

**Graduate Students Association
Forum Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2005 5:30pm
Ackerman Union 201-A**

Members Present: Steve Crosley (A&A), George Scarlatis (EGSA), Duo Liu (EGSA), Tonya Kane (BSC), Natalia Kozak (BSC), Mincin Gomez (Nursing), Nicole Lampsa (Man.), Mark Trang (Man.), Kimberly Duke (MPSC), Alex Smith (MPSC), Janet Cummings (Pub. Health), Eric Lai (Pub. Health), Mac Marston (SSC/VPI-Elect), Tiffany Nurrenbern (SSC), Barry Lawson (SSC), Deborah La Torre (Edu.), Jerry Mann (ASUCLA Rep), Haig Hovsepian (SIB), Ted Ramirez (Alumni Rep. 2005-2007), Vincent Gau (Alumni Rep.), Jared Fox (GSA Pres/ Pres-Elect), Marilyn Gray (GSA IVP), Amanda Moussa (GSA VPEX), Anita Garcia (GSA LL), Scott Friedman (GSA CSC/ VPAA-Elect), Golnaz Tabibnia (GSA Elections), Kristi Matthews (GSA Discret. Fund), Tiffany Graham (GSA Pubs Fund), Shannon Clements (GSA EC), Hasmik Badalian (GSA Graduate Interaction), Julie Kessler (GSA Melnitz), Pamela Taylor (Grad. Division), Charles Harless (ASUCLA-BOD), Cynthia Mosqueda (VPEX-Elect), Lynikka Bernard (GSA Staff).

I. Call to Order 5:45

II. Special Presentation, Metro Pass Presentation from Transportation Services

- A.** Transportation Services started their presentation by talking about the BruinGo! Program and while it provides a valuable mobility option to the UCLA community, it doesn't serve communities other than Westside BBB/CCB service areas. They then stated that the UCLA Metro Pass will provide regional access to transit riders living outside Big Blue Bus/Culver City Bus areas. UCLA staff, faculty, and students will have to opt into the Metro Pass Program (Metro will charge UCLA an average of \$86/quarter for student pass and \$148/quarter for faculty/staff pass). UCLA Transportation Services will be subsidizing the Go Metro pass by 50%, which will result in an average student cost of \$43/qtr and staff/faculty cost of \$74/qtr for the pass. It was also mentioned that weekends would be reinstated for BruinGo! for equity purposes. They also mentioned that the subsidy would be for the academic year only. The Go Metro pass will be sold online at www.transportation.ucla.edu and at the Central Ticket Office beginning September 6, 2005. For more information (program summary, expected ridership impacts, project timeline, etc.) refer to the Proposed UCLA-Metro Pass Program handout.
- B.** Marilyn mentioned that a good way to get this information out to graduate students is to send some representatives the graduate student orientation which will be taking place during the zero week of fall quarter. Alex mentioned that some students may want to use this prior to orientation, so he asked how will this information get out to those students? The Transportation Service Representatives said that they are looking into a way to get this out to the grads, something like a mass orientation email list. Charles then mentioned that Pamela Taylor was the Grad Division Representative and that Grad Division has an orientation webpage that this information could be posted on and that information could be distributed through departmental Student Affairs officers.
- C.** Charles asked if this would include any of the time in between quarters? The representatives said yes but it will not include the summer. He then asked if this is going to include semester systems? They said not at this moment but they are working on it.

III. Adoption of Consent Calendar and Orders of the Day

- A.** Motion to approve amended Consent Calendar and Orders of the Day with the changes made by Marilyn:
 - a.** Tiffany

- b. Mac
- a. Approved with unanimous consent

IV. Special Presentation, Jodi Anderson, UC Student Regent

- A.** Jodi and Adam sent a two page letter to president Dynes and all of the Chancellors in regards to their concerns about the differential fee (coming from the deans of the schools with the idea that the money goes back into the program) and the education fee increases. In the letter they posed quite a few questions for each item. They wanted to know how well these proposals were thought out. Both of the increase were voted on in the committee and passed. However, it was clear that if the items were taken to a full vote by the Board, there would not be sufficient votes for passage. Therefore, the Chair of the Board announced that the items would be put on hold so that a special meeting could be scheduled to vote on these items; they want more regents to have to opportunity to vote. At this time, no arrangements have been made to schedule this special meeting. She mentioned that there were a number of graduate students that were selected by UCSA to be white liners at the Regents meeting on both days. She believes that the graduate students who spoke during public comment, as well as those who spoke to Regents in their capacity as whiteliners made a big impact on the Regents.

Alex asked what is the difference between tuition and fees? Jodi answered by saying that we are a tuition free school and that out of state students pay tuition while the instate students pay fees.

V. Approval of Minutes from the last Forum Meeting, May 11, 2005

- A.** Motion to table the minutes until later in the meeting after GSA staff could check the elections results approval vote count:
- a. Nicole
 - b. Debbie
 - c. Approved with unanimous consent
- B.** Motion to approve the minutes from May 11, 2005, with the correction of the elections results approval vote count, made by Forum (during internal vice presidents report):
- a. Mac
 - b. Tiffany
 - c. Approved with unanimous consent

VI. Officer Report, Jared Fox, President

- A.** Jared mentioned that all the positions were filled at appointments board and that if anyone missed the deadline, they are welcome to volunteer with GSA to get involved. On May 16th Jared spoke at the Regents meeting, this meeting was in regards to the fee increases. This was the same day that we found out that the Regents were going to vote on raising professional school fees by 1000 to 2000 dollars a year (hopefully all the professional schools and council presidents got an email about the fee increases). He mentioned that he got 60 letters from the UCLA professional students. Jodi presented a paper to the Regents. (See attachment B for more details.)
- B.** Motion to approve the Appointments made by Appointments Board:
- a. Alex
 - b. Mac
 - c. Approved by unanimous consent.
- C.** Motion of approve the Director of Community Service Bylaw insertion:
- a. Tiffany
 - b. Alex
 - c. Approved by unanimous consent
- D.** Motion to approve the Director of Publications Bylaw insertion:
- a. Steve
 - b. Janet
 - c. Approved by unanimous consent

- E. Jared recommended that the changes in the Bylaws to the Legislative Liaison and Director of Communication be permanently tabled. Marilyn mentioned that she had requested input concerning the LL from the outgoing cabinet director (not the Director of Communication), but since the suggested changes to both positions were substantial and Appointments board had just hired people based on the old descriptions, it was not the best timing to approve significant changes.
- F. Motion to table permanently the suggested changes to the Bylaws for the Legislative Liaison and Director of Communication:
 - a. Haig talked for a while and clarified some things about these two positions.
 - b. Mac
 - c. Alex
 - d. Approved/Tabled by unanimous consent

VII. Officer Report, Marilyn Gray, Internal Vice President

- A. Marilyn presented her end-of-the-year report to Forum. She stated that she oversaw GSA central office, GSA Academic Council paperwork and requisition processing, Forum meeting logistics, agendas and minutes, the Student Interest Board, etc (see attachment E1 for more information). Marilyn then went over the items spent with the Forum Discretionary Account (see attachment E2 for more information) on Forum Dinners.
- B. Marilyn went over the Graduate Student Resource Center Oversight Committee Charter (see attachment F for details).
- C. Marilyn explained that this Charter would be a primary way for the GSRC and the GSRCOC would remain accountable to GSA and GSA have oversight. Motion to approve the GSRCOC Charter:
 - a. Alex
 - b. Mac
 - c. Approved by unanimous consent
- D. Marilyn went over the logistics for the GSRC/GSA Orientation Committee. The purpose of the Orientation Committee is to plan and implement a campus-wide new student orientation to be held on Monday, September 26, 2005. The duration of the committee will be from June 1, 2005 through October 1, 2005. (See attachment G for more information).
- E. Marilyn went over the changes made to the Section 10 of the Bylaws. (See attachment H for detailed look at the Bylaw changes.)
- F. Motion to approve the Code 10 Bylaw updates with the amendments (minor rewordings) made by Forum:
 - a. Tonya
 - b. Alex
 - c. Approved by unanimous consent

VIII. Officer Report, Amanda Moussa, External Vice President

- A. Amanda presented the UCSA budget to Forum and went over the changes in the budget that were made by UCSA.
- B. Motion to approved the UCSA Budget:
 - a. Steve
 - b. Mac
 - c. 10 approved, 0 opposed, 8 abstained
- C. Amanda asked Vincent Gau to introduce the Alumni Representative to GSA for the next two years, Ted Ramirez.

IX. Officer Report, Michelle Sugi, Academic Affairs Vice President

- A. Michelle could not make it to the meeting. Her year-end report is attached.

X. Cabinet Report, Golnaz Tabibnia, Director Elections

- A. Golnaz went over the changes made to the Section 9 of the Bylaws by the Appointments Boars. (See attachment K for detailed look at the Bylaw changes.)
- B. Motion to approve the changes to the Bylaws Section 9 with the amendments made by Forum:
 - a. Nicole

- b. Tiffany
 - c. Approved by unanimous consent
- XI. Cabinet Report, Kristi Matthews (Discretionary Funding), Julie Kessler (Melnitz Movies), Shannon Clements (Environmental Coalition), Tiffany Graham (Publications), Anita Garcia (Legislative Liaison), Scott Friedman (Community Service), Hasmik Badalian (Graduate Interaction)**
 - A. The Forum members just went through the reports and asked a few questions for clarification.
 - B. Shannon mentioned that she wants the Forum members to keep an eye on the Chancellors Advisory Committee on Sustainability and the Campus Audit.
 - C. Julie and Hasmik mentioned that on June 2nd there is a joint GradBar and Melnitz Movies.
- XII. Oath of Officers, Marilyn Gray, Internal Vice President**
 - A. The 2005-2006 GSA officers took the Oath of Officer: Jared Fox (GSA President 2005-2006), Mac Marston (GSA Internal Vice President 2005-2006), Cindy Mosqueda (GSA External Vice President 2005-2006), and Scott Friedman (GSA Academic Affairs Vice President 2005-2006).
- XIII. Announcements, Marilyn Gray, Internal Vice President (Outgoing)**
 - A. Graduate Student Orientation Committee, Informational meeting, Monday, June 6th and Tuesday, June 7th, 5-6 pm in the GSRC (Student Activities Center, room B-11).
- XIV. Adjournment, 7:27pm**
 - A. **Motion to Adjourn**
 - a. Alex
 - b. George
 - c. Approved with unanimous consent