GSC Governing Board Mtg.

03 December 2018 / 5:00 PM / GSC 204

Attendees

Agenda
1. **Review and approve E-board minutes (November 28)**
   - Approved by GSCGB Voting Members
2. Vote in new voting members: Must attend (2) GSCGB meetings + meet stipulations of interested committee (programming, outreach, finance).
   - No new folks interested in joining board
3. **Grad Student Leadership Meeting with Admin/Staff**
   - Solicit feedback for meeting to be held on Monday, January 14
   - Purpose: Introducing graduate student leadership
   
   i. Response to needs voiced in last Meet the VP forum (e.g., international grads writing support); hear the EVCs next steps for graduate student welfare (e.g., relationships with advisors, housing/food security, etc.), specifically will there be more committees or how will they respond to the actional items proposed from last year’s graduate welfare committee;
   
   ii. Sara will follow up with GSA President to learn about more formal channels on how to communicate graduate concerns to VPDGS, Vice Provost of DSS
   
   iii. Issues about housing; how to respond to system-wide increase in graduate student wide population
   
   iv. Graduate student interns for ERCs: how long will this last? An update on these positions (are they permanent); more information on their compensation (e.g., tuition remission, hourly wage, etc.)
   
   v. Discuss with VPDGS about the clear disparity between what UCSC is saying to UCOP compared to other UCs (there are particular issues that our campus faces that others do not)
      - Our pay scale is at a rural rate instead of an urban rate, so that we are making less money than other UCs that in areas with higher costs of living
   
   vi. Students that receive external funding may not have access to certain resources on campus that others do, how can we better support them?
   
   vii. In the CM department, master’s students enter assuming they won’t have funding, while colleagues that have TAships--there are not enough
positions to fill the TAships or they are teaching big classes that need more TAs

viii. Potential host a regular forum to hear from students about different issues periodically

4. Treasurer update:
   ○ SFAC proposals (deadline December 21)
     i. Feedback: What are our needs?
        ● Rachel would like to submit another SFAC proposal for graduate orientation (would like to partner with Presidents of GSA and GSC)
        ● SFAC proposal to replace boiler system; air ventilation system (Rachel will learn more about the associated costs tomorrow, Dec 4)
        ● Graduate Commons: Replacing some furniture (desks, chairs, tables, etc.)
        ● You can apply for funding to pay graduate students to do work (not like GSR work--cuz it cannot fund tuition/fees, but maybe hosting Writing Retreats, Writing Together)
          ○ Programming intern paid position?
        ● Can explore tech needs (printers, laptops, etc.), explore free printing credit for graduate students; extension cords
        ● Sound system (boombox, bluetooth speakers)
     ii. Meeting to discuss and write proposals: Dec 13 or 14
       ● Hoping to find support from Finance Committee
       ○ Finance Committee to Review:
         i. The fee sunsets (when we stop receiving $32/quarter from graduate students, it will go down to $16/quarter)
         ii. Fee sunsets 2029, loan expires 2031
            ● Sara will chat with Bryan about updating Excel sheet

5. Building Updates
   ○ Rachel will meet with Mike Dulder to learn more about the space
   ○ Hoping to have folks come work on the building during winter break, but we still have some unknowns that involve bids, proposals, etc.
     i. Timing has to coincide with bookstore, 3rd floor (ERCs and Career Center) replacement

6. Writing Retreat Feedback
   ○ Gillian would like to apply for SFAC funding to support a writing retreat for graduate students (this would happen next year)
   ○ Could we use Gradlab for this?

7. Programming Updates:
   ○ Previous events: Bob Ross Paint Night
   ○ Future events:
     i. Wellness Day on Wednesday, December 5 from 11am-2pm
        ● Send it to your departments!
        ● We’ll have 2 massage chairs and 1 acupressure station
ii. December First Friday (volunteer list!)
   ● Last FF of the quarter!
   ● Theme: Ugly Sweater (& Winter Wonderland)

iii. Programming Meeting & Outreach is joining forces, meeting is Wednesday, December 5 from 3:30-5:30pm (there will be food)

8. Announcement:
   ○ Voting members who have fulfilled obligations will receive an email about their quarterly stipend.
   ○ GSC closure: Friday, December 14-January 7
   ○ Happy Birthday to President Sara Nasab (aka DJ NASABOTOGE)

Next Meeting
Governance Board: TBD -- (pending January 14)
Executive Board: TBD -- (before January 14)