

GRADUATE ASSEMBLY DELEGATES MEETING SUMMARY
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2012 – 7TH FLOOR ESHLEMAN HALL

1. Approval of the Agenda and May 2012 Minutes (1 minutes)

- *MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 2012 MINUTES CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT OBJECTIONS*
- *MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT OBJECTIONS*

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

2. Introductions (5 minutes)

a. Executive Board

- Bahar Navab, President (Not Present)
- Gordon Hoople, Assembly Affairs VP
- Bianca Suarez, Campus Affairs VP
- Angelica Salceda, External Affairs VP
- Sanaz Mobasseri, Treasurer

b. Feedback Forms

- Necessary for exec board to determine the ways to improve meetings, programming, etc.

3. Recess (5 Minutes)

4. Resolution Referral (1 minute)

a. Fast track Resolution 1209a

- *MOTION TO FASTTRACK RESOLUTION 1209A – A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 30 – CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT OBJECTIONS*

5. Announcements (10 minutes, 2 minutes each)

a. Culture Cal (Bryan Alvarez)

- culturecal.berkeley.edu
- Culture Cal aims to improve the working culture on campus; there are staff, faculty, and approximately 10,000 student employees and students are finally being included to give input to operating principles
- There will be an online event starting October 1-12

b. ASUC (Klein Lieu and Rosemary Hua)

- ASUC Senator Klein Lieu – 4th year undergraduate, Cognitive Science Major
- The ASUC is the recognized body for all students on campus –undergraduate, graduate, and professional student
- The ASUC allocates \$1.7 million annually and works on campus issues such as Lower Sproul Redevelopment and the ASUC Transition
- Quick Update: at the Wednesday, September 12 Senate Meeting, a bill was passed in which the ASUC officially endorsed Proposition 30
- The relationship between the GA and the ASUC is such that the GA Constitution relinquishes authority to the ASUC as the de facto student government on campus

- and the ASUC allocates a specific portion of its funds from student fees to the GA;
any position taken by the ASUC is also the position of the GA unless otherwise noted
- c. Voter Registration (Angelica Salceda)
 - Project under the EAVP office in collaboration with the ASUC and UCSA
 - Delegates asked to register 10 individuals to vote
 - An email will be sent out to inform delegates when registration forms will be available at the GA
 - Voter education/registration events being finalized
 - d. CACSFF (TBD)
 - at October meeting
 - e. GSI Contract Negotiations (Charlie Eaton)
 - not present
 - f. General Announcements
 - none

6. Student Code of Conduct Lee Maranto (10 minutes)

7. Cal Sports Katie Lee (10 minutes)

- a. Assistant director of marketing and fan experience
 - Calbears.com/students OR 1-800-GO-BEARS
 - \$55 for basketball season tickets
 - Season begins in November, Pac-12 season starts after the new year
 - \$100 football season tickets (sold out)
 - Spouse pass (applies to domestic partnerships as well with proper documentation) available at same discounted price with proof of marriage or partnership
 - All 27 other sports are free for students
 - No more fee to transfer tickets to other students, even for season tickets
 - Must transfer to another Cal student
 - Can transfer tickets at Calbears.com/students
 - You can sometimes sit in other sections, usually towards the top

8. Committee and Workgroup Introductions (20 minutes)

*Committee assignments will be approved next meeting

- a. Committees
 - Campus Affairs: Bianca Suarez
 - Work on campus-level advocacy issues
 - Hiring staff member to make appointment process more transparent and to empower representatives
 - Carl Nadler – de facto member of CAVP committee
 - Rethink role of projects
 - 7 standing projects – each address different issues that need focus
 - External Affairs: Angelica Salceda
 - Addresses external advocacy issues at local, state, and federal level that impact graduate students; advocating issues in Sacramento, Berkeley City Council

- Plan trips to Sacramento to engage in advocacy, legislative meetings with elected representatives
 - Works with UCSA, which is the official voice that represents all UC students
 - Budget: Chaired by Sanaz Mobasseri
 - Oversees the GA budget
 - \$400,000+; approve modifications and expenditures of the GA
 - Rules: Joanna Hernandez
 - Makes sure the GA is abiding by its charter and bylaws
 - Hold ongoing review of bylaws; past years usually annual review in April and May
 - Amend process to review and amend the bylaws on an ongoing basis; committee, will review resolutions to make sure it complies with bylaws and charter
 - Funding: Patrick Baur
 - At the start of each funding round, committee reviews applications (process is already done)
 - Responsibilities of this committee include: monthly contingency apps, student groups apply for funding, meet to determine whether or not to fund student groups; decide funding guidelines
 - Environmental Sustainability: Autumn Petros-Good
 - Manages sustainability for the GA
 - Also tries to find different ways graduate students can learn about sustainability, environmental justice, energy efficiency, water resources, food, etc.
 - Grad Social Club: Luz Gonzalez
 - Sponsor PhD Comics; interested people can help throw social
 - Stipend positions available
- b. Workgroups
- Communications: Carl Onak
 - Goal is to improve and refine the way the GA gets information out to delegates, the campus community, and the general public
 - There is a website, Facebook page, and twitter
 - Website was being changed to be better cater to campus community
 - Last year, fell short in implementing those changes
 - Community Outreach: Dillon Niederhut
 - Clean up parks, drink wine, eat pizza
 - Fund \$300 dollars for cleanup efforts
 - Faculty Mentoring Awards: Bahar Navab
 - To commemorate the work of faculty mentors and celebrate their guidance

9. Committee Assignment Recess (15 minutes)

- a. Recess to meet with Committee chairs and learn about which committees you want to join

10. GA Projects Bianca Suarez (15 Minutes)

- Projects were voted on by previous GA delegates and chosen based on perceived need of graduate students
- Project Coordinators:
 - Tierra Mills – Graduate Support Services Project

- Kimberly McNair – Graduate Minority Students’ Project
- Veronica Garcia – Women of Color Initiative Project
- Cynthia Ledesma – Graduate Minority Outreach, Recruitment and Retention Project
- Still looking for Graduate Women’s Project Coordinator
- New projects can come into existence:
 - Graduate student parent advocacy project
- Hiring procedure for new project chair is in the bylaws

11. Funding Allocations (10 Minutes)

a. Patrick made a video

- New funding guide and revised application (based on vote in spring of last year, funding guide approved over the summer)
 - Added new publications category with information to apply, new requirement for delegates to sign application
 - Delegates signature is intended to keep delegates in the loop and to improve communication between committee
- Funding highlights are on the website
- GMER in good position all funded in full
- Several incomplete applications; delegates need to make sure to fill out these applications in full
- *MOTION TO APPROVE GMER FUNDING CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT ANY OBJECTIONS*

b. Grants – Items to be discussed among Delegates

- Cal staff situation is similar to that of University of North Carolina; community outreach program that is being funded by Department of Public Health
 - Professional and career opportunity to work with CDC and federal government
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- La Raza Law Students Association – Latino community has been at forefront of political discourse of US
 - Festival Latina – not a social event because efforts are geared towards recruitment and retention of law students
 - Largest annual event, important part of empowering the community by making sure voices are heard
 - Was funded in years past and would be a huge blow if not funded
- Opinion of the funding committee: no stance, up to delegates
- Event open to all law students; event targeted mainly to graduate students
- Food was not requested, no food at this event
- Approximately 120 people will attend
- *MOTION TO CALL TO QUESTION – TO AMEND THE GRANT FUNDING PROCESS TO FUND LA RAZA LAW ASSOCIATION – CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT OBJECTIONS*
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- Latin America Caucus [Social Welfare]
- Purpose to raise awareness of the issues confronting undocumented students

- 2/3 students are from other schools – only for one student that is UCB student; they are the only ones to share that narrative
- In the opinion of the funding committee: Honoraria is not appropriate because it will be going to a Berkeley student, funding committee would like to see the minimum funding to fund the event
- Approximately 35+ (possibly 50 or 60) students expected to attend
- *MOTION TO MOVE ON CARRIED; OVERTURNED OBJECTION BY PASSING THE MOTION WITH AYE VOTES EXCEEDING NAY VOTES BASED ON THE OPINION OF THE CHAIR*

- DAWG [ESPN]
- Begin pilot project to increase diversity and address severe underrepresentation; goal is to increase inclusivity; funding might already have been allocated to this group because they resubmitted their application and were approved with lesser funding
- Interdepartmental programming including MCB, IB, ESPM, and peer to peer learning also to create a community where interaction occurs
- First time for the trip

c. Motions Made

*The chair decided to consider all proposals for grants first then to vote after all presentations had completed

- *MOTION TO AMEND THE FUNDING REPORT FOR CAL STAFF CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT OBJECTIONS*
- *MOTION TO GRANT WOMEN OF COLOR COLLECTIVE FULL \$390 CARRIED; OVERTURNED OBJECTION – 23 AYES; 17 NAYES – AYES HAVE IT*
- *MOTION TO ADD LA RAZA'S LINE ITEM TO THE GRANT FUNDING FOR THE FULL AMOUNT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT OBJECTIONS*
- *MOTION TO FUND THE ENTIRE \$750 FOR LATIN AMERICAN CAUCUS CARRIED; OBJECTION OVERTURNED – AYES HAVE IT*
- *MOVE TO FUND \$179.22 FOR GRADUATE DIVERSITY COUNCIL TO RECRUIT STUDENTS AND AMEND THE GRANT FUNDING CARRIES*
- *MOTION TO APPROVE GRANT ALLOCATION AS AMENDED FAILS – 11 AYES; 21 NAYS – THE NAYS HAVE IT*
- *MOTION TO END DEBATE CARRIED – 42 AYES; 1 NAY – THE AYES HAVE IT*
- *MOTION TO PASS AMENDMENT ON THE ESPM FUNDING FOR TRIP – THE NAYS HAVE IT – AMENDMENT DOES NOT PASS*
- *MOTION TO ACCEPT GRANTS WITH AMENDMENTS CARRIED; OBJECTION OVERTURNED – THE AYES HAVE IT*

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- *MOTION TO ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS OF FUNDING COMMITTEE CARRIED*
- *FUNDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR PUBLICATIONS, CONTINGENCY, AND TRAVEL ALL CARRIED*
- *MOTION TO ADOPT TRAVEL GRANTS AS RECOMMENDED BY BUSINESS OFFICE CARRIED*
- *MOTION TO APPROVE ALL FUNDING REPORT AS AMENDED CARRIED*

12. Advocacy Agenda Update (15 minutes)

a. What is advocacy? (Gordon Hoople)

- Numerous issues facing students in the democratic character of the university – 3 items; work together to advance and research those issues

b. GSI Benefits Decentralization (Gordon Hoople)

- *MOTION TO TABLE THIS ITEM UNTIL NEXT MEETING CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT OBJECTIONS*
- MOTION TO TABLE FUNDING ALLOCATION UNTIL AFTER TALKING ABOUT RESOLUTION 1209A CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT OBJECTIONS

c. Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (Angelica Salceda)

- each professional student pays supplemental tuition of over \$30,000
 - Dean of that college gets to distribute those funds
 - Some departments that had previously not charged professional degree fees are looking into possibly implementing fees as well
 - We want to look at policy and recommend how policy should read
- Each department has to submit a proposal to OP
 - We were able to negotiate with the Regents to form a task force to reevaluate policy
 - Involvement moving forward will be to communicate with task force; policy probably will not be revamped until next April

d. Mental Health (Bianca Suarez)

- Former CAVP, Elizabeth De La Torre, worked on this with the ASUC on mental health issues and distributed a survey
 - Findings of the survey: 1500 graduate students participated; 600 referred a friend to seek mental health services; 800 sought mental/emotional assistance; in wake of protests, impact of protests on wellness; UCPD enforce public law but not attack nonviolent protests; lack of awareness, stigma, and confidentiality considering relationship between undergraduate and graduate students
 - Ways to get access to mental healthcare more accessible; offsite provider
 - For concerns bring to Campus Affairs Committee

13. GSR Unionization (5 minutes)

a. SB 259

- Currently on Governor Brown's desk is SB 259 which would allow GSR's to unionize
 - Policy aside, Graduate Dean sent an email to graduate students with a link and information against SB 259 and with a call to action to call Governor Brown to veto the bill
 - Bahar and Angelica met with the Chancellor to address this inappropriate use of the listserv because administration had not gotten involved in policy prior to this
 - Continuing to meet with Chancellor and Graduate Dean

14. Resolution Discussion and Vote (10 minutes)

a. 1209a – Resolution in Support of Prop 30

<https://ga.berkeley.edu/files/delegates/2012-09-13/1209a.pdf>

- If Proposition 30 fails, there will be an automatic cut to UC and CSU funding by \$250 million; tuition buyout over the summer of \$125 million is contingent on the passage of Proposition 30
- *MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1209A – A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 30 – CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NO OBJECTIONS*

15. Adjournment and Delegate's Social at the Bear's Lair (8:47pm)