

GA Meeting Summary – October 4, 2012

1. Approval of Agenda and Sept. 2012 Meeting Summary
 - a. Agenda was approved, no objections
 - b. Sept Meeting Summary was approved, no objections
2. Resolution Referral
 - a. 1210a: Referred to Rules and Sustainability
 - b. 1210b: Referred to External, Rules, and Campus Affairs
 - c. 1210c: Fastracked
 - d. 1210d: Fastracked
3. Announcements:
 - a. Apple for Fair Housing. Looking for volunteers interested in volunteering with the fair housing project.
 - b. Code of Conduct - Tabled (not present)
 - c. Voter Registration - Moved to during EAVP Report
 - d. ASUC Report
 - i. 3,200 registered voters to date
 - ii. AAVP grants for student
 1. Funding for research conferences
 2. Multicultural events
 3. And much more (see asuc.org for more info and on how to apply).
4. Fiat Lux: Tabled (not present)
5. Grad Student Parent Advocacy Project: Introducing grad students to the projects.
 - a. Bianca with introduction: New project, the GSPAP, hired new coordinator, Andy. 8th year Anthropology Graduate student. Andy with update. Purpose of project is to meet a gap: grad parents. Make services more clear and streamlined.
 - b. Andy:
 - i. Programming: in Fall, will hold grad family social in Anthony Hall. Will be holding this one on Campus. Hold a second one in Albany. Purpose: Social event and so that Andy can get feedback from parents about what they need and what advocacy issues project can work on parents' behalf.
 - ii. Fall Programming: Launch website in the beginning of December with list of resources for parents, partners, financial aid for parents, to resources in community.
 - iii. Spring Programming: Individual brown bag lunches and talks.
 1. Talks: Financial issues and financial aid process. Will have people from housing and financial aid office to talk.
 - iv. Advocacy issues: looking at childcare on campus for on campus events. Financial aid. Professional working conditions with advisor for parents. Insurance issues (SHIP). These are the issues concerned about and issues the project wants to work on but want input and feedback. Contact Andy.
 - c. Feedback form: Delegates should provide feedback on the form about this project.
 - d. Information from tonight will be uploaded on the GA website.

6. Fiat Lux: On the Same Page Program, going on for 7 years. Showing video.
 - a. Have photos from the 60s that were taken of different UC campuses.
 - b. Go to office 57 Evans if anyone wants a book. (On website)
 - c. Have upcoming events that feature grad students
 - i. Fiat Lux Match-up: Short movies
 - ii. Play
 - d. Contest: Trying to gather everyone's best ideas--can download photos and remix them. Are allowed to do anything with photos.
 - i. Deadlines at the end of each month. Gift certificates for winners.
7. ASUC Aux Director, Kelsey Finn:
 - a. Provided an overview of ASUC Aux – a campus unit devote to providing services to students related to student groups and student life
 - b. Overview of services and vendors.
 - c. LEAD Center overview: combined all advising services into the LEAD center.
 - i. Looking to hire a permanent director for the LEAD center.
 - d. How to get involved: reach out to Kelsey, through execs, etc.
8. GA Ideals:
 - a. Last meeting: people were talking over each other, tensions around funding, class, and race issues.
 - b. Response from GA President Bahar Navab: we want to try to create a sense of community and respect. Moving forward, we will treat with each other with respect.
 - i. Don't talk over each other
 - ii. Provided hand out with Robert's Rules, cheat sheet
 - c. Committee assignments: tried to give everyone first or second choice.
 - i. If you are in a committee you don't like, should bring it up.
 - ii. Certain committees that can't place many people on them
 - iii. Motion to approve
 1. Objection: Asking about changing the graduate social club membership. Requesting to be moved to different committee.
 2. Gordon: Not a definite list, but some of the committees are set such as funding.
 3. Bahar: sending a paper if folks want to change their committee.
 4. Comment: The Grad social committee only has 4 members, encouraging folks to join the committee.
 - iv. Motion to extend time, by 5 minutes, second. No objection.
 1. Question: Alternates can sit on committee but not required.
 - v. Motion to table for later and allow an update of the committees list, second. Motion carries.
9. Reports:
 - a. President:
 - i. Lower Sproul (see slides): Redevelopment project. 2010 students approved a lower sproul fee.
 1. Goals:

- a. revitalize lower sproul and student union
 - b. bring better vendors to campus
 - c. improve student spaces
 2. Overview of all the changes and the new spaces in New Eshelman.
 3. MLK: see slides for content
 - a. new student store with books and clothing.
 - b. New food building
 - c. Possibly a mini grocery store
 4. Anthony Hall: see slides
 - a. Anthony Hall will become a lounge space, controlled by the GA
 5. Timeline (see slides):
 - a. Anthony hall will be shut down winter 2012
 - b. MLK closure: Dec thru Feb
 - c. Everything will open Fall 2015
 6. Meeting spaces for future GA meetings:
 - a. Anna Head (near cross roads) as an option
 - b. Looking at Boalt and Goldman
 7. Spaces available to student groups
 - a. We can waive room rental fee for ASUC Auxillary controlled spaces, but can't waive staffing fee.
 - b. Outdoor spaces: can book, but limits on when you can have amplified sound.
- ii. CACSSF: see slides for more information
1. Allocates student fee monies
 2. All but one recommendation from the committee to the chancellor was approved (the one was modified and then approved)
 3. There is money available: \$500,000 that the committee can approve without Chancellor approval for Spring.
 - a. \$1.5 million for ongoing funding: Rolling application
 - b. \$5 million in short term funding: Rolling application
 4. How to apply for the \$: student groups or students can apply through GA or administrative unit.
 - a. Putting through proposals for funding
 5. Intention of project is to create a better life for students on campus, can't go to academic programs
- iii. Operational Excellence (see slides)
1. Motion to extend by 10 minutes, no objection
 2. Can serve on any of these committees and implementation projects.
 - a. Passing out full list of OE committees. Any grad student.
 - i. Stipends for sitting on committee
- iv. Student Fee Referenda: see slide

1. Voted on in the Spring, generally.
2. Things that will likely be on ballot:
 - a. Health and wellness:
 - i. new fee that would replace the current rec sports fee.
 - ii. Add additional fee to add additional services or to build new facilities
 - b. Class Pass:
 - i. Contract with AC Transit
 - ii. Pays for the shuttles
 - iii. Expires this year!
 - iv. Will be on the ballot and have tech money to possibly move into clipper system.
 1. Was on the ballot last year but there was some irregularities and therefore was withdrawn.
 - c. Tech Fee: New fee.
 - i. Would provide students with tech software.
 - ii. Survey to assess if students would even use this and which softwares are important
 - iii. Motion to extend time by 5 min, second. No objections.
3. Chancellor Search (see slides)
 - a. Recommendation given from a search committee to President Yudoff, he is not bound by their decision
 - b. Yudoff plans to announce the new Chancellor by November Regents meeting
- b. External Affairs Report
 - i. Register to vote - Now we have an online voter registration website (yay that you can register online now).
 1. Californiastudentvote.org → use this website so we can keep track of how many students register to vote
 2. ASUC Goal to register 12,000 students
 - ii. Elections education
 1. Tentative agreement from Chancellor to help us raise money for elections education events
 2. Want to do prop 30 education so people understand the impacts if it doesn't pass (including a potential 20.5% fee increase mid semester).
 3. Flier from UCSA on the different propositions
 - a. Prop 30, 38, three strikes reform, etc.
 4. Rock the Vote Concert tentatively on October 26th on Memorial Glade - Free to all students

5. Election Viewing Party on Upper or Lower Sproul on election night
- c. Funding Report
 - i. Contingency applications
 - ii. Received one contingency application late last night, from group that was working with faculty and undergrad group.
 1. Weren't able to make deadline.
 2. Not enough time to get to funding committee for review
 - a. Thus can't make formal recommendation
 - b. Asking for \$300
 - c. As funding chair, looks eligible but not part of what you will be voting here.
 - i. Queer grads: Annual faculty panel, hosting in conjunction with grad students and faculty.
 - ii. Rep of proposed event: asking money for food. Funded last year. Coordinating with undergrads is reason why it was late.
 - iii. Motion to extend time by 5 minutes, second. No objection
 - iv. Questions:
 1. Reasons for some of the recommendations:
 - a. Durable goods. Generally avoid funding for capitol or durable goods. Reason why committee doesn't recommend full funding.
 - b. Iranian Student in America: didn't approve money for nametags because excessive. Some confusion for groups request for funds to rent zip car. Committee didn't feel comfortable funding zip car portion.
 2. Motion to add \$300 for use of food during Queer Grad event to funding allocations. Second. No objection. Motion carried. Amended as stated.
 3. Point of Information: what kind of speaker series is being approved as a part of contingency funding report?
 - a. Requesting funds for three events that they do. Each event is to bring in students to talk about specific work that they do, distinguished alumni.
 - b. Motion to extend by 5 mins. Objection
 - i. Vote: Nays have it and moving directly to vote.
 - c. Motion to approve, with amendment (\$300). Ayes have it.
 - d. Campus Affairs Report:
 - i. Stepping down for personal reasons: special election to be held in November.
 - ii. Campus updates: Hired Carl Nadler as Committees Coordinator. Working on a web portal, to be launched next year.
 - iii. Number of committees still open.

- iv. PC open house, October 17 6-7:30pm
- v. Equity and Inclusion: Working on how OE is impacting multicultural center.
- vi. Mental Health: met with Provost. Talked with how he sees mental house impacting matriculation and retention of students.
- e. Environmental Sustainability Report:
 - i. The university has already decided to reduce emissions to 1990 levels by 2014. Opportunity to get involved.
 - ii. Fellowship program for students: funds with \$5,000. Be able to give out awards next year, and give out at least three.
 - iii. Sustainability happy hour
 - iv. Question: Compost?
 - 1. Trying to get compost into more buildings.
 - 2. Compost alliance, they put up the compost bins. Trying to help that along.
 - v. TGIF: If anyone wants to work on sustainability projects, there is money in a pot (the green initiative fund). Hand out to projects working on making campus more sustainable.
 - 1. Any projects, can talk to TGIF rep.
- f. Advocacy Agenda: 5 potential items (see slides)
 - i. New Master Plan:
 - 1. Carl Nadler and Reetu Mody: Restoring this higher education system, and envision why we love and need public higher education in this state.
 - a. Actions: A proposition to restore California higher education funding, monthly dialogues, work in conjunction with other campuses.
 - ii. Community Building and Public Expansion
 - 1. Kim McNair:
 - a. The Berkeley Graduate: Blog/website.
 - b. Hire more help at GA, to help get the Berkeley Graduate website off the ground.
 - iii. Marginalized Communities
 - 1. Bianca Suarez:
 - a. Preserving space for groups that are integral to the structure and character of the university
 - b. Increased support for retention and recruitment efforts
 - iv. Demystifying Mental Health
 - 1. Tierra Bills:
 - a. Stigma associated with seeking mental health care.
 - b. Want to focus more on the stigma, and lift the haze the seeking of mental health care services.
 - c. Proposals: Target this topic. Partner with counseling and psychological services. Workshops on stress management.

- v. Increasing Student Group Space and Support
 - 1. Gordon Hoople: Helping students get space and improve student experience on campus.
- vi. Debate: Can add ideas, modify or ask questions about the current ideas.
 - 1. Questions
 - a. Once we decide on advocacy agenda, how does it get implemented?
 - i. Executive board will spend time working on it. Will present a plan.
 - 2. Bianca Suarez:
 - a. Strategic to select advocacy items with on the ground structures that we can expand on and work with.
 - 3. Per bylaws, have to approve these today but can amend them.
 - 4. Voting: each delegate has 3 votes.
 - a. Master Plan: 37
 - b. Community Building: 8
 - c. Marginalized communities: 17
 - d. Demystifying Mental Health: 27
 - e. Increasing student group spaces: 36
- g. Recess
- h. 1210C: Resolution
 - i. Debate:
 - 1. Questions about what this actually does
 - 2. Motion to extend time by 3 minutes
 - 3. Motion to modify text to amend line 102.
 - 4. Questions about what student development offices do.
 - 5. Motion to strike the current resolve clause. And adopt the modified one. Halt all changes to MSCs. Convene a task force. Give the task force one year to review and make recommendations.
 - 6. Motion to modify language again.
 - 7. Resolution approved.
- i. 1210D: Resolution - Measure S
 - i. Debate:
 - 1. Questions about the response to this by the local business community. Chamber of commerce advocated for this in July.
 - 2. What is the definition of commercial dispute? Based on commercial zoning. For example, Solano, Elmwood, Telegraph ave.
 - 3. Propose new language.
 - 4. Debate: Motion to move straight to a vote on this amendment.
 - 5. Vote on amendment: Fail.
 - 6. Proposed ordinance states that you first get a warning for 30 days. If you do not move or get up from sitting after the warning, then you can receive an infraction subject to \$75 or community service.

7. The spirit of this was to revitalize the businesses in these areas. Also important to note that a lot of these infractions are going to homeless people. End up criminalizing a group of folks who don't have access to these services. This policy is specifically targeting a specific group of individuals.
 8. Concerns about the challenges of uniformly implementing this.
 9. There is an argument to be made here that the street culture is very intimidating to people who are new to Berkeley. Cleaning up the streets can improve the newcomer experience.
 10. What is the probability that the targeted group of people would relocate to campus? UCPD is not so tolerant.
 11. What are the values that you uphold? What does it mean to tell people that they are prohibited?
 12. Historically people haven't had a problem with the intent of this message. People have had a problem with the way this is implemented.
 13. A lot of the people targeted move from commercial areas to residential areas.
 14. Vote: Approval to oppose the policy.
10. Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 pm.