

**Graduate Students Association  
Cabinet Meeting Minutes  
February 7, 2007 6:00 PM**

**Members Present: Monica Sanchez (President), Mac Marston (Vice President Internal), Cindy Mosqueda (Vice President External), Janet Cummings Link (Vice President Academic), Arpi Siyahian (Director of Discretionary Funding), Amy Adrion (Director of Melnitz Movies), Amanda Parham (Director of Communications), Erica Saenz (Director of Community Service), Justin Wolske (Director of Graduate Student Events), Oiyen Anita Poon (Legislative Liaison and Researcher), Na'Shaun Neal (Director of Campus Organizing), Nanthia Suthana (Director of Publications), Jerry Mann (ASUCLA Representative), Shazrae Mian (Staff)**

**Member(s) Absent: Nurit Dragitza Katz (Director of Environmental Coalition), John Paul Slifko (Director of Elections)**

**I. Call To Order 6:05 PM**

**II. Monica Sanchez, President**

- a. The first half of the next cabinet meeting will be held at the LGBT Resource Center Conference Room on the basement level of SAC.
- b. The committee which interviews student applicants for the student regent commissions will be meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Monica is sending out an email to the GSA community, including those who received the initial speed-dating email addressing miscommunication about the event.

**III. Mac Marston, Vice President Internal**

- a. Mac is working on the forum agenda for next week. Right now we have ten presentations scheduled including some from student group liability, transportation, and elections. In order to accommodate for the presentations, Amy requested to reschedule her presentation to the forum meeting in March.
- b. There will also be a petition for a new student interest group at the next forum meeting.
- c. Mac is working on some academic senate departmental reviews with Janet.
- d. Mac announced that the Graduate Student Writing Center is no longer under supervision of the LGBT center.

**IV. Cindy Mosqueda, Vice President External**

- a. Student regents applications are due on February 23, 2007.
- b. The Alumni Associations Board has a vacancy for Executive Director for Alumni Association. If you have any concerns regarding the Alumni Association or interests in the vacancy, please contact Cindy. Tomorrow, we will be having dinner with the chancellor.
- c. Jerry added that Calpirg has been contacted and will need to present at an upcoming forum meeting.
- d. Undergraduate students will be lobbying with us and will also meet with about 35 assembly members and senators.

**V. Oiyen A. Poon, Legislative Liaison and Researcher**

- a. We have a diverse group of students going to Sacramento for Lobby Day which will be held from February 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. Majority of these students are from professional schools including Public Health, Law, Engineering, Education, Public Policy, and Asian American Studies. We will be doing some creative lobbying instead of the usual rallying; our theme will be "Price is Wrong".
- b. Cindy added that we are doing okay with the travel budget especially since previous events have been at driving distance.

**VI. Janet Cummings Link, Vice President Academic**

- a. Janet has been helping SHAC put together a focus group for south campus students who have opinions about student health services so that these issues can be addressed through the insurance contract renegotiation. Janet asked cabinet if they or anyone they know who has experience with student health services is interested in speaking at the focus group. The meeting date will be scheduled for when the most people can attend.
  - b. Appreciation banquet will be held on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Feel free to bring significant others and enjoy the night with the rest of cabinet and GSA officials.
  - c. 12 graduate programs have reviews scheduled for February and March. Janet is coordinating the graduate student representatives to each of the review teams. Janet was part of a review last week. The programs which will be surveyed this winter have yet to be selected. Once Janet hears from Academic Senate, she will contact individual departments.
- VII. Amy Adrion, Director of Melnitz Movies**
- a. Amy was at the Sundance Film Festival for five days and saw about twenty films. Two of the films that were played at the festival had been shown at Melnitz movies. Amy is contacting various people from the films she saw in order to book them for campus events.
  - b. This time of the year, we are showing a number of academy-award nominated films.
  - c. Alumni film series is still continuing. Foreign films are also being screened.
  - d. Amy would like to reassess her budget so that she can accommodate a few receptions next quarter.
- VIII. Erica Saenz, Director of Community Service**
- a. The quarterly commissioners meeting will be held next week. We will be meeting discuss what needs to be done to move forward with Wonder of Reading Book Drive. It is an LA-based organization which builds and fills libraries. They have an annual event in March at which I would like to volunteer.
  - b. Some students from the UCLA Library have contacted Erica regarding collecting books for juvenile centers.
- IX. Justin Wolske, Director of Graduate Student Events**
- a. The GradBar in Korea Town was a successful event.
  - b. Speed dating will take place next week, on February 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be holding another speed dating event soon to accommodate the diverse graduate student body. Those placed on the wait-list for the first event will be given priority for the second event. Adjustments have been made to the budget to accommodate the second speed-dating event.
  - c. The international students will be holding an event next month.
  - d. Justin is planning an end of the year charity event on campus for which there might be an entrance fee. Jerry added that if the event is being held in one of their facilities and the group qualifies for a waiver-pool to subsidize the event, the group is supposed to pay waiver pool by some percentage because you are receiving a free facility. Justin added that the fees will be used to only pay the expenses and excess will be given to charity.
- X. Arpi Siyahian, Director of Discretionary Funding**
- a. The next event at which Arpi will be present is by CSSA for Chinese New Years celebration at Bradley International Hall.
  - b. We are almost done using funds left from last year.
- XI. Nanthia Suthana, Director of Publications**
- a. Based on new information, we have \$83,000.00 available for publications funding and net applied for is \$90,000.00. Therefore, six journals did not receive full funding.
  - b. Reasonable effort is being made to contact journals which have not been active and still have funding left from last year. If journals fail to publish and can not be contacted, their

accounts will be closed. Small amount of money will be held back and the rest will be re-allocated to other publications.

- c. Nanthia is trying to organize workshops to educate journals on how to make best use of their funding.

**XII. Na'Shaun Neal, Director of Campus Organizing**

- a. Diversity study group is responsible for collecting information regarding diversity in various departments, part of graduate, professional, and post-doc programs. Therefore, we are covering a wide range of people and departments. Hopefully, this system-wide study will come out in May, 2007.
- b. Na'Shaun will be speaking to the Dean of Law School regarding privatization of professional school and the current fee hike proposal.
- c. Oiyana added that she came across a 10 year study of professional schools and their diversity.
- d. The post-card campaign: Price-is-wrong theme campaign promotes eliminating fee hikes by lobbying legislatures and UC Regents.

**XIII. Adjournment 6:55 PM**