Graduate Assembly
Executive Board Meeting
November 10, 2014
1:00pm - 3:00pm

Agenda
mj, iman, arturo, chris g., amber, sanaz, john by phone, antony by phone

1) Announcements
   a) students of color conference was really great, organized, merced was wonderful
      merced is super green, and it’s the most diverse
   b) CACSSF
      i) got disability proposal funded
      ii) got grad div pc role salary
      iii) got american indian grad program
      iv) not WOCI
      v) they have another meeting

2) Review/record items approved over email
   a) GSC Bar Night Expenditures Request
      i) Chris wants to know if he can use extra money in his account for bar nights
      ii) Money is generally per event, not lump sum
      iii) Should they use the money for programs or for the bar nights
           1) Probably could do both
      iv) they didn’t have 2 bar nights they scheduled
      v) Compromise would be to give them some money but not all of it
      vi) The leftover money has to be used for alcohol or it could just go back to the pot
      vii) Extra money would help cover tip
      viii) $850 for rest of his events
      ix) Different managers give different deals so he misestimated the amount he could get
       x) They should definitely make sure they put all of that in an agreement
      xi) Sanaz moves to approve $850 for last two events
           1) John seconds
           2) No objections
      xii) Program funds are separate from bar night funds

3) Alcohol requests
   a) GMORR - GiGs Mixer and Check-in
      i) Mixer for GiGs because mentors want to get to know each other
      ii) January 27th
      iii) 60 people
iv) $250
v) Sanaz moves to approve
   vi) Iman seconded

4) GSC PayPal Boat Party Funds [Arturo]
   a) Usually we pay the deposit
   b) Heather has funds from last year in their paypal account still
   c) How would we pay for boat deposit through paypal?
   d) Arturo will check how many fees we will get charged
   e) Prefer to transfer the funds into our account
   f) Maybe create a GSC Income account

5) CAPRA [Sanaz]
   a) Sanaz can’t make it to CAPRA
   b) Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Application
   c) Does anyone want to sit on the committee?
   d) Meet every two weeks on Wednesdays 9-11
   e) Last time the VC of Real Estate came
   f) Most powerful academic senate committee on campus
   g) They got so much respect
   h) Arturo will do it if he can be taken off of Financial Literacy Workgroup
   i) MJ can do Wednesdays in the spring

6) GA Website [update from John]
   a) They are going to start putting together a homepage
   b) At end of the week they will have that hopefully
   c) There’s still too much white space
   d) John will share any info he gets

7) Non-GA People in Anthony Hall Official Policy [update from MJ]
   a) Draft Policy Here
   b) Outside entities can only use the space outside of business hours when there is staff
   c) Form should require that they have a sponsor for outside hours
   d) Amber wanted to make sure that people feel welcome in our space
   e) We should make a sign that says that all grad students are welcome with valid Cal ID
   f) “Anthony Hall is first and foremost a grad student space”
      i) but its actually a business office space
      ii) But for next year it will be a “Graduate Assembly Space”
      iii) Should clarify that Internal GA people have first priority, then other grad students
   g) even if people have the space reserved, other grad students could still use the bathroom
   h) business office needs to be sure they know the policy
   i) want to make sure it doesnt become a burden on janitorial staff
   j) MJ will finalize and bring back for final approval

8) Recent UCSA/UAW meetings
   a) BDS
      i) Union is voting in December on this
      ii) Guest speaker introduced it and another delegate responded
      iii) Resolution came to UCSA requesting divestment from companies that are
           benefitting from human rights violations in Palestine
iv) Resolution only had a week for review and people didn’t have a chance to speak with their campus
v) UCSA is asking university to support the efforts of the student activists, not to directly divest
vi) Caitlin Quinn is an author
vii) Vote was on Saturday (aka Sabbath so no Jewish students)
viii) They tabled it until the January meeting (Jan 10th, 11th)
ix) Iman wants to get some info about it at the next delegates meeting
   1) Should do alot of prepwork if we want to bring it up
   2) Someone can introduce a resolution
   3) Can just do a strawpoll
   4) Maybe should just host a grad student specific conversation
   5) If there was a resolution we would have to fast track it
      a) Would have to be done 2 weeks early so committees would look at it
x) John also got emails from other UC presidents expressing concern
xi) Other unions are writing letters to our UAW saying they won’t support them if they do this
xii) ASUC has somewhat dealt with this in the past

9) UCOP Tuition Plan
   a) Demonstrations/ actions for Regent’s meeting
   b) Sadia was with all of the other UCSA board members when they met with Napolitano last Wednesday
   c) Some delegates spoke to Iman about PDST
   d) Need more revenue
   e) UCSA has made comment to say they don’t support plan
      i) Thinks Napolitano is using students a pawn in debate with governor
      ii) On next Tue and Wed they are bringing 200 students to the Regents meeting
      iii) Regents vote on Wednesday
      iv) 5% increase in 5 years. It’s compounded so about 28%
   v) State says that if UC keeps tuition frozen, they will fund at certain levels
      1) Napolitano is not happy with this
    vi) Iman will have back door conversations with Regents
     vii) these increases will make UC Berkeley comparable in prices to private schools
   f) If we oppose this, then we are stuck with whatever funding the legislature gives us
   g) Also concerns about where UCOP is using money
      i. they are giving themselves raises
h) Why arent we putting more pressure on legislature?
   i. Governor vetoed bill for increasing funds to UCs
   j) In ‘09 there was alot of student pressure on the governor
   k) So we need students to protest on ground level and students that are good at negotiation to speak with governor
   l) Regents should be advocating for students more
   m) Question of how fee increases would be on different campuses?
   n) Costs would be shifted onto non residents and higher income students
   n) Financial aid would also increase (aka loans)

10) November Delegates meeting [recap]
a) Dean was sick
i) Felt bad he had to miss two meetings in a row
b) Sadia didn’t come
c) Also there was a discussion about SHIP
d) Liz was great
   i) Sanaz liked what she was saying about innovation grants
   ii) should invite her to the Diversity in the University Townhall
e) Ended early
f) Also efficient
g) Committee reps in December can write paragraph updates about their committees
h) UCPD open house is this week
   i) 13th 5-7pm
   ii) 10 delegates said yes or maybe
   iii) MJ will stop by, Iman will come
   iv) This is a GA-UCPD event
   v) Should maybe send out another delegate invite by email and clarify what happens there
      1) MJ will also ask people if they want to be in charge of Wellness stuff

11) Upcoming meetings with administrators
   a) Janet Napolitano (11/5) [report back]
   b) Chancellor Dirks (11/14)
      i) Sanaz, Iman, and MJ will probably come too
      ii) Want to talk to him about tuition
         1) Iman wants to know how tuition increases will help increase our diversity
      iii) Could summarize events for each advocacy item
   c) Dean of Students (11/19)
      i) He should come to the town hall
      ii) John will share some other events coming up
      iii) Maybe he could cosponsor some events

12) Invite GA committee rep report
   a) Library Committee (Julia Sizek)
      i) she’s not here, Sanaz will email her

   We would like to have an update on wellness next week

13) Review action items