1/22 Forum Notes

Consent Calendar passes by unanimous consent

Executive Officer Report

- Zak
  - Hardship fund is still in the preliminary stages
  - Housing bill: Meeting with administrators was not fruitful in changing anything
  - UC Santa Cruz Strike: Motion of support on agenda for later
- Paul - N/A
- JP
  - Meeting with Janet Napolitano
    - Housing income ratio transparency
    - Emergency Preparedness
    - Takeaway:
  - Advocacy Day Apr 5, 6
    - Mental health funding
    - Student participation - talk to JP if interested
  - Planning a Resource Fair
  - UCLA One
  - Talk to GSRC about them potentially presenting to your council
- Shrinidhi
  - TA Job Posting Platform
    - Working IT and Grad Division
  - Legislative Assembly 2/6 2-4pm
    - Anyone affiliated with Academic Senate can participate
  - Survey to collect info for mentoring program
  - Angela providing example of cross collaboration

Discussion of UCSC Wildcat Strike

- UCSC Graduate Strikers
  - Graduate/TAs at UCSC withheld grades for Fall
  - Strike has continued
  - Widespread student and faculty support
- Resolution of support passes - 15 Y, 0 N, 0 A

Elections Calendar

- Elections Calendar Overview
  - Only 10% of students vote
  - Need more effort to get the word out on elections across departments, students, friends, etc.
Calendar will be available on website
- Resolution passes - 13 Y, 0 N, 1 A

No Q&A - Gregg Goldman absent today

Graduate Research Program Survey - Shrinidhi
- Asking for additions, criticisms, etc.
- Expected to be finalized by Week 6 forum
- Expected to be sent out for two weeks Feb 17 - Mar 6
- Apr 3 presentation planned to Graduate Council
- Can make data-driven case for mentorship program
- How to incentivize participation?

Agora Project
- Esther Magna, Westwood Resident
  - Leading opposition to Agora
    - Agora lobbyists have sourced support from student groups and subsequently monetized that support
    - Supply vs. demand - building more housing doesn’t necessarily make rent
    - Change from per-bed to per-unit basis
      - LA City has no system for oversight of per-bed rentals - cannot make sure that private developers are charging fairly on per-bed basis
      - But universities can do all these things
    - Electrical/plumbing issues at current property - owners have done nothing
- Discussion
  - Zoning issues
  - Where do we start with affordable housing at all?
- Tabling discussion for later w/ no more than 10 minute discussion next time
  - 11 Y, 1 N, 2 A

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