

**Graduate Assembly  
Delegate Meeting**

November 7, 2013

5:30-9pm, Anna Head Alumnae Hall

- I. Approval of the Agenda and October 2013 Minutes**
  - a. Minutes are posted at <https://ga.berkeley.edu/delegates/meeting/2013-10-03>
  - b. Motion passes**
  
- II. Feedback Forms**
  - a. <http://bit.ly/NovemberGA>
  
- III. Resolution Referral**
  - a. 1311A-Resolution for Standing Policy and Directed Action in Support of ASUC/GA Participation in Campus Naming Policy (Referred to Campus Affairs and External Affairs Committees)
  - b. 1311B-Resolution for Divesting University Investments from the Fossil Fuel Industry (Referred to Campus Affairs, External Affairs, Rules, Environmental Sustainability, and Budget Committees)
  - c. 1311C-Budget Amendment to Invest Commercial Money into the Graduate Assembly's Funds Functioning as Endowments (Referred to the Budget Committee)
  - d. All resolutions referred to their respective committees
  
- IV. Announcements**
  - a. Berkeley SHIP and Health Care Reform Forums
    - i. The GA and ASUC have been sponsoring forums about SHIP and health care
    - ii. The delegates would like to have another forum at December Delegates meeting
  - b. The Berkeley Graduate
    - i. The Berkeley Graduate asked for delegate opinions on two possible logos
      1. 30 delegates preferred the first one
      2. 31 preferred the second one
      3. Execs preferred the second logo
  
- V. Library Commission Representative**
  - a. Beth Dupuis, Associate University Librarian, discussed the Report on the Commission of the Future of the Libraries
    - i. The full report can be found at:  
[http://evcp.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/FINAL\\_CFUCBL\\_report\\_10.16.13.pdf](http://evcp.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/FINAL_CFUCBL_report_10.16.13.pdf)

- ii. An article discussing the report can be found at:  
<https://ga.berkeley.edu/delegates/meeting/2013-11-07>
- iii. Some of delegates would like the libraries to also discuss the topic of open access

## **VI. GA Committee Representative Updates**

- a. Rec Sports
  - i. Matt Grigorieff, the committee representative, asked for delegate input on potential improvement to the Rec Sports programs and facilities
    - 1. Space-related issue
      - a. Currently, the facility has space for about 3 square feet per person, where 9 is the national average
      - b. The RSF has had to turn people away on multiple occasions because there were too many students
      - c. They could install a camera so people can see how busy it is from home
    - 2. Comments from Delegates:
      - a. They should extend the IM season
      - b. They need to install more cardio machines
      - c. There should be more group exercise classes offered during the day time
      - d. An indoor rock climbing wall would maximize empty space
      - e. They should expand hours, especially on the weekends
    - 3. They are exploring fundraising opportunities to make improvements
- b. UHS-Health Fee
  - i. The Health Fee Advisory Board makes recommendations on the level of the health fee, which can be raised by up to 7.1% each year
    - 1. If the fee were to stay the same, there would be about a half million dollar deficit
    - 2. The fee is currently about 50 dollars
  - ii. Some services will be cut
  - iii. The Vice Chancellor usually takes the Board's recommendations
  - iv. No major concerns raised about raising the fee
- c. Janell and Matt took a straw poll about whether students would be interested in exploring a ASUC-GA Wellness Committee
  - i. 51 delegates were in favor
  - ii. 0 were not in favor
  - iii. 4 needed more information
  - iv. 4 abstained

## **VII. External Affairs Report Back from SAGE**

- a. Kelly's report can be found at:  
[https://ga.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/delegates/2013-11-07/Officer and PC reports - November 2013\\_0.pdf](https://ga.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/delegates/2013-11-07/Officer%20and%20PC%20reports%20-%20November%202013_0.pdf)
- b. She can take six students to Washington DC
  - i. Delegates are prioritized for the trip

### VIII. Funding Approvals

- a. Funding recommendations can be found at:  
<https://ga.berkeley.edu/delegates/meeting/2013-11-07>
- b. **The Berkeley Law Foundation's request was not approved** because:
  1. The event is technically three miles away from campus, outside of recommended radius
  2. There is an admission fee for grad students
- ii. In the past, their event was funded
  1. Past funding was to help get the event started, but they were told to plan for the following year's event while fundraising
- iii. Aaron Smyth will speak to the law school about the event
- iv. The group can appeal the decision
- c. **Dillon Niederhut, the Anthropology delegate, motioned to move to a vote about the funding committee's recommendations**
  - i. **The motion was objected**
  - ii. **Delegates were tied on whether to move into a vote**
    1. **29 were in favor**
    2. **29 opposed**
    3. **Bahar broke the tie and accepted the motion to take questions**
- d. **Delegates vote to approve all funding committee recommendation**
  - i. **49 were in favor**
  - ii. **9 opposed**
  - iii. **3 abstained**

### IX. GA Survey-Open until November 15th

- a. The survey can be found at:  
[https://berkeley.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_3POVAfUYEpBUyhf](https://berkeley.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_3POVAfUYEpBUyhf)

### X. Berkeley Connect Representative

- a. Maura Nolan, the Director of Berkeley Connect, spoke to delegates about the program
  - i. Information about the program can be found at:  
<http://www.berkeleyconnect.berkeley.edu/>
  - ii. Graduate students coordinate group meetings with and mentor undergraduate students
  - iii. The program has already seen great success
- b. More departments can join if the program receives more funding

### XI. UAW Contract Negotiations Report Back by Zak Manfredi

- a. The bargaining between the UAW and UC administration is ongoing
- b. The strike authorization votes concluded on November 6<sup>th</sup> and the tally will be known by November 8<sup>th</sup>
- c. The UAW contract has currently expired and was not extended, so:
  - i. There would be a change to the grievance procedure and the strike clauses of the old contract would not be
- d. Delegates asked several questions regarding the strike vote and what a strike authorization would mean
- e. Bahar said she will invite Zak back to give another update in the future

**XII. Grad Division Report from Alumni Job Survey by Grad Dean Andrew Szeri**

- a. Slides are posted at <https://ga.berkeley.edu/delegates/meeting/2013-11-07>
- b. The report shows information about Cal alumni careers and reflections on their Berkeley experience
- c. One point of the report is to show the University that not as many students pursue academia as they think
- d. Grad Division plans to use the report to give more attention to writing and presentation skills, which students thought were very important in their future
- e. Grad Division is currently presenting the report to as many people as they can, the version they showed at this meeting is just an initial draft

**XIII. Resolution Discussion and Vote**

- a. 1310B-Resolution to form a Projects Ally Workgroup
  - i. This would create a workgroup that acts as a liaison between the project coordinators and the delegates
  - ii. Delegates raised several concerns:
    1. It might be difficult to try to coordinate the schedules of 18 people
    2. Why not just ask the PCs to present more often to delegates or Exec Board?
    3. Can CAVP just report more often about PCs?
  - iii. The workgroup has to be formed immediately when the resolution is passed
  - iv. **Aaron Smyth moved to table the bill**
    1. **Motion passes by voice vote**
  - v. **Given level of questions and concerns, Bahar re-referred the resolution to every committee except funding, Faculty Mentor Awards, Budget, and Professional Development, and Community Outreach**
- b. 1310C-Standing policy and directed action in support of rectifying the veterans educational benefits certification process
  - i. Veterans are having a difficult time getting their educational benefits
  - ii. The problem is definitely on the side of Berkeley
  - iii. There is a friendly amendment to include The Berkeley Graduate as a listed publication
  - iv. **Delegates vote to pass the resolution**
    1. **47 in favor**

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- 2. 0 opposed**
- 3. 1 abstention**

**XIV. Adjournment and Social at Henry's!**