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To: GSA Forum

From: Jared Fox, GSA President

Re: Officer Report

This letter is intended to highlight a few of the key developments relating to my position since my last report to Forum.

The ASUCLA Open Forum breakfast will take place on Tuesday, May 30th, 8:30-10:30AM. All of the Forum Representatives are invited. The breakfast event will showcase the four ASUCLA entities (including GSA).

The Appointments Board will be held on Wednesday, May 24th, and Thursday, May 25th, 5-10PM on both nights. All of the Academic Councils need to have a single representative present for both nights. The applications are available now on the GSA website. The deadline to apply is Monday, May 22nd, at 5PM.

The Director of Elections, Tiffany Nurrenbern, mentioned at the last Forum that a change in UCOP policy that was enacted only four days before the start of the GSA election requires a 20% voter turnout requirement to pass fee referenda. This is problematic for a number of reasons. Firstly, the lack of adequate notice made it impossible for GSA to meet this new standard. Secondly, GSA has only exceeded 18% turnout once in its entire history—an election where every position was bitterly contested and a fee referendum was on the ballot that was backed by a mid-five-figure marketing campaign (if I remember the dollar amount correctly). GSA almost went bankrupt because we weren't able to achieve the 10% turnout required by the GSA Constitution to increase the GSA fee. If the new standard is 20%, it's likely that GSA could find itself in very bad financial straits again in the future. I'm working with UCOP on this issue and I'm hopeful that we can work out some kind of a compromise.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with me about this report or if you need further details on any issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jared Fox
GSA President 2005-06