v) Went over preliminary list of nominees; everyone on candidate given veto power
   vi) Sara vetoed a Chemistry professor because he was known to foster a hostile lab
   vii) Someone brought up that there were only 2 female nominees, someone responded well that’s better than we could have done.
   viii) One of the female professors on the committee brought up some potential female nominees, Sara and a few other members did the same.
   ix) If you all know of anyone who is mid-career-ish, has a broad view of research, and has an administrative track record, please submit their names to Sara for nomination (or to the soon-to-be-sent campuswide email soliciting nominations)
   x) The current search is internal (on Berkeley campus, or for people with former deep affiliations with Cal)
   xi) There has not been a call for nominations yet; the current list was generated by the Chancellor.
   xii) They have a list of “stakeholders” who they want to hold focus groups with (this would be with the committee before consideration of candidates; to help determine criteria):
       1) Academic Senate types
       2) Administrative types
       3) Sara was considering bringing up students as a stakeholder group

d) Grad Dean (5/22)
   i) If any agenda items, let John know.

18) Review action items in Trello
notes from last meeting:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dJu7hjzzp9r02cDjqFKe94ISxTgQa9SVTaMsbn48fAs/edit