

AGENDA

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Voting members in attendance today 20.

New Reps (presented by Berra)

Nick Reynolds – newly rep for Linguistics. Approved by general consensus.

Chancellor Search: (presented by Berra)

- **We need a new rep.** All meetings are in Oakland (except for April 9th).
- April 9th and 24th, May 8th and 29th, June 14th and 15th
- Conversation: We should give compensation for this. Mileage is compensated... but we should do some too. The UCOP will not do teleconference. Suggest some numbers... \$500 or \$900. This person would not need to be GSA. We need to know by tomorrow as the first meeting is the ninth.
- Motion to pay \$900.00 for this position. Seconded. Pro: 20, Opposed: 0, abstentions: 0.
- **April 9th** is an open meeting and it's at UCSC contact gsa@ucsc.edu if you want to attend. It's at the University center at college 9 & 10 from 4 to 5:30.
- We are supposed to come up with a list of important aspects for a new chancellor (Anything not on this list can be emailed to gsa@ucsc.edu).
 - o Can determine the difference between grads and undergrads. Grads are half student half work force.
 - o More international students
 - o More grads
 - o Responsible growth of grads. Take care of those you already have and create sustainable programs for growth.
 - o Good at fundraising
 - o Economic equality across disciplines
 - o Balance serving underprivileged students and increasing research funding (selectivity vs. diversity)
 - o A person of color would be nice
 - o Someone who had to work themselves through college
 - o Past advisor of grads
 - o Gotta be able to successfully “work the street” or talk to the people from a grassroots perspective
 - o Charismatic
 - o Specific attention to and experience in working for social justice
 - o Someone who is aware and understanding to labor issues

- o Someone with experience as a chancellor elsewhere

GSHIP (late May): (presented by Nick)

- **Hold out or cut (wide-scale or extremes)?**
- Two broad questions:
 - o Strategy 1 (we do not agree to cut benefits from plan despite rising cost)
 - o Strategy 2 (we agree to cut some benefits that will effect the whole a little bit rather than a few students greatly)
- Conversation: What is their rationale? Just need to cut. Some depts. are specific in saying that they want to hold out. Cuts are too much. Suggestions have been made to cut pharmacy. We may be able to make powerful alliances and get more administrative support. Lets hold out and explore options. Straw poll on whether or not to hold out for better options.

Grad college: (presented by Kelly)

- Grad council has had this on the top of the agenda and there's no action. There's no money behind it that we know of. **There is no action! What now!?** Should we drop it?
- I think a grad college is an idea that was born with the idea of growing the graduate student population on campus but (like plans for growing the graduate population) this has gotten no attention, no time, and no money. This is extremely backwards and very dangerous! – Amy Dexter
- I think this was once connected to accreditation.
- Perhaps the lack of money is the reason why there are no other plans.
- Let's write a letter to Dean Sloan and others asking these questions and voicing this frustration.
- Motion to have a letter written by Berra and Kelly. Pro: 20, No: 0, abstentions: 0

Elections: (presented by Berra)

- fee referenda on the ballot:
 - o GSA fee increase (to offer better services to grads)
 - o Physical education also passed for grads
 - o Athletics fee referenda was put on the ballot by petition (if it passes for undergrads we pay too)
- Committee for getting out the vote. We need to educate grads about what they're voting for and about the existence of the grads/undergrads disparity in voting (**we end up paying for things we don't pass because our votes are not separate from those of undergrads**).
- Election was gonna be May 1st through 8th but may be postponed

EVP: (presented by Foaad)

- **Regents voted that we pay more.**
- The budget has been proposed but it still has one more review in May. We could still get the state to bail us out.
- We had a **lobby** day last month but there's another coming up **April 23rd**.

Announcements: (presented by Berra)

- Campus welfare: (presented by Sarah) We are talking about new smoking policy and new staff contracts. The committee is really biased to not expressing grad issues. Please communicate with Sarah Maxwell at smaxwell@ucsc.edu if you have an issue concerning grads that is not being addressed elsewhere. This committee has administrative if not fiscal power.
 - o There are concerns about campus child care. CCAC should be advocating for grads too. There is a grad on this committee.
- (presented by Amy) Sarah Maxwell will sub for me as Secretary for the week of April 19th.
- (presented by Amy) I went to the student mental health retreat and there seems to be a lot of focus on this issue. If you are interested in promoting issues of student health and wellness please contact: gsa@ucsc.edu
- Parties: (presented by Teresa)
 - o Spring quarter party
 - o GSA networking event
 - o Contact gsa@ucsc.edu to help make parties happen!
- TAPS: (presented by Firas) We got screwed by TAPS because the limited express bus that was supposed to be this quarter
- Tax seminar this Monday the 9th. (presented by Luke) Come Monday evening and figure out how to do your taxes!
- (presented by Kris) Graduate student networking/speed dating on April 27th. Send an email to kwilliam@ucsc.edu. There's gonna be condoms there.
- (presented by Zhi) On April 18th and 19th there will be a talk and job fair at Berkeley talk about Zhi Zeng thesis research. Please email if you want to attend. zzeng@ucsc.edu