

**Humanities Council**  
**Graduate Students Association of UCLA**  
Meeting: October 17, 2016  
Minutes

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**Meeting convened at 6:18 pm in Humanities, Room 365**  
**Minutes taken by Nadia Ben-Marzouk**

**Attendance:**

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**Absences:**

Indo-European; ALC; Scandinavian

**Excused Absences:**

**Announcements:**

**Department news:**

*French and Francophone Studies*

The graduate student conference on "Fear" will be held Thursday, October 20 through

Friday, October 21 in Royce Hall, Room 306. Each day the conference will start around 10am and end by approximately 5:30 pm. The keynote speaker is Tracy Sharpley-Whiting from Vanderbilt University who specializes in African-American studies, race, and gender. Contact Anne Le for more info or flyer: [akttle@ucla.edu](mailto:akttle@ucla.edu)

### *Center for Study of Religion*

The first Graduate Working Group for the Study of Religion meeting of the year will be held Wednesday, October 26, 2016 from 5:30-6:30pm in Humanities 365. This is a forum for students whose research is related to religion. You can workshop conference papers, job talks, etc. At the next meeting they will be preparing for upcoming conference in May. Contact Michael Chen for more info: [chenmichaelsh@gmail.com](mailto:chenmichaelsh@gmail.com)

### *Classics*

The Classics graduate conference "Into the Wild: Flora and Fauna in the Classical World" will be held October 21-22, 2016 in Royce Hall 314. The keynote speaker is Mark Payne from the University of Chicago.

### *Art History*

The graduate student symposium titled "Killing Time: Temporality in Visible Culture" will be held at the Hammer museum Saturday, October 22 from 9am to 5pm.

### **Graduate Student Association:**

#### Forum:

There is now a signatory form that needs to be sent in for newly elected officials to the council. Additionally, we need to send in accurate enrollment numbers for each department for budget purposes.

This summer there was a new initiative centered on obtaining more parking for students and faculty. Regarding KREC, a temporary replacement gym was found in a building nearby. Across the road will be the new permanent gym with more equipment. While the timeline is not clear there will be no interruption of service.

Regarding the TAsurvey survey that was disseminated last quarter, the report of finding was written up this summer. Some senate committees are interested in taking a look, however there is still debate about how to solve the TA problem. Graduate Division is still pushing for undergraduate students to TA. The TA Marketplace is now up and running with a reported 25 departments and approximately 1000 students using it.

Michael Chen asked Lindy is there was any follow-up to the conference cap of \$1000 instituted by Graduate Division over the summer. Lindy indicated she had no memory of this being brought up at Forum but will follow-up at the next meeting.

### **Writing Center Updates**

None

### **Elections Board Update:**

None

**Budget Totals:**

Alejandra read in the updated budget numbers.

DEPT	EB 16-17 enrollment by program
Applied Linguistics	12.47
Art History	476.88
ALC	892.77
Classics	67.71
Comp Lit	385.10
English	423.30
French and Francophone studies	331.86
Germanic Lang	388.77
Indo Euro	544.95*
Italian	211.79
Linguistics	10.15
Musicology	.65
NELC	135.42
Philosophy	568.97
Span/Port/Hispanic Lit	540.80
Scandinavian Lang.	523.40*
Slavic, East European & Eurasian Languages	14.35
Discretionary	69.00

\*No funds spent in the 2015-16 AY

If any funds are spent after this meeting, the funds are taken out of the 2015-16 budget.

**Requisitions:**

Name	Dept	Items	Amount
Kirsten Lew	English	Soft drinks and ice for pre-hooding reception	58.05
Silvio Curtis	Classics	Graduate workshop refreshments	34.81
Alexandra Lawn	Spanish and Portuguese	Elizabeth Warren: Food and beverages for meeting	168.27
Nadia Ben-Marzouk	NELC	SAO appreciation gift from graduate students (Amazon gift card)	75.00

Anne Le	HumCo	Refreshments for Humanities Council meeting	27.54
Anne Le	French and Francophone	Elizabeth Collins: Flowers for office staff	79.50
Anne Le	French and Francophone	Ryan Hughes: End of year department party	293.35
Milo Crimi	Philosophy	Andrew Lavin: Snacks and lunch for graduate student writing retreat	195.64
Milo Crimi	Philosophy	Jonathan Gingerich: Lunch for political philosophy mini-conference	137.34

**\* Please note that original receipts must be attached and meeting minutes with amount with requisition. Submit completed forms to Kerckhoff 332.**

Elections were held. Each title was given with a brief summary of responsibilities. They are as follows:

- President
  - Responsibilities include convening meeting and email group to :
  - Elected: Kacie Morgan
- Vice President
  - Responsibilities: Bring refreshments to Humanities Council meeting; occasionally reserve room fro meeting
  - Elected: Laura Haran
- Secretary
  - Responsibilities: Keep minutes for Humanities Council meetings; email minutes out to group
  - Elected: Adrianna Guarro
- Treasurer
  - Responsibilities: maintain budget totals for Council and departments; read in new budget numbers at each Humanities Council meeting
  - Elected: Anne Le

Forum representatives

- Forum rep 1: Lindy Comstock
- Forum rep 2: Kiel Shaub
- Alternate forum rep 1: Tim Fosbury
- Alternate forum rep 2: Sozen Ozkan

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**Closing remarks:**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm**

**Next meeting scheduled for Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm in Humanities Room 365 (Week 8).**

## Humanities Council

### Graduate Students Association of UCLA

Meeting: November 14, 2016

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**Meeting convened at 6:22 pm in Humanities, Room 365**

**Minutes taken by Adriana Guarro**

#### **Attendance:**

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#### **Absences:**

Indo-European; Scandinavian; Comparative Literature; Spanish & Portuguese

#### **Excused Absences:**

#### **Meeting Reports:**

#### **Announcements:**

- 11/15 is National Day of Action against the Dakota Access Pipeline and a teach-in will occur in Dickinson Court North at 3 PM. The event is sponsored by AISC (American Indian Studies Center).
- 11/15 at noon is the Union's Monthly Membership Meeting in Ackerman 2412.
- 11/16 at noon the Undercommons is holding an event at the Janss Steps related to the recent election. Details about the event can be found here:  
[https://www.facebook.com/events/1407602262598354/?active\\_tab=about](https://www.facebook.com/events/1407602262598354/?active_tab=about)

- Kelly Roso from the Italian Department is working on a project entitled the UC Trump Apology Project which entails drafting a letter asking the president-elect to apologize for statements he has made targeted at specific groups and minorities. The ultimate goal is to have the letter published by the UC Students' Association and additionally, to have a reading of the letter made into a film. She is looking for any grads and undergrads that may be interested in contributing to the project (especially writers). More information can be found at [www.facebook.com/uctrumpapologyproject](http://www.facebook.com/uctrumpapologyproject) and Kelly's email is: [kroso001@g.ucla.edu](mailto:kroso001@g.ucla.edu)

#### Departmental News:

##### *Center for the Study of Religion*

The Graduate Working Group for the Study of Religion will have its call for papers out soon. The topic of the conference is ritual performance and embodiment.

##### *Philosophy*

On January 21<sup>st</sup> the Philosophy Department is hosting a conference with group minorities in philosophy. The conference is entitled *Critiquing the Canon* and it will examine the exclusionary practices that occur in the forming the philosophical canon. The keynote speaker is Peter K.J. Park from the University of Texas at Dallas.

#### Union:

Jonathan Koch (campus chair of UAW265) talked about four campaigns that the Union is organizing this year.

- 1) A campaign in collaboration with Mothers of Color in Academia to increase the number of lactation stations on campus and hopefully to have one installed in YRL. Part of this campaign entails pursuing a grievance and they are looking for any nursing mothers who are currently employed at the university that would be interested in signing onto the grievance.
- 2) A campaign concerning UCLA's childcare services due to the fact that recently many parents have been redirected to the Palms Childcare Center which is severely underserved in comparison to the Krieger Center on campus. Inessa also noted that there is also a long waitlist to receive services from the Palms Childcare Center.
- 3) A campaign to unionize and organize Research Assistants at UCLA.
- 4) A campaign to demand that the UC campuses become sanctuary campuses, meaning that they will refuse to cooperate with Federal Immigration Authorities to prevent people from being deported.

Jonathan's contact: [losangeles@uwa265.org](mailto:losangeles@uwa265.org)

(If emailing him, use a non-ucla email for security reasons)

#### Graduate Student Association:

##### *Forum:*

There has been a lot of concern about the recent changes in conference funding for graduate students. A presentation by the author of the initiative was made in order to show Grad Division's reasoning. He showed that Grad Division now allocates twice as much money to departments for conference funding. Grad Division felt that the funds were not being used and the new initiative would protect grad students from favoritism by professors. A lot of students from South Campus seemed happy about the new measure so it's unclear if this now favors STEM grad students as opposed to Humanities grad students.

Lindy advises to check in with your SAO about your conference funding status. Your department *may* have additional funds aside from the 1k allocated from Grad Division. Over this year, the Forum would like to collect data to see if and why graduate students feel as though they have less money than before. If over this upcoming academic year, anyone feels as though they have less access to conference funding after having reached out to their SAO, then contact the Forum members.

Writing Center Updates:

None

Elections Board Update:

None

**Budget Totals:**

Anne read the updated budget for the 2015-16 academic year. The budget for the 2016-17 still needs to be allocated, but it is going to be lower than last year by \$1200.

DEPT	EB 16-17 enrollment by program
Applied Linguistics	\$578.10
Art History	\$476.88
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Classics	\$32.90
Comp Lit	\$385.10
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Germanic Lang	\$388.77
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Linguistics	\$10.15
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Philosophy	\$235.99
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Scandinavian Lang.	\$523.40
Slavic, East European & Eurasian Languages	\$14.35
Discretionary	\$41.68

**Requisitions:**

Name (person who read)	Dept	Items (name of person who bought if not the reader)	Amount
Lindy Comstock	Applied Linguistics	Ottoman and picture for the TA office.	468.70
Lindy Comstock	Applied Linguistics	Delivery of the ottoman and picture for the TA office.	80.00



Laura Horan	Art History	Refreshments and snacks for Humanities Council meeting	29.22
Nadia Ben-Marzouk	NELC	Michael Chen: office supplies for TA lounge	57.68
Silvio Curtis	Classics	Anastasia Baron: Refreshments for grad student work shop	34.62
Adriana Guarro	Italian	Viola Ardeni: gum, tea, and coffee for the TA office	123.40
Elisabeth Crawford	English	Mentor-mentee dinner	400

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Requisitions code number: [2 4180 410 4106 6220 00000]

**Closing Remarks:**

None

**Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm Jan 30th**

**Next meeting scheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:15. Room TBD.**