

**Graduate Assembly
Delegate Meeting
February 6, 2014
5:30-9:00pm, Anna Head Alumnae Hall**

- I. Approval of the Agenda and December 2013 Minutes**
 - a. Minutes are posted at [https://ga.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/delegates/2013-12-05/Dec 2013 Delegate Meeting Minutes .pdf](https://ga.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/delegates/2013-12-05/Dec%202013%20Delegate%20Meeting%20Minutes.pdf)
 - b. There is a motion to add 10 minutes to the agenda for the Disabled Students Union before UCPD**
 - i. Motion is seconded by delegate**
 - ii. Motion passes by voice vote**
 - c. Delegates approve agenda and minutes by voice vote**
- II. Feedback Forms**
 - a. <http://bit.ly/Feb-GA>
- III. Resolution Referral**
 - a. 1402A-Resolution for a Bylaw Amendment
 - i. Referred to Rules, Budget, and PC Ally Workgroup
- IV. GA and Guest Announcements**
 - a. Karen Andrade-Science Shop
 - i. The Science Shop is housed in CNR, but would like more of the campus to be involved
 - ii. They work on researching and solving environmental questions and global projects
 - iii. Graduate students get a small stipend for helping
 - b. EWOC Updates
 - i. They would like to have workshops at the event on March 15th
 - ii. They also are in need of photographers
 - iii. Registration opens Friday, February 8th
 - iv. Looking for delegates to volunteer at EWOC
 - c. Project Coordinators Ally Workgroup
 - i. The PC Ally group would like to invite delegates to attend and volunteer at PC events
 - ii. The workgroup meets once a month
 - d. Galen Panger-Graduate Well-Being Survey
 - i. There are a few questions about satisfaction on the survey
 - ii. The response rates are plunging, so they will talk to the Exec Board about possible incentives
 - e. Guest Announcements

- i. The GSPA luncheon will be at Anthony Hall on Monday, February 10th

V. Disabled Students Union

- a. The Health Advisory board would like to create a program for disabled students
 - i. It would be a health program to serve the needs of disabilities
 - ii. They would like to hire a long term physical therapist
 - iii. Disabled students face additional challenges as a student
 1. They need assistance to use the RSF
 2. They need extra time to get to class or complete assignments
 3. One girl had to spend 10 years working on her degree because she did not have the physical assistance she needed

VI. UCPD

- a. UCPD hosts 2 hour ride-alongs
- b. They will be hosting an open house on February 27th
 - i. Students would like an update on bike theft hotspots and sexual assault on campus
 - ii. They are working to make all campus buildings have cardkey access
- c. UCPD Is also interested in knowing what the GA finds important and would like updates on.
- d. John Suezaki, the night patrol Lieutenant, can be reached at jsuezaki@berkeley.edu

VII. Spring Funding Approvals

- a. Delegates vote to approve funding with amendments by voice vote
- b. All funding approvals can be found at <https://ga.berkeley.edu/funding/status>

VIII. Officer Reports

- a. The President's report can be found at <https://ga.berkeley.edu/delegates/meeting/2014-02-06>
- b. Campus Affairs
 - i. The Veterans Affairs problem has been fixed!
 1. They are receiving their benefits on time now
 - ii. John is hiring a survey data analyst and marketing and social media manager
 - iii. There is a position open on a campus committee
 - iv. There is a new provost, Claude Steele, who will be joining the GA for our March Delegates Meeting
 - v. Delegates took a straw poll about whether they wanted to see a technology fee on the ballot. In it's current draft form:
 1. It would be a 7 year fee for \$60 a semester
 2. A committee with majority student reps would make recommendations about how the fee is spent and the Chancellor would have final say
 3. 38 were in favor

4. 11 were opposed
 5. 4 abstained
- c. The External Affairs report can be found at
[https://ga.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/delegates/2014-02-06/2.6.14 EAVP Officer Report.pdf](https://ga.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/delegates/2014-02-06/2.6.14_EAVP_Officer_Report.pdf)

IX. Upcoming Elections Discussion

- a. The position require about 15 to 20 hours a week for exec board officers, but officers can hire staff, non-exec board staff have lower hour requirements.
- b. It would be a good opportunity for delegates to develop and grow as individuals and as leaders.
- c. There are many new administrators at UC Berkeley, so it we have an opportunity to shape the future of the university
- d. Elections will take place at the March Delegates' Meeting

X. Special Speakers for Resolution 1311B

- a. Brett, senior analyst from 350.org
 - i. 350.org is a nonprofit that addresses the climate crisis
 - ii. He is working on a divestment campaign
 - iii. Divestment is a historically important issue on college campuses
- b. GA Treasurer
 - i. The structure of the endowment
 1. The Graduate Assembly has \$175,000 invested currently
 2. The campus as a whole has \$1.3 billion invested
 3. We are one of over 2600 endowment pools to The Berkeley Foundation
 - ii. The strategy of the investment
 1. Invest in as many different types of industries as possible
 2. There is only one "green" fund that actually performs well
 - iii. The most efficient way to bring markets inline with divestment pools would be implementation of a carbon tax

XI. Resolution Discussion and Vote

- a. 1311B-Resolution for Divesting University Investments from the Fossil Fuel Industry
 - i. **The delegates voted by voice vote to approve the Environmental Sustainability Chair's suggested changes to the resolution (posted on the meeting materials for the February meeting).**
 - ii. **The delegates voted to amend a resolved clause**
 1. **37 were in favor**
 2. **9 opposed**
 3. **2 abstained**

- iii. **The delegates approved an amendment by voice vote to amend another resolved clause (see revised version of bill posted on the GA website)**
- iv. **The delegates voted to approve the resolution**
 - 1. **37 in favor**
 - 2. **13 against**
 - 3. **3 abstained**
- v. The final resolution can be found at
https://ga.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/delegates/2014-02-06/1311B_Final.pdf

- b. 1312B-Resolution for Wellness Initiative and Workgroup
 - i. **The delegates approved an amendment by voice vote**
 - ii. **The delegates voted to approve the resolution unanimously**
 - 1. **35 in favor**
 - 2. **0 opposed**
 - 3. **0 abstained**
 - iii. The delegates appointed to the committee were Adam Merberg, Elaine Yu, Kristina Kangas, and Sara Wichner
 - iv. The final resolution can be found at
https://ga.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/delegates/2014-02-06/1312B_final.pdf

XII. Adjournment and GA Social hosted by Graduate Social Club