

**Graduate Students Association
Forum Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2004 5:37pm
Ackerman Union 201-A**

Members Present: Khanh Nguyen (EGSA), Duo Liu (EGSA), George Scarlatis (EGSA), Winston Wu (EGSA), Melissa Morles (A&A), Natalia Kozak (BSC), Talar Chahinian (Hum.), Katherine Ko (Dent.), Sarah Terribilini (Nursing), Stuart Davidson (Man.), Stephen Chan (MPSC), Alex Smith (MPSC), Jayne Joo (Med.), Jonathan Wu (Med.), Alexandra Murray (Law), Omid Toloui (Pub. Health), Aletha Harven (Edu.), Deborah La Torre (Edu.), Mac Marston (SSC), Tiffany Nurrenbern (SSC), Jerry Mann (Admin. Rep), Haig Hovespian (AGSA), Mike Cohn (Admin. Rep), Jared Fox (GSA Pres), Amanda Moussa (GSA EVP), Michael Janis (COD), Scott Friedman (Comm. Service), Julie Kessler (Melnitz), Pamela Taylor (Grad. Division), Jodi Anderson (UC Student Regent), Lynikka Bernard (GSA Staff).

- I. Call to Order 5:34**
- II. Adoption of Consent Calendar and Orders of the Day**
 - A. Motion to approve amended Consent Calendar and Orders of the Day:
 - a. Haig
 - b. George
 - c. Approved with unanimous consent
- III. Approval of Minutes from the two last Forum Meetings, June 2, 2004 and October 20, 2004**
 - A. Approval Postponed for June minutes
 - B. Motion to approve the minutes from October 20, 2004 with the changes made by forum:
 - a. George
 - b. Sarah
 - c. Approved with unanimous consent
- IV. Officer Report, Jared Fox, President**
 - A. The ASUCLA Entities Committee met and there is going to be a slight increase in fees, to 7.50 per student for ASUCLA. Jared said that the Space Committee is trying to get more space for graduate students. He mentioned that graduate students make up 31% of the student body but only have 23% of space in the building. He also mentioned that there have been some complaints from students at the graduate housing complex. Pamela then mentioned that her office was doing a survey and that they got quite a few comments on the housing complex and that the housing office might do a separate survey on this issue. There was a 40% response rate experience on moving into the complex. Haig asked would it be possible to put something about university housing on the web. Jared said that that would be a good idea.
 - B. Jared mentioned that all the stidented positions were filled.
 - a. Motion to Approve stipended Appointments
 - i. Tiffany
 - ii. Alex
 - iii. Approved with unanimous consent
 - C. Jared wants the central office to fill out the organizational support form that was presented at the last forum meeting.

Haig asked what movement in congress do you think we'll see. Jared answered this bill will be brought up in the next congress.

Haig asked is the goal to get more co-sponsors. Jared answered yes and that UCLA GSA are one of the groups that helped make the bill.
 - D. Motion to approve the signing of the organizational support form for the H.R. 3412 Bill
 - a. Alex
 - b. Stuart
 - c. Approved with unanimous consent

E. Jerry mentioned that the by-law changes were noted last meeting and that this time they're up for approval. (see Attachment D)

10.8 Processing Requisitions

Alexandra asked if the changes to 10.8 only applied to GSA expenditures. Jared answered only accounts that the Directors have discretion over and that it's a safe guard for the money. Mike mentioned that for elections it should be an officer that is not running for reelection. Haig then mentioned that they could always bring it to forum if there are problems.

- a. Motion to approve the changes to 10.8
 - i. Alex
 - ii. Talar
 - iii. Approved with unanimous consent

2.4 Council Accountability

In the past it has been hard to get quorum for forum and appointments board. So, the officers want to set explicit guide lines in the by-laws about attendance.

Alexandra asked is it possible to send someone in your place. Jared yes as long as we have they forum representative form.

Natalia mentioned that her councils have problems attending meetings when they don't have advanced notice because they work in the labs a lot. So, she wanted to know if a 2 week advanced notice for attendance at meetings could be added to the by-laws.

Sarah also mentioned that Marilyn said that all councils would get a two weeks notice.

Jared said that he would write up a proposal to add this to the by-laws and that it would be viewed at the next meeting.

Alex asked what percentage is quorum. Jerry and Mike said 50% plus 1 (it's in the by-laws).

- b. Motion to approve the changes to 2.4
 - i. Sarah
 - ii. Alex objected because he wanted to see the changes in the by-laws but then withdrew (Jared mentioned that section 7 would be a better place to add this change)
 - iii. Stuart (mentioned that we are going to discuss the other changes at the next meeting)
 - iv. 9 approved, 4 abstained, 4 object

4.1 Structure

This is to add Grad Division to the non-voting ex-officio members

- c. Motion to approve the changes to 4.1
 - i. Haig
 - ii. Khanh
 - iii. Motion approved with unanimous consent

V. **Officer Report, Jared Fox (speaking on behalf of the Internal Vice President)**

A. Marilyn was sick and couldn't make it to the meeting so she will be presenting her report at the next forum meeting.

B. Jared talked about the council contacts and web pages (Deborah La Torre email address was wrong). He also mentioned that some forms are due (GSA Council Registration Forum). Jared also asked the forum members if it was ok to let this information be public. Omid asked if there is a mechanism so that the forum members don't get spam and Natalia said that she would have to ask her members first.

Mac asked do the web pages replace the council pages that are currently up; would this take the place of the place holders. Jared said not if you don't want too

George asked is this going to be a reference page for our own use and will GSA be updating it.

Jared answered yes, this will make communication better.

VI. **Officer Report, Amanda Moussa, External Vice President**

A. Amanda mentioned that she is going to Pittsburg for the national association of graduate and professional students meeting (they are choosing their new representative for the year). They are the ones that organize the D.C. trip. She also mentioned that the UCSA meeting will be taking place at UCLA on the 19th of November and that UC Regents meeting will also be next week. Amanda said that it would really good to get more letters from graduate students.

B. Amanda asked the forum members if they had any questions for her about UCSA. Melissa asked what is it. Amanda answered it's the university of California student association, it's a group that lets her be in contact with other graduate students and they promote action agenda items. Jerry also mentioned that this group heads up the lobbying effort.

George asked can we pass this out to our constituency (referring organizational support form that is attachment C4). Amanda said yes, we want numbers (the people want to know who in their district supports certain things).

Alexandra asked if the graduate tax initiative go out to the graduate students via email. Jared answered we have a limited amount of emails for the entire year. Alexander then asked can I email everyone in my department. Jared said yes.

Sarah asked when do you want the letters by. Amanda said winter quarter.

Jerry mentioned that the budget still doesn't make any sense.

Jodi mentioned that the current president of the UCSA is a graduate student at UCSF and the UCSA has contact with the Regents

Alex mentioned that we use to give more than the one dollar minimum but we lowered it because we didn't that they were doing anything to benefit the graduate students. She said that we want to be consensus of where the money is going. She said that she doesn't want to say only good things about the organization.

Haig mentioned that it wasn't that we were concerned about whether or not they were effective, the concern about them representing graduate students.

C. Motion to table the Budget until the next meeting

- a. George
- b. Stuart
- c. Unanimous

VI. Michelle Sugi, Vice President Academics Affairs

A. Michelle is out of town but her report is attached.

VIII. UC Student Regent Report, Jodi Anderson, UC Student Regent

A. Jodi mentioned that the meeting will take place next week and that they will be discussing the budget for the upcoming year. She also mentioned that you can sit through most of the meetings (they are open).

B. Jodi mentioned that a compact was signed between the Regents and the Governor setting a standard for the fee increases. She then went on to discuss the what was going to take place at the meeting (all the background, agenda and schedule for the meeting are located on the Regents website www.universityofcalifornia.edu/regents or www.ucop.edu) which is going to take place at Covell Commons. Some questions that are going to be raised is how much are we expecting students to pay and what's going to make them come to UC's instead of private schools.

Sarah asked were there certain programs that didn't get raised because Nursing didn't. Jodi answered yes.

Natalia asked if we could post this information on the web. Answer yes.

IX. Cabinet Reports, Julie Kessler, Director of Melnitz Movies

A. Julie mentioned that Melnitz has 2-3 movies a week; the showings are free, there is no need for advertising (that will be taken out of the budget) and it's open for the general public. She also mentioned that there are many question and answer sessions with directors and actors. Note: some of the movies have been sold out.

George asked are you fully funded by GSA. Julie answered yes.

Omid asked is there some way to target graduate students, we should get priority. Jared asked how do you verify if you're a graduate student or not. Omid then asked would it be possible for graduate students to get tickets before the day of the showing. Julie answered I don't distribute the tickets the theatre does, but arrangements can be made first fifteen minutes for grads.

Some of the members thought that graduate students should get priority (that it should be limited). Jerry responded by say that the ASUCLA sponsors this and that it has to be open to anyone with a UCLA id.

Alexandra said that she thinks it should be open to everyone.

X. Cabinet Reports, Shannon Clements, Director of Environmental Coalition

A. Shannon Clements could not attend the meeting but she has attached a letter outline her current budget.

Eric mentioned that the numbers don't add up. Jared said that we would fix that (amendment to the budget)

B. Motion to approve the budget with the amendments:

- a. Alex
- b. Stuart
- c. Approved by unanimous consent

XI. Council-Initiated Issue, Jonathan Wu, Medicine

A. Jonathan presented a resolution against the closure of the King/Drew Trauma Center in the Compton area. This resolution is outlined in attachments J1, J2 and J3.

B. Motion to approve the resolution

- a. Omid
- b. Alexandra
- c. 15 approved, 5 abstentions, 1 objection

Omid and Haig want the EVP office to follow up on this matter

XII. Announcements, Jared Fox, President

A. Community Service, Scott Friedman

- a. Scott introduced himself to the forum members. He then mentioned that he's going to create a community service database. He passed out sheets to the members so that they could write down and community service programs that they are familiar with.
- b. Pamela mentioned that there is work-study money available for community service.

B. GradBar with USC on the 18th of November

XIII. Adjournment, 7:35

A. Motion to Adjourn Forum Meeting

- a. Alex
- b. Alexandra
- c. Approved with unanimous consent