

# **Graduate Assembly Delegate Meeting**

September 12, 2013 6-8:30pm, Boalt Law School

#### I. Welcome and Introductions

a. All the officers + PCs introduced themselves

#### II. Approval of the Agenda and May 2013 Minutes

- a. Minutes are posted at http://ga.berkeley.edu/delegates/meeting/2013-05-02
- b. Aaron Smyth moves to approve the Agenda, including the late start time, and the May minutes
  - i. Jenna Judge seconds the motion
    - 1. Motion passes

#### III. Announcements

- a. Guest Announcements
  - i. Ronald Cruz, attorney with civil rights group BAMN
    - 1. Will go to Supreme Court October 15<sup>th</sup> to restore Affirmative Action and overturn Proposition 209
    - 2. Would like to hold forum at Berkeley to educate students
      - a. Attorneys in case would do presentations
      - b. Requests delegates work with him to sponsor his proposal
  - ii. Carl Nadler, Economics delegate
    - 1. Students Workers Union is bargaining contract governing academic student employees
    - 2. There will be a public forum at Union Hall on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>
    - 3. They will be on Sproul on Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>
- b. The Berkeley Graduate
  - i. The publication will foster graduate student community
  - ii. They are paying students to write for it
  - iii. Delegates should inform their fellow students about the publication
  - iv. There will be a meeting about it on Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> in Anthony Hall
- c. Graduate Social Club
  - i. They plan events like the Boat Cruise, game nights, and social hours
  - ii. Grad Bar Nights
    - 1. Every two weeks
    - 2. GSC funds first several hundred dollars of drinks
    - 3. Usually 50 or 60 people come out
    - 4. September 12<sup>th</sup> bar night at Henry's



- iii. Welcome Back Party at end of September
  - 1. 700 to 1000 people usually attend
  - 2. There will be beer and pizza
  - 3. It will be on Campanile Courtyard
- iv. Delegates should share their information with their fellow students
  - 1. There is a GSC Facebook page
  - 2. Robyn's contact information is on the GA website

#### IV. Resolution Referral

- a. 1309A: Resolution for Bylaw Amendment to Change Assembly Affairs VP Title
  - i. Rules Committee and Campus Affairs
- b. 1309B: Resolution for Proposed Formation of a GA Workgroup to Advocate for the Advancement of Professional Development at Berkeley
  - i. Rules, Budget, and Campus Affairs Committees
  - ii. Carl Nadler moves to fast track 1309B
    - 1. Sam Sakhai seconds
      - a. Motion passes
- c. 1309C: Standing Policy and Directed Action in Support of UC Student-Workers Union's Information Requests
  - i. External Affairs and Campus Affairs Committees
- d. 1309D: Resolution on Janet Napolitano's Appointment as UC President
  - i. External Affairs and Campus Affairs Committees

#### V. Project Coordinator Hiring Update

- a. New: GMSP, GSSP, GSPA, GWP, TBG
  - i. GMSP: David Preciado
  - ii. GSSP: Janell Tryon
  - iii. GSPA: Angela Aguilar
  - iv. GWP: Ina Kelleher
  - v. TBG: David Faulkner, Ianna Owen
- b. Returning: GMORR, GSC, and QTAP
  - i. GMORR: Cynthia Ledesma
    - 1. Graduate Mentor Program received over 250 applications this year
  - ii. GSC: Robyn Beckwith, Christian Di Sanzo
    - 1. If anyone would like to organize an event, they should contact Robyn or Christian
  - iii. QTAP: Mira Salas
- c. Committee Approval to hire new WOCI Coordinator
  - i. Gabrielle is unable to stay on as WOCI Coordinator
  - ii. The GA would like to create a committee to search for new coordinator
    - 1. John and Gabrielle will serve on the committee, but they still need two more people
    - 2. The committee will review job cards, resumes, and conduct interviews



- 3. Tasha Hauff and Daniel Riffe would like to serve on committee
- 4. Gordon Hoople moves to approve the committee
  - a. Aaron Smyth seconds the motion
  - b. Motion passes

## VI. Committee Introductions and Assignments

- a. GA Internal Committees: Rules, Funding, External Affairs, Environmental Sustainability, Campus Affairs, Faculty Mentoring Awards, Budget, and Community Outreach Workgroup
  - i. Funding: Responsible for making student group funding recommendations
  - ii. Ext Affairs: Reviewing and writing resolutions regarding external affairs, shape advocacy agenda, attend lobby meetings with local, state, and federal representatives
  - iii. Rules: Yearly review of bylaws and charter, review resolutions
  - iv. Environmental Sustainability: evaluating sustainability on and off campus, holding Environmental Happy Hours
  - v. Campus Affairs: evaluate campus issues and policies, maintain contact with GA projects
  - vi. Faculty Mentoring Awards: responsible for awarding 3 prizes to faculty mentors in late spring
  - vii. Budget: Make recommendations for allocation of GA funds in the spring
- b. Non GA Committees: Academic Senate and Administrative committees
  - i. John Ready sent out email about campus committees
    - 1. There are about 80 campus committees
  - ii. Academic Senate: Faculty, students can sit on their committees
- c. Most committees meet about once a month
- d. The Delegate Feedback Form has committee options

#### VII. External Affairs Update

a. Powerpoint presentation is available at <a href="https://ga.berkeley.edu/delegates/meeting/2013-09-12">https://ga.berkeley.edu/delegates/meeting/2013-09-12</a>

#### VIII. Previous and Current Campus Advocacy

- a. Advocacy presentation is available at https://ga.berkeley.edu/delegates/meeting/2013-09-12
- b. Bylaws requires Graduate Assembly to adopt three advocacy items

## IX. Redistricting

- a. There are two proposals for redistricting in front of the City Council that would create a student majority district
  - i. One includes more student residences on the northern side of campus, esp co-ops, the other is only south side. Both are same size in terms of population.
  - ii. City Council decision needs to be made by November 12<sup>th</sup>



- b. Aaron Smyth motions to take a straw poll about whether the graduate students should take a stance on the issue
  - i. Mitar Milutinovic seconds the motion
    - 1. Motion passes
  - ii. Motion to take a stance does not get 2/3 vote, so no stance taken
    - 1. no votes for South side only plan
    - 2. about 50% voted for supporting south side and north addition plan

# X. Advocacy Pulse Check & Group Conversation

- a. Graduates brainstormed a list of possible advocacy items
- b. The GA will review the list and narrow it down to a few at the retreat on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

#### XI. Grad Council Vacancies

- a. Patrick can no longer serving and Kim is not in Berkeley for the fall. Delegates to decide if okay with allowing Kim to continue given she cannot attend any of fall meetings.
- b. Gordon Hoople moves to discuss Kim's seat
  - i. Motion seconded
    - 1. Motion passes
  - ii. Delegates vote to keep Kim in her seat
- c. Delegates vote for Sonia Travaglini to fill Patrick's seat

#### XII. Resolution Discussion and Vote

- a. Resolution 1309B is regarding professional development
  - i. It would create a work group to discuss the needs of graduate students for professional development for academic and non-academic careers
    - 1. They would try to consolidate information regarding professional development
- b. Daniel Riffe motions to call this resolution to question
  - i. Gordon Hoople seconds this motion
    - 1. Motion passes
- c. Delegates vote to approve Resolution 1309B
- d. Eric Jabart, Aaron Smyth, and Konstantinos Goulas appointed to serve on task force

#### XIII. Summary of Executive Board Decisions Over the Summer

- a. Budget and Summer Contingency decisions can be found at https://ga.berkeley.edu/delegates/meeting/2013-09-12
- b. Applications for Fall round of funding are due on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>
- c. Delegates vote to uphold summer decisions made by Exec Board

#### XIV. Adjournment and Delegates Social at Henry's