

Graduate Assembly Delegates Meeting
March 7, 2013
100 Boalt Law School

1. Approval of the Agenda and February 2013 Meeting Summary

Motion to move 1303c to fast track

Motion passed to approve minutes

a. Minutes are posted at: <http://ga.berkeley.edu/delegates/meeting>.

2. Resolution Referral (3 minutes)

a. To Consider for Fast Tracking

I. 1303a: Standing Policy in Support of the UC Berkeley Honor Code

<https://ga.berkeley.edu/files/delegates/2013-03-07/Resolution1303a.pdf>

- ASUC wanted to create an honor code and GA worked to create committee for implementation of the honor code
- No penalty to sign up, agreeing to this code would be required to SIR
- Motivation of honor code, considering enforcement of honor code has been problematic in the past?
 - Shame that Berkeley doesn't have an honor code, more of a symbolic gesture
- Language is solidified

Motion to vote on this resolution, carries

ii. 1303b: Directed Action to Create a Graduate Mental Health Data-Needs

<https://ga.berkeley.edu/files/delegates/2013-03-07/1303b.pdf>

- Create a mental health workgroup
 - How students make use mental health services in order to expand or create a new survey in order to determine what people need

Motion carries to pass resolution

- Appointed to this workgroup (at least 5):
 - Sonia Hart – sohart@berkeley.edu
 - Aaron Smyth – Asmyth@berkeley.edu
 - Galen Panger – gpanger@gmail.com
 - Michaela Ferrari – michferrari@berkeley.edu
 - Sofia Murga – sofia.e.murga@berkeley.edu

iii. 1303c

<https://ga.berkeley.edu/files/delegates/2013-03-07/1303c.pdf>

Workgroup

3. Announcements (5 minutes)

- EWOCC (Jocelyn)
 - CAVP Carl Nadler will discuss during his report
- Guest Announcements
 - Robyn Beckwith for graduate student socials
 - Tickets on sale starting March 8
 - Will send out info to send out to depts.
 - Alberto
 - Federal director on external affairs team
 - Will go to DC to lobby Congress April 13-1
 - Federal@ga.berkeley.edu for more info
 - Everyone is funded

4. President's Report (15 minutes)

https://ga.berkeley.edu/files/delegates/2013-03-07/Presidents%20Report%20-%20March2013_0.pdf

- picked faculty mentor awards winner
 - April 16, lively event, Provost will come speak
 - Location TBA
- ASUC elections coming up, April 9-11
- The ASUC controls policies that impact the GA, it is important to make sure elected officials in ASUC are grad friendly
- student fee referendum are on ASUC elections, i.e., class pass, proposed fee to create fitness and wellness center on tang parking lot to expand rec sports, cardio weights, gender-neutral locker rooms
 - additional counseling services
 - whirlpool spa
 - will also create new gym at memorial stadium to prevent backlog

Grade Distribution

- Motivations, some too high grades and need to monitor if grades are inflated
- At law school, grades are determined simply as fail, honors, high honors, etc.
- Other new universities have accepted this but others have rejected this as well
- Across entire lectures or sections?
 - Would occur for both lecture and section in some classes
- Have faculty voiced any concerns about this?
 - In a couple of committees right now
- Isn't info available already?
 - Not for all departments and will go on transcript

- How would this apply to classes with variable units?
 - Not sure, will consider in future committees
- Is this mandatory for all departments?
 - If this passes, yes

5. Resolution Discussion and Vote (15 minutes)

1303c:

Motion to amend resolution as proposed was seconded and objected, discussion follows

Motion to replace “and be it finally” on line 67 with “and it be further” passes

Motion to strike the word “unjust” in line 23 passes by voice vote

Motion to pass the resolution as amended passes by majority voice vote

6. Chancellor Birgeneau (30 minutes)

- Looking forward to returning to the physics lab and pursuing a nice parking spot with “NL” on it
- Physicists don’t give up!
- Spent time from Urbana-Champaign
- Heard that they wanted to measure themselves compared to UC Berkeley
- Described Berkeley’s “miracle” despite huge fee increases and budget cuts
- Berkeley is about global competitiveness, not survival
- Not going to compromise the diversity of undergrad student body despite budget cuts and fee hikes

7. UC SHIP (15 Minutes)

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- Options were formed by UC Council of Presidents
 - 17%:
 - 41 P (Preferred)
 - 13 ok (not, preferred, but can live with it)
 - 1 NA (not acceptable)
 - Lifetime Cap:
 - 43 P
 - 4 ok
 - 0 NA
 - Pharmacy Cap:
 - 36 P
 - 2 ok
 - 0 NA

- Increase Deductible:
 - 5 P
 - 17 ok
 - 25 NA
- Co-insurance:
 - 0 P
 - 4 ok
 - 39 NA
- Co-pay:
 - 0 P
 - 4 ok
 - 39 NA

Potentially voting on caps at the Monday meeting (March 11, 2013)

8. Breakout Session (20 minutes)

Motion to reduce the Breakout Session to 5 minutes

- UCSA (officially lobbying voice of UC Students) – Angelica
- UAW engagement - Gordon & Carl
- Future leadership of the GA - Bahar

a. Simplifying the Funding Process Patrick Baur

b. UCSA Angelica Salceda

- Has been doing lobby visits for professional school
- DC lobby day in April
 - Contact Angelica if you are interested
 - Eavp@ga.berkeley.edu

c. UAW Engagement Carl Nadler

d. Future GA Leadership Bahar Navab

9. Officer Reports (15 minutes)

a. External Affairs (5 minutes)

b. Campus Affairs (10 minutes)

<https://ga.berkeley.edu/files/delegates/2013-03-07/Carl%20Slides.pdf>

If you have any questions please contact Carl Nadler, cavp@ga.berkeley.edu

- New Hires:
 - Prabha Matta – Director of Campus Committees

- Nestor Castillo – Director of affordable education
 - Will work closely with Angelica and Carl
 - Will help out with Union
 - Max Gee – Director of Equity, Unity, and Assembly Diversity
 - Jocelyn Meza – EWOCC Coordinator
 - Luis Torres – PC Support
 - Issues that arises of PC's : when we have fewer people because of PC's having furlough need more PC support
- Please take Campus Climate Survey
 - EWOCC:
 - Free to students, just need to register!
 - Will be on March 16th
 - Keynote Speaker: Ai-Jen Poo, Director of the National Domestic Workers Alliance

C. Environmental Sustainability (5 minutes)

- Sustainability happy hour at Beta Lounge at ten thirty Tuesday March 12th
- Have put together a data tablet on how will keep track of sustainable GA food purchase
- Will send out a survey next week to get an input
 - Delegates please send this out to your departments

Elections are next month, can shadow the current leaders, or attend Executive Board Meetings

10. Graduate Council Alternate Election (10 minutes)

- Neil: Group under graduate division that reviews all graduate programs on behalf of graduate division. Grad reps speak on behalf of all graduate students. If you want to have a voice about online degrees, doctoral programs, etc. then this position is a great opportunity for you. Meetings are the first Monday of every month from 1-3pm. Will be asked to serve on a departmental review committee.
- Carl: Graduate Council is important to graduate students, which is why leave it to the delegate assembly to nominate grad students.
- Nominations:
 - Mac Esters – Education, Master Student
 - Willing to serve as full representative
 - Elected by unanimous vote

11. Funding Patrick Baur (10 minutes)

<https://ga.berkeley.edu/files/delegates/2013-03-07/February%20Delegates%20Report.pdf>

- Reviewed requests and only one was believed to be warranted funding
- Exec board approved \$1,500 grant for La Raza event this past Monday, March 4
- We had 1 contingency application come in on time
 - Think Outside the Academic Box (TAOB) requesting \$3,080
 - Agreed upon to recommend funding in full by finance committee
- Questions about specifics of funding i.e., advertising and parking passes considering ticket admissions for this conference

Motion to reduce TAOB funding by \$180 for advertising, fails; total still at \$3,080

Motion to fund the total \$3,080 from funding recommendations passes

12. Adjournment and Delegate's Social at Free House (first round on the GA!)