

**Graduate Students Association
Forum Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2006 5:50 PM
Ackerman Union A201-A**

Members Present: Daniel Lid (Arts & Architecture), Tonya Kane (Biological Sciences), Tim Indersmitten (Biological Sciences), Fanny Yeung (Education), Miguel Lopez (Education), Shane Markstrum (Engineering), Jared Fox (Engineering), Bart Bortnik (Engineering), Nathaniel Isaacson (Humanities), Dani Nguyen (Law), Andy Shawber (Law), Dan Vu (Management), Tina Wong (Management), David Wible (Management), Alaina Henry (Math & Physical Sciences), Sarah Angelos (Math & Physical Sciences), Jane Lee (Medicine), Navid Ezar (Medicine), Amir Ghaffari (Medicine), Jose Avalos (Medicine), Jacqueline Masih (Nursing), Samta Bhakta (Nursing), Bahar Khanjari-Navab (Public Health), John Tan (Social Sciences), Michael Benson (Social Sciences), Lindsay Gervacio (Social Sciences), Hoi Ning Ngai (ASUCLA BOD), Sherly Mosessian (Student Interest Board), Jerry Mann (ASUCLA Rep), Mike Cohn (URSA Administrative Rep), Monica Sanchez (GSA President), Mac Marston (GSA VPI), Cindy Mosqueda (GSA VPEX), Janet Cummings Link (GSA VP Academic), Arpi Siyahian (GSA Dir. of Discretionary Funds), Nuritz Katz (GSA Dir. of Sustainable Resource Center), John Paul Slifko (GSA Dir. of Elections), Erica Saenz (GSA Dir. of Community Service), Oiyen Anita Poon (GSA LLR), Na' Shaun Neal (GSA Dir. of Campus Org.), Gebriela Birhane (GSA Staff), KC Souza (GSA Staff), Linda Wachel (UCLA Committee on Disabilities)

- I. Call To Order 5:36 PM**
- II. Adoption of Consent Calendar and Orders of the Day**
 - A. Motion to approve Adoption of Consent Calendar and Orders of the Day
 - a. Jared
 - b. Tina
 - c. Approved with unanimous consent
- III. Approval of Minutes from the last Forum Meeting, May 31, 2006**
 - A. Motion to approve the minutes from May 31, 2006:
 - a. Shane
 - b. Bahar
 - c. Approved with unanimous consent
- IV. Officer Report, Monica Sanchez, GSA President**
 - A. Monica began the Forum meeting by announcing that the UC Office of the President approved the passage of the Writing Center Fee Referendum through a one time exemption. \$4 dollars will be assessed in the winter quarter to support the Graduate Student Writing Center.
 - B. Monica is also working with the other officers and staff to fill the vacancies for stipended and non-stipended appointments by simplifying the application process.
 - C. Monica announced that the GSA Publications & Media Lab on the 1st floor of Kerckhoff Hall is now open. Tremendous funding opportunities for students are available.
 - D. Motion to approve Non-Stipended Appointments.
 - a. Jared
 - b. Nate
 - c. Approved by unanimous consent
 - E. Motion to approve CAC Appointment
 - a. Jared
 - b. David
 - c. Approved by unanimous consent
- V. Officer Report, Mac Marston, GSA Vice President Internal Affairs**
 - A. Mac began by announcing that he had been involved the second annual New Graduate Student Orientation planning committee.
 - B. Mac's annual goals include:
 - a. improve quality of graduate services on campus
 - b. improving the diversity of the graduate student voice in GSA

- c. improving visibility of GSA on campus
 - C. Mac also announced that as chair of the GSRC Oversight Committee, he would like to ensure that the GSRC is given equal position with other centers within the Division of Student and Campus Life in Student Affairs.
 - a. Advocate for full director position
 - b. Establish permanent funding for GSRC and its Directors.
 - D. Mac also stated that he would like to increase access for graduate student groups to the SAC
- VI. Officer Report, Cindy Mosqueda, GSA Vice President External**
 - A. Cindy announced that UCSA is dedicated in increasing student participation in the political process through voter registration, education, and mobilization in 2006 mid-term election and years to come.
 - B. Motion to table Resolution on UCSA Vote.
 - a. Bahar
 - b. Sarah
 - C. Motion to take Resolution on UCSA Vote off table
 - a. Jared
 - b. Bart
 - D. Motion to Approve changes to Voter Guide Withdrawn
 - a. Shane
 - E. Motion to approve Voter Guide as is
 - a. Tina
 - b. Bahar
 - c. Approved by unanimous consent
- VII. Officer Report, Janet Cummings Link, GSA VPAA**
 - A. Janet started her report by saying that 18 positions on the Academic Senate Committees have been filled. There is only one position open on the Faculty Welfare Committee.
 - B. Motion to appoint Academic Senate.
 - a. Jared
 - b. Shane
 - c. Approved by unanimous consent
 - C. She also announced that the College of Letters and Science Faculty Executive Committee would like GSA to appoint a graduate student to serve on the FEC. The FEC is the representative body of the Faculty of the School of Medicine.
 - D. Janet stated that she will chair the GSRC Programming Committee, which is a committee that allows graduate students from all academic councils to have input into the content of the GSRC Programming Committee as well as organize programs throughout the year.
- VIII. New Business, Monica Sanchez, GSA President and Jerry Mann, ASUCLA**
 - A. Monica Sanchez and Jerry Mann presented the GSA 2006-2007 final budget. There was extensive discussion about the budget. This budget is the revised version of the budget that was approved in the spring. These revisions include reallocation of money that was carried over from surplus from last year. A few of the line items that were discussed include:
 - a. GSA Discretionary line item: this line item is included in the budget because of carry over.
 - b. Special projects line item: some of money from this budget will be used to install new locks which will only be opened through use of bruin cards. This will create additional accountability of who is entering the office space.
 - c. Discretionary Programs Interaction Fund line and Discretionary Programs-SFAC Fees line items: the budget from these line items will be used for funding the various programs.
 - d. Advertising line item: Money from this line item will be allocated for advertisement of GSA to increase exposure and awareness of GSA's purpose.
 - B. Motion to approve GSA 2006-07 Final Budget
 - a. Michael
 - b. Nate

c. Approved by unanimous consent

IX. New Business, Jared Fox, Hoi Ning Ngai, ASUCLA BOD

- A. Jared began by explaining that ASUCLA provides a lot of assistance to the student governments. He stated that the ASUCLA Benefits U program is a way to give back to the students.
- B. By signing up for ASUCLA Benefits U, students receive a key-tag which they can use to receive special deals. After signing up for ASUCLA Benefits U, students are emailed about special deals of the week.

X. New Business, Jared Fox, GWCOG Chair

- A. Jared stated that the Writing Center is open, but not to its usual full capacity. Money from student affairs is currently being used to keep the writing center open. In the Spring the Writing Center will be open to its full form.
- B. Jared described the Graduate Writing Center Oversight Committee (GWCOG) Charter, which describes the operations and activities of the GWC.
- D. Jared also stated when meeting dates and time (6:30-7pm) for the Graduate Writing Center Oversight Committee would take place. Representatives from each council are needed to attend the meetings.
- E. The GWC coordinator job position is open. A detailed description of this position will be finalized at the first meeting.
- F. Motion to approve GWCOG Charter
 - a. Bahar
 - b. Jane
 - c. No unanimous consent, so it was put to a vote.
 - d. Yay: 18
 - e. Nay: 1
 - f. Abstain: 5
 - g. The motion passed

XI. Cabinet Report, Amy Adrion, Melnitz Movies Budget

- A. Amy gave an in depth description of the Melnitz Movie budget.
- B. Motion to approve Melnitz Movies Budget
 - a. Bahar
 - b. Tim
 - c. Approved by unanimous consent

XII. Cabinet Report, Justin Wolske, Dir. of Graduate Student Events

- A. Justin began by giving a tentative breakdown of the graduate student events that would take place within the coming months. The first of which includes GRADBAR at the Hammer Museum on Friday, Nov. 17.
- B. Motion to approve Graduate Event Budget
 - a. Miguel
 - b. Bahar
 - c. No unanimous consent, so it was put to a vote
 - d. Yay: 20
 - e. Nay: 3
 - f. Abstain: 2
 - g. The motion passed

XIII. Cabinet Report, Nurit Katz, Dir. of Sustainable Resource Center

- A. Nurit began by stating that the goals of the Sustainable Resource Center are to maintain an online resource site for the graduate student body, expand the mailing list with graduate student members from the various departments, and represent the graduate student interest on the Committee on Campus Sustainability and the ASUCLA Sustainability Committee.
- B. Motion to approve Sustainable Resource Center Budget
 - a. Bahar
 - b. Miguel
 - c. Approved by unanimous consent

XIV. Cabinet Report, Erica Saenz, Dir. of Community Service

- A. Erica gave a complete breakdown of the community service budget
 - B. Motion to approve Community Service Budget
 - a. Miguel
 - b. Bahar
 - c. Approved by unanimous consent
- XV. Cabinet Report, Arpi Siyahian, Dir. of Discretionary Funding**
- A. Arpi described discretionary funding as being a resource that supports educational and cultural events that take place at UCLA.
 - B. In order to get funding an application must be submitted no later than 3 weeks prior to your event date.
 - C. A virtual copy must also be submitted.
 - D. In order for student groups to receive funding they must register with CSP.
- XVI. Adjournment**
- A. Motion to Adjourn Meeting
 - a. Bart
 - b. Tina
 - B. Meeting Adjourned: 7:52 PM