

**Graduate Assembly
Delegate Meeting
December 5, 2013
5:30-9:30pm, Anna Head Alumnae Hall**

- I. Approval of the Agenda and November 2013 Minutes**
 - a. Minutes are posted at <https://ga.berkeley.edu/delegates/meeting/2013-11-07>
 - b. Delegates approve agenda and minutes by voice vote**

- II. Feedback Forms**
 - a. <http://bit.ly/DecGA>

- III. Resolution Referral**
 - a. 1312A: Directed Action to Co-Sponsor a Public Forum on the Student-Workers Union's Contract Campaign
 - i. Delegates vote to fast track resolution 1312A**
 - 1. 35 approve**
 - 2. 7 oppose**
 - 3. 2 abstain**
 - b. 1312B: Resolution for Wellness Initiative and Workgroup
 - i. Resolution is referred to Campus Affairs and Rules Committees

- IV. University Health Services**
 - a. Mental Health Services and More
 - i. The Gold Folder is a good resource for helping students in distress
 1. Some information can be found at <http://uhs.berkeley.edu/goldfolder/>
 - ii. The Tang Center provides several support services
 1. They offer social services, counseling, and psychological support
 2. Social services include assistance for distress issues regarding sexual assault, medical concerns, and substance use
 3. Counseling helps students with all other concerns
 4. There are many support groups
 5. The counselors work in multiple locations
 - iii. There will be information included in future syllabi about mental health resources

- V. GA and Guest Announcements**
 - a. Empowering Women of Color Conference will be on March 15th
 - i. The theme is "Talking Back! Our Voices Overcoming Violence"

VI. UCPD and Campus Safety Report

- a. Captain Alex Yao and Lieutenants Lee Harris and John Suezaki addressed Assembly
 - i. John Suezaki is in charge of the evening shift
 1. His phone number is 510-642-6760
 2. His email is jsuezaki@berkeley.edu
 - ii. Lee Harris is in charge of the day shift
 1. His phone number is 510-642-0799
 2. His email is l_harris@berkeley.edu
 - iii. They would like to have a lieutenant present at the GA Meeting every month to provide updates and answer questions
 - iv. Students are welcome to do ride-alongs with UCPD
 - v. They would love volunteers to help out with several community events
- b. The Captain and Lieutenants answered delegate questions
 - i. There was a spike in robberies in October, but it has gone down since then
 - ii. Bike theft has historically been a problem on campus
 1. UCPD is implementing a program soon to combat the problem
 2. They recommend that students take the front wheel of the bike and use a U Lock through the front wheel and back wheel
- c. The GA voted in favor of having an open house with UCPD
 - i. 27 voted in favor
 - ii. 1 voted against
 - iii. 18 said they would not come, but that the GA should still have the open house

VII. UC SHIP and Health Care Reform Presentation

- a. The full presentation can be found at <https://ga.berkeley.edu/delegates/meeting/2013-12-05>

VIII. Funding Approvals

- a. The funding committee's recommendations can be found at <https://ga.berkeley.edu/delegates/meeting/2013-12-05>
- b. Delegates vote to approve recommendations
 - i. 28 vote in favor
 - ii. 7 vote against
 - iii. 6 abstain

IX. Campus Committee Reports

- a. John compiled the reports of all the campus committees
- b. It is available at <https://ga.berkeley.edu/delegates/meeting/2013-12-05>

X. Upcoming Elections Discussion

- a. Officers welcome any questions about their responsibilities
- b. Contact information can be found at <https://ga.berkeley.edu/officers-and-staff>

XI. Treasurer Report

- a. Olivier presented the draft for the Student Endorsement of Banking Consolidation document
 - i. It says that students only want good and ethically appropriate products marketed towards them, students would like to make money for a student fund, and the Credit Union of Berkeley Students, Faculty, and Staff (CUBS) should be protected
 - ii. The bank would not have access to the student union
- b. Delegates voted on how they felt about supporting the efforts of the banking consolidation work group if all conditions of the document were met
 - i. 8 felt uncomfortable giving support
 - ii. 8 felt somewhat uncomfortable
 - iii. 11 felt neutral about it
 - iv. 10 felt somewhat comfortable
 - v. 6 felt completely comfortable
- c. Delegates voted on how they felt about the conditions set forth in the document
 - i. 6 felt uncomfortable with the entire initiative
 - ii. 4 would like to see a lot of changes to the document
 - iii. 24 felt that it was a good start, but could still be improved
 - iv. 2 felt that the document was good

XII. UAW Report Back

- a. The representative was unable to attend the meeting, so there was no report

XIII. Bike Wellness Advocacy Update

- a. The presentation can be found at <https://ga.berkeley.edu/delegates/meeting/2013-12-05>
- b. Some survey results regarding bikes on campus will be released soon
- c. John and Bahar have been meeting regularly with UCPD

XIV. Resolution Discussion and Vote

- a. 1310B-Resolution to form a Projects Ally Workgroup
 - i. The resolution was tabled in November
 - ii. Ina, the Graduate Women's Project coordinator, spoke in favor of the resolution
 - iii. The External Affairs committee recommended tabling the resolution
 - iv. **Delegates voted to approve the resolution**
 1. **18 voted in favor**
 2. **14 voted against**
 3. **3 abstained**
 - v. Carl Nadler, Daniel Riffe, Yonatan Mintz, and Simon Kobayashi joined the workgroup

- b. 1311A-Resolution for Standing Policy and Directed Action in Support of ASUC/GA Participation in Campus Naming Policy
 - i. The delegates took a straw poll about whether they were in favor of adding an amendment saying that the GA is opposed to corporate naming of campus buildings in general
 - 1. 21 were in favor
 - 2. 10 were opposed
 - 3. 6 abstained
 - ii. The delegates debated adding the amendment
 - 1. The policy could affect research funding
 - 2. Corporate naming could create an appearance of bias
 - 3. The state might be willing to give more money if Berkeley keeps accepting private money
 - 4. It could set a standard for other universities
 - iii. **The amendment was approved**
 - 1. **25 in favor**
 - 2. **8 opposed**
 - 3. **2 abstained**
 - iv. **The resolution passed as amended**
 - 1. **29 in favor**
 - 2. **6 opposed**
 - 3. **3 abstained**
- c. 1311B-Resolution for Divesting University Investments from the Fossil Fuel Industry
 - i. There is a nationwide campaign for schools to divest endowments from the two hundred fossil fuel companies with the largest reserves of carbon
 - 1. Eight undergraduate resolutions have already passed among the UCs
 - 2. The resolution sets the stage for UC to be leaders on climate change
 - 3. The campaign's financial analysts determined that this wouldn't result in a significant loss of funds to the university
 - 4. It asks for divestment over a five year period
 - ii. **The resolution failed to receive 2/3 vote of assembly**
 - 1. **25 in favor**
 - 2. **9 opposed**
 - 3. **5 abstained**
 - iii. **There was a motion to reconsider the vote**
 - 1. **Passed by voice vote**
 - iv. **There was a motion table until February**
 - 1. **Passed by voice vote**

- d. 1311C-Budget Amendment to invest Commercial Money into the Graduate Assembly's Funds Functioning as Endowments
 - i. Delegates approved the resolution**
 - 1. 34 in favor**
 - 2. 0 opposed**
 - 3. 1 abstained**
- e. 1312A- Directed Action to Co-Sponsor a Public Forum on the Student-Workers Union's Contract Campaign
 - i. The forum is intended to get more graduate student input on negotiations
 - ii. The resolution calls for the GA to publicize the event and provide a space for the forum to occur
 - iii. There was concern that if the GA helped organize the event, it would appear as if the GA was completely endorsing the Union
 - iv. Resolution failed by vote of assembly**
 - 1. 16 in favor**
 - 2. 12 opposed**
 - 3. 6 abstained**

XV. Adjournment and GA Social