

**Graduate Students Association
Forum Meeting Minutes
May 31, 2006 5:30 PM
Ackerman Union 201-A**

Members Present: Tim Indersmitten (Biological Sciences), Jossein Shahaugian (Dentistry), Clayton Pierce (Education), Dolores Calderon (Education), Shane Markstrum (Engineering), Bart Bortnik (Engineering), Winston Wu (Engineering), Sarah Stuart (Management), David Wible (Management), Tina Wong (Management), Alaina Henry (Math & Physical Sciences), Alex Smith (Math & Physical Sciences), Sean Esmende (Medicine), Amir Ghaffari (Medicine), Steve Doane (Medicine), Janet Cummings (Public Health), John Tan (Social Sciences), Michael Benson (Social Sciences), Jackie Masih (Nursing), Theri Pickens (Student Interest Board), Jerry Mann (ASUCLA Rep), Cherie Francis (Grad Division), Mike Cohn (Admin Rep), Ted Ramirez (Alumni Rep), Ho Ning Ngai (ASUCLA BOD), Jared Fox (GSA President), Mac Marston (GSA Internal Vice President), Cindy Mosqueda (GSA External Vice President), Tiffany Nurrenbern (GSA Director of Elections), Monica Sanchez Rivas (GSA Director of Community Service), Arpi Siyahian (GSA Director of Discretionary Funding), Montgomery Lim (GSA Director of Campus Organizing), Nurit Dragitza Katz (GSA Director of Sustainable Resource Center), Anthony Dunbar (GSA Director of Communication), Lisa Linehan (GSA Director of Events), Lynikka Bernard (GSA Staff), KC Souza (GSA Staff), Thomas Szymanik (Asian American Studies)

- I. Call To Order 5:40 PM**
- II. Adoption of Consent Calendar and Orders of the Day**
 - A. Motion to approve agenda:
 - a. Alex
 - b. Janet
 - c. Approved with unanimous consent
- III. Special Presentation: Student Health Advisory Committee, Kristin Elizabeth Yarris and Vice Chancellor Janina Montero**
 - a. SHAC started off their presentation by informing the forum members who and what the SHAC actually is (see attachment a).
 - b. Vice Chancellor Janina Montero went over SHAC's accomplishments for 2005-2006 and the challenges that the committee will face in the upcoming year (see attachment a).
 - c. Contact information: Kritine Yarris, keyarris@ucla.edu and Burt Cowgill, bcowgill@ucla.edu.
- IV. Approval of Minutes From the last Forum Meeting, May 10, 2006**
 - A. Motion to approve the minutes from May 10, 2006:
 - a. Shane
 - b. Janet
 - c. Approved with unanimous consent.
- V. Officer Report, Jared Fox, GSA President**
 - A. Jared announced that he is still working on the campaign to overturn UCOP's new voter turnout policy (see attachment c, d1, d2, d3 and d4).
 - B. Motion to approve the 5.1.4, and 5.15 bylaw changes:
 - a. Tina
 - b. David
 - c. Approved with unanimous consent
 - C. Motion to approve the 5.4 bylaw changes as amended:
 - a. Michael
 - b. Alaina
 - c. Approved with unanimous consent.
 - D. Motion to approve the insertion of the 1.3 GSA Code of Ethics as amended:
 - a. Michael
 - b. Shane
 - c. Approved with unanimous consent.

- E. Motion to approve the appointments made by Appointments Board:
 - a. David
 - b. Sarah
 - c. Approved with unanimous consent.
- VI. **Officer Report, Mac Marston, GSA Vice President Internal Affairs**
 - A. Mac presented the Forum members with an outline of a few of his activities and accomplishments for the 2005-2006 school year (see attachment g).
 - B. End of the Year Business:
 - a. The last day to submit requisitions is Friday, June 16, by noon. If councils have events after that date the need to apply for a cash advance and have it approved by the 16th. Please submit requisitions early.
 - b. Forum members need to send revised council rosters with next year's officers. The rosters are available at www.gsa.asucla.ucla.edu/councils/.
 - c. Mac will be in Turkey the first half of the summer with limited email access. So, in emergencies relating to funding please contact Monica at pres@gsa.asucla.ucla.edu.
- VI. **Officer Report, Cindy Mosqueda, GSA Vice President External Affairs**
 - A. Cindy started her report by going over the challenges and strengths of the previous year. She followed by going over a few recommendations that she plans to emit in the upcoming year (see attachment h).
 - B. Cindy mentioned that she met with the staff members for UCLA to prepare for outreach on primary elections and transition.
 - C. She will be on the steering committee for the UCSA Congress and UCSA Retreat over the summer.
 - D. Statewide Committee Applications are still being accepted (see Cindy for more information).
 - E. New UC Regent-designate for 2006-2007 is Ben Allen, a law student at UC Berkeley.
 - F. Summer Activities:
 - a. UCSA Retreat June 22-25 at UC Davis
 - b. UCSA Congress July 13-16 at UC San Diego
- VII. **Cabinet Report, Tiffany Nurrenbern (GSA Director of Elections), Montgomery Lim (GSA Campus Organizing Director), Linh Ho (GSA Legislative Liaison and Researcher), Anthony Dunbar (GSA Director of Communication), Arpi Siyahian (GSA Director of Discretionary Funding and Interim Director of Publications), Nurit Katz (GSA Director of Sustainable Resource Center), Monica Sanchez (GSA Director of Community Service), Lisa Linehan (GSA Director of Events) and Amy Sloper/Michelle Weis (GSA Co-Directors of Melnitz Movies)**
 - A. The Forum members just went through the reports and asked a few questions for clarification.
- VIII. **GSA Orientation Committee Report, Hoi Ning Ngai**
 - A. Hoi Ning updated the Forum members on the progress of the Orientation Committee.
 - B. Attachment S is the Graduate Student Orientation Committee Interest Forum and Hoi Ning asked each member to fill one out in addition to bringing a few back to their respective councils.
- IX. **Oath of Office, Jared Fox, GSA President**
 - A. The 2006-2007 GSA officers took the Oath of Officer: Monica Sanchez (GSA President 2006-2007), Mac Marston (GSA Internal Vice President 2006-2007), Cindy Mosqueda (GSA External Vice President 2006-2007), and Janet Cummings (GSA Academic Affairs Vice President 2006-2007).
- X. **Adjournment at 7:34 PM**
 - A. Motion to adjourn
 - a. Sean
 - b. Tim
 - c. Approved with unanimous consent.

