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**Graduate Students Association
Election Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2008, 5:30pm- 6:10pm**

Members Present: Cynthia Pineda (Dir of Elections), Nilou Nouri (Dentistry), Aleka McAdams (Math & Physical Sciences), Craig Hoverman (Architecture), David Shamoudian (Medicine), Jay Turetzky (Biological Sciences), kip Austin Hinton (Education), Daniella Perry (Social Sciences), Alex Ferraando (Law) David Wozny (Engineering) , Shazrae Mian (GSA Staff).

I. Call to Order 5:30 PM

II. Introduction, Cynthia Pineda (Dir of Elections)

- a. There are three meetings left, the last one being the celebration meeting. The dates are printed on the schedule.
- b. We were not able to meet quorum for the special elections held for Vice President of Academic Affairs, although we were very close. Therefore, we were not able to find a replacement for this position. However, soon after the elections we will have a Vice President of Academic Affairs.
- c. Last time we did a great job talking about voting incentives. We allotted about \$800.00 for coffee coupons. The price for a tall coffee is \$1.83, and it will cost us \$0.97. The price for a tall soda is \$1.40, and it will cost us \$0.70. We are looking at a really good number of coffee coupons and soda. Please do remember that every person voting will receive a coffee or soda coupon. After students vote online, they will receive a pop-up saying that they qualify for a free coffee or soda. There is an extra step they will have to take because they can only pick up their coupon from the GSA Central Office or GSRC. As for ice-cream, I decided to go for the junior scoop. Also, we are still going with four ipod shuffles.
- d. Did anyone look at the elections website? Our webmaster is really great at posting pictures.
- e. Was any one successful in encouraging at least one person to run?
 - i. As addressed by e-board, some students were concerned with getting 50 signatures. However, all they have to do is go to class and make an announcement.
 - ii. A student was interested but backed out because of the time commitment required for the position.
 - iii. Students in Law School were encouraged because of the stipend which comes with each officer position.
- f. We have three strategies for voting and candidate recruitment. We didn't want people to open the Daily Bruin and realize that they still can't vote yet, so we changed the dates on which voting ads will be printed. We are going to send an email via registrar as well. SAO email will go the same day as the registrar email as well. These emails will be sent on April 18, 2008. This recruitment process is in regards to candidates and voters.
- g. The next elections related meeting will be on April 8, 2008. The Monday before, I will check to see that the candidates are registered students and have their valid signatures. The e-board representative from Math and Physical Sciences will be volunteering for this

meeting. So the method for the orientation is as follows: they go through elections code and initial. At the end, they sign the bottom and I collect the forms. That signifies that everyone is on the same page and is informed of the rules. The date for this orientation is on the application. We did talk about possibly having a second date if necessary, but we all agreed that it's best to have just one date. If absolutely necessary, we will work something out and I will inform e-board of the situation. The only way we will make an exception is if we have a position for which there are not candidates. Then we will have to extend the deadline for applications.

- h. Homework for this time is to encourage people to run for GSA. We have fliers available and they were left in each council's mailbox. More fliers are available on the coffee table in GSA Central Office. Make sure that you distribute the fliers every where so that we get
- i. Cynthia proposed that the next meeting for April 16, 2008 be canceled if there are no violations or appeals. We still have to recruit voters, so I will keep you posted via email.

II. Adjournment: 6:10 PM