

**Graduate Students Association
Forum Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2003 5:00pm
Ackerman Union 201**

Members Present: Jerome Ieronymy-Zoidakis (MPSC), Marie Parkes (MPSC), Candice Taylor (Public Health), Catherine Fountain (Hum), Claire Gallou (Hum) Jacqueline Loza (SSC), Christopher Bates (SSC), John Teeple (SSC), Haig Hovsepian (BSC), Grace Chang (BSC), Michael Laquere (Management), Naser Hamdi (EGSA), Ani Moughamian (Edu), June Chang (Edu), Pam Schuetz (Edu), Mann (ASUCLA), David Neal (Student Interest), Mike Cohn, Charles Harless (GSA Pres), Dorothy Kim (GSA VPI), Melanie Ho (GSA Elections), Eleanor Brewer (Alumni Association), Grissel Marquez (GSA Staff).

I. Call to Order 5:11pm

II. Adoption of Consent Calendar and Orders of the Day

- A. Approved
1. Tina
 2. Chris
 3. Abstained: Candice

III. Approval of Minutes from the last Forum Meeting, 3/17

- A. Approval:
1. Chris
 2. Jacqueline
 3. Approves with one abstention (Candice)

A. Chair of Academic Senate, Duncan Lindsey

He discussed the issue of semester vs. quarter system. The chancellor felt the semester system is better, however the Academic Senate prefers the quarter system. Other issues he discussed were the competitive task force and the racial privacy initiative.

Q&A

- Eleanor asked: where is the senate on creno? Duncan is asking regents to take a stand against it.

B. Dean of Graduate Division, Claudia Mitchell-Kernan

She talked about the competitive task force. Some issues concerning the task force are space allocation, groups on faculty recruitment center, graduate student support, and forwarding recommendations that would keep the graduate schools competitive. She also talked about the issue of diversity and the recruitment and retention of faculty.

Q&A

- Naser asked who does the money goes to. Claudia said that it depends.

C. William Roy, Chair of Graduate Council

Graduate Division paralleled by Grad Council. The goal is to enhance excellence. Any major changes in curriculum have to be overseen by graduate council. They are trying to push for more fundraising for graduate fellowships.

Q&A

- Jerome asked if next fall TAs would have to pay for a portion of fees. William said that TAs should be continued to be paid for.
- Charles asked what can grads do to help with some issues. Examine issues and raise questions.

V. Officer's Report

A. Charles Harless-GSA President

1. GSA Appointments
 - Seeking appointments
 - Due May 14, 2003
 - We need people to serve during the interviews
2. GSA Awards
 - Seeking nominations
 - The deadline is May 14, 2003
 - The Winners will be announced on May 20 at the banquet from 6-8 Pm

3. Academic Rights and Responsibilities

-If you have any suggestions contact Charles

4. GSA Codes

-Section 4.3.1 Forum

- Clarify that forum packets can be posted electronically

-Section 3

- Clarify assembling mail ballots
- Striking a repeated section

-Section 1

- Clearing concepts of forum

-Section 11

- Modifications were made based on feedback from the previous Forum. We are allowed to vote.

Q&A/ Suggestions

- Marie asked what a major grievance is and does forum have to know? Naser responded that as it pertains to the function of GSA.
- Naser suggested that the Judicial Board should be randomized.
- Jerry said that you have to have 3 levels of appeal and the judicial review board is the third level.
- Mike suggested that the third copy of the codes be kept in the ASUCLA library.

Approval

1. Marie
2. Fiona
3. Rebecca abstained

5. Budget

Q&A

- Naser: Do all officers put in the same amount of hours?
-It varies depending on the time of the year.
- Naser: What does the director of publications do?
-Takes care of funding for the academic journals on campus.
- Naser: Why is the share for administrative and support services going up?
-Expenses are increasing and we need PC support.
- Naser: What is the money for cabinet discretionary going to?
-Meetings and "everything else."

Approved

1. Chris
2. Marie
3. Abstained: Naser

B. Dorothy Kim, IVP

Tabled

C. Melanie Ho, Elections Director

She presented the results of the elections.

Approved

1. Jerome
2. Fiona

VI. Announcements

-Requisitions are due June 13

- Grad bar tomorrow!!!

VII. Adjournment: 7:40pm

1. Fiona
2. Chris
3. Approved with unanimous consent