

GSA meeting minutes for 1/18/07

Agenda:

Minutes approval

New dept reps

CPB!

What it means to be a representative

Jorge Cham

Funding request

Minutes approved

- by consensus

New dept reps

- Jay from environmental studies (approved by general consensus)
- Sheldon from computer engineering (approved by general consensus)

Committee on Planning and Budget (CPB)

- we still need a rep!

What it means to be a department representative!

- No one picked up flyers and that sucks!
- If you haven't gotten flyers get them now!
- Minutes we put out are a good thing to send to your dept.!
- Reps. are supposed to be the intermediaries between them and the GSA
- We need folks to be reporting from the committee reports they're on

Jorge Cham event!

- come! It's gonna ROCK!
- Some words from Lisa Sloan
- Some words from the career center
- Helpers get front row seats!

Funding request

- Planning a conference. They want to get box lunches and breakfasts for the panelists. They currently have only enough to cover travel for the panelists. Many of the presenters are from UCSC. They are also asking the center for cultural studies. The total budget is \$1,500 and they are asking for \$490. For more info on the event see The Center for Cultural Studies or APARC websites. They haven't asked for money from individual departments because it is an interdisciplinary event.
 - o Motion to give them the full amount. Seconded. Friendly amendment to be accountable for how they use the money.

- Discussion. “accountable” needs to be defined. We should trust them. The friendly amendment stands that we ask them to give back what they don’t use and show us receipts.
- Passed. Pro:16, opposed: 0

Regents coming tomorrow

- There is a campus summit tomorrow for folks to talk about campus issues Berra and Amy are representing us...
- There have been 10 from UCLA we need our representation too! NEXT STUDENT REGENT WILL BE THE FIRST FROM UCSC!
- From 1 to 2 pm we’re gonna get to talk to the regents any points for conversation:
 - We should invite folks to the UCSA meetings the next two days
 - We need to up our numbers of grads because we have the least and the least money for it!
 - Non-resident tuition

Committee reports:

- TAPS (transportation and parking services):
 - They did a survey of colleges 9 & 10 and collapsing the “A” (faculty) and “B” (grad students) lots did not seem to have much impact on faculty (“A” permit) not having enough spaces. So this is going to stay as is. If the LOT has an “A” on it in addition to a “B” you can park there. IF THE SPACE HAS AN “A” ON IT YOU CAN’T PARK THERE!
 - There are transportation alternatives for loaner cars?
 - Susi is now the transportation co-chair so this is going to provide more student voice on the committee. Yay Susi!
 - Undergrads want to have an express bus so that folks who want to get off campus can without having the lines getting gummed up with folks getting a ride around campus.
 - ♣ When folks calculate your financial aid they figure you’re taking public transportation rather than driving, so these things need to be adjusted.
- SFAC- Student Fee Advisory Committee.
 - They’re reviewing the student services that fall under their control.
 - The SFAC committee is facing the need to provide more mental health and physical health services.
 - They re currently looking at a 25% INCREASE in reg fees!
 - ♣ It’s actually might be more than that because of the return to aid rules.
 - The vice chancellors have been asked to account for what they’d do with the extra money.
 - This will be decided in Spring with the Regents and the state legislature.
 - Discussion: Do we have a say? Yes! Lobby the legislature and the regents. We will find out what exactly the
- Pandemic planning committee didn’t meet in December because of the flu.

- They are trying to develop a better model for how to handle pandemic issues, including dividing up leadership and how different interventions will be triggered. They have different levels of severity for handling flu outbreaks. They are trying to figure out what to do with the bird flu, which affects a wider segment of the population.
 - Discussion: do we have a place on campus to quarantine?
- Environmental health and safety report committee:
 - We need to make a report to the state and then hopefully we can get funding to make a proper way of handling our hazardous waste.
 - The currently chosen site is behind the new engineering building.
 - We have chosen the firm we would like to design it.
 - Discussion: have other sites been looked at? Many folks that work around there are very upset to have this close! How can we register our complaints? There was supposed to be a public comment period but...
- GSHIP: Grad Student Health Insurance Program Committee
 - We finally got a meeting with the Health center folks to find out the current state of the plan
 - We are also interested in how to get health insurance for international students before the academic year starts (several groups of grads arrive in summer before classes start)
 - Discussion: How do we pay for insurance? What's a co-pay? Does a co-pay apply towards your deductible? Particular cases are discussed. They also mess up a lot.
- Lobby-con:
 - Conference at Sacramento to lobby our representatives about fees and how to allocate funds.
 - **IF YOU WERE BUMMED ABOUT THE FEE INCREASE DISCUSSED IN THE SFAC REPORT YOU SHOULD GO AND LOBBY!**
- UCSA (redwood lounge):
 - Meetings are 9-5 Saturday, 9-1 Sunday to talk about stuff like fee increases, police brutality at student protests. Free food if you come!
- Travel grant committee:
 - We funded all of the grants that came in last quarter. We have a large budget and it feels good to spend it.
- UAW: TA union
 - We're about to re-negotiate our contract.
 - The statewide meeting for the union is Feb 10th and we need to go!
 - If you want to know more about the goals of the bargaining email gsa@ucsc.edu, but I can't email 'em to you!
 - If you want to go to LA and help bargain for these things email gsa@ucsc.edu
- Motion to adjourn. Seconded. See ya!