

Graduate Assembly Delegates Meeting Minutes
Goldman School of Public Policy
May 2, 2013

- 1. Approval of the Agenda and April 2013 Meeting Summary (3 minutes, ~5:30pm)**
a. Minutes are posted at: <http://ga.berkeley.edu/delegates/meeting>.

Motion passed

- 2. Resolution Referral (3 minutes)**
a. **1305a: Standing Policy and Directed Action in Support of Open Access and AB 609**
https://ga.berkeley.edu/files/delegates/2013-05-02/1305a_0.pdf

- Peer institutions have been leaning towards open access
 - Harvard initiated this project

Motion to refer this resolution is passed

i. Consider for fast tracking

- 3. Announcements (5 minutes)**

a. Guest Announcements

- 4. Resolution Discussion and Vote (30 Minutes)**

a. 1304a: Standing Policy and Directed Action in Support of the UAW 2865 Student-Workers Union's Bargaining Demands and Contract Negotiations
<https://ga.berkeley.edu/files/delegates/2013-05-02/1304a.pdf>
By Nestor Castillo and Carl Nadler

- Represents GSI's and other student workers at other UC campuses
- Bill was sent to campus affairs and rules committee and also reviewed by external committee
- Recommendations by campus affairs and external affairs committees were to remove demands from the bill and also to amend mention of "Mark Yudof" to "UC President"
- Important for the union to have the support of the GA and its bargaining position can really do a lot to help their cause

Motion to adopt the author's recommendations as well as CAVP and rules committee motion carries

Motion to approve this resolution passes

b. 1304b: Bylaws Amendment Creating a Delegate Ethics Committee

<https://ga.berkeley.edu/files/delegates/2013-05-02/1304b.pdf>

- Bylaw amendment creates delegate ethics committee focusing on delegate conduct
- The issue of privacy and confidentiality of a delegate alleged to have exhibited poor conduct was raised
- The authority of the committee, quorum of said committee, and the mechanism by which the delegates can overturn the decision was raised; b
 - Brown act

Resolution tabled

c. 1304c: Directed action to renew the mandate of the outreach workgroup for 2013-2014

<https://ga.berkeley.edu/files/delegates/2013-05-02/1304c.pdf>

- Aims to address the obstacles that grad students face when pertaining to outreach
 - Resolution exists to outline what they do and to reduce their budget

Motion to strike out lines 50-51 passes

Motion to pass this resolution carries

5. Funding (20 minutes)

[https://ga.berkeley.edu/files/delegates/2013-05-](https://ga.berkeley.edu/files/delegates/2013-05-02/Major%20changes%20to%20the%20Funding%20Guide,%20May%202,%202013.pdf)

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- No money thus did not fund anything

Motion to approve recommendations of the funding committee passes

Motion to approve the funding guide with the outlined changes passes

- Email will be sent out

6. Chancellor Dirks (30 Minutes)

- First time coming to Berkeley without people apologizing the weather
- He is a historian who happened onto anthropology by accident, studied India
- His father got his PhD from Columbia and taught for several years at Yale
- Taught at CalTech and UMich, moved to UMich in 1987
- Worked to set up and inter-departmental PhD program between anthropology and history
- Dream to be at Berkeley; pleasure and privilege to be the next Chancellor; thrilled to be here because it has more top 10 departments than any university and is public
- Wants to engage more and learn about student experience and student governance to work as productively as possible to make sure that common goals of a productive environment is more of a reality

- Not sure as to what needs to be done as far as diversity on campus
 - Awaiting the Supreme Court cases; prop 209 was crippling to campus diversity, was astonished about the low number of African-American students on campus; focus on recruitment of students who come from low racial and socioeconomic backgrounds
- The recruitment for graduate students is very similar
- Not sure about open access policy and what stance to take as of yet
- Is worried for the prevailing notion that STEM fields are more important and other fields should be disregarded
- At Columbia, he increased funding for graduate study, especially PhD studies,

7. Elections (15 minutes)

a. Graduate Council

Matt Esters nominated for Graduate Council and elected

Patrick Baur nominated for Graduate Council and elected

Kim McNair nominated for Graduate Council and elected

Neil Sehgal nominated as the alternate for Graduate Council and elected

b. Campus Affairs Vice President

John Ready nominated for Campus Affairs Vice President and elected

Nestor Castillo nominated for Campus Affairs Vice President

c. Rules Officer

Steven Twigg nominated for Rules Officer and elected

Adam Merberg nominated for Rules Officer

d. Graduate Student Advocate

Nestor Castillo nominated for Graduate Student Advocate and elected

Kfir Cohen nominated for Graduate Student Advocate

e. Environmental Sustainability Officer

Keleigh Annau nominated for Sustainability Officer and elected

8. LGBTQ Update (10 minutes)

PowerPoint found on the **GA Delegates Assembly Meeting Information website**

9. Officer Reports (30 minutes)

a. President (15 minutes)

- PowerPoint is available on <https://ga.berkeley.edu/delegates/meeting/2013-05-02>

b. External Affairs (5 minutes)

- Angelica will sit on a committee to select 3 candidates for the next student regent
- There will be a lobbying day with the Regents to talk about education; if interested in attending, please contact Angelica
- UCSA meeting this weekend, Bahar and Angelica will be going

c. Campus Affairs (5 minutes)

- Mental Health workgroup; report on the GA website
- Currently working to get focus groups together from different departments which will inform survey to be sent out in the fall
- A few PC vacancies that need to be hired:
 - GSSP
 - WOCI
 - GSPA
 - Maybe one or two others...

d. Environmental Sustainability (5 minutes)

10. GA Budget (20 minutes)

Budget information detailing total expenses and income as well as net difference is on the GA website (amounts do not include commercial money)

- Carryover is ~\$64,000

Motion to add \$2,200 to community outreach workgroup which leads to a net difference, as seen on the PowerPoint, to \$10,565.19, up from \$8,365.19, is passed

Motion to add \$3,000 to the GSC budget from commercial reserves is passed

- CACSSF info is included in found in total income amount in the budget PowerPoint

Motion to approve the budget is passed

11. Adjournment and Delegate's Social at Kips for GSC's End of the Year Party!