

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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