

# GSC Gov. Board Mtg.

27 November 2017 / 5:00 PM / GSC 204

## Attendees

Rachel Neuman

Aaron Springer

Julia Soares

Danielle Bilanko

Sara Nasab

Yulia

Giselle Laiduc

Thomas

Ravi

## Agenda

### New Business

1. Approve Previous Minutes [\(1\)](#) [\(2\)](#)
2. Outreach Committee Updates
  - Proposed posting mailchimp content to Facebook
    - Requires GSC facebook account
    - Facebook integration button - from newsletter into posting
    - Could provide facebook link to the event
    - Maybe move subscribe to facebook group in main bar
  - Bringing website to the current year
  - Proposal: News for Grads (call-outs on facebook page of news involving grad students)
    - Like Tuesday Newsday recognition from grad student side of things
  - Grad satisfaction survey for beginning of Winter 2018
    - Didn't get one out last year, want to run one next quarter

- Feedback surveys for events
  - Paper surveys after events or email surveys for people who attended
  - Get targeted, fine grain data
- Iveta's satisfaction survey
  - What the campus community knows/feels about it and what they desire to see there

### 3. Programming Committee Updates

- Dec FF - need volunteers (including catering pick up) AND UGLY SWEATERS
- Most winter events scheduled, including (but not limited to)
  - Wine, Cheese, and Happy Little Trees - Bob Ross Painting Night
  - Winter Ski Trip
  - Valentine's Day Event
- **Need help populating idea spreadsheet for following winter quarter events:**  
ODEI collaboration w/ Teresa Sholz, Iveta events, Wellness events (pls help!)
  - Pat will send out to everyone and include link in minutes

### 4. Finance Committee Updates

- [SFAC Funding Call](#)-Proposal due Dec 22nd
- Funding Requests- Limits and Transgressions: Cinemas of the Middle East" screening series (\$500) - Yulia, Curator of film series - **approved for the full \$500 amount**
  - Film and Digital Media, co-sponsored by GSA
  - Confirmed to be able to use the screenings
  - 10 screenings on Wednesday Nights
  - Feminist, queer, radical films from the region, open to all grads, but particular interest in film and digital media, feminist studies
  - Expecting 15-20 people at each event
  - Money would go for refreshments from Falafel
  - Other sources of funding:
    - Film and Digital Media - publicity materials
    - GSA General council - requesting \$500
    - GSA solidarity - \$1000
  - Would also like GSC to provide publicity support - newsletter - reaching out to all grads
  - Asking if she'd be open to having Iveta cater the refreshments? -- yes, needs to coordinate with Danielle

- Funding request 2 - Anthropology Graduate Conference 2017 - Shifting the Grains of the Last 50 Years - \$627 dollars, benefits grad population in four ways
  - 75% grads
  - Not present to talk about it
  - Aaron spoke with the organizer of this -- willing to come into the GBM in January - not time sensitive
  - Require a larger conversation about our financial support for academic conferences like this

## 5. Cafe Iveta

- Hours Giving Flexibility
  - Had meeting w/ them a few weeks ago about their needs
  - Wants to condense their hours to their prime hours (9-7 pm) instead of 9-9
    - That 4-7, weekly special kind of like a happy hour - themes to help up the sales; items that aren't offered normally -- one every night
      - **2 dollars off beer and wine**
      - Pasta and wine night
      - Taco Tuesday night
  - **Approved hour change from 9-7**
- Menu Simplify
  - Want to push the best items, reduce the menu size
  - Q: Breakfast demand before 9 am?
    - If they're trying to condense and focus on 11-4 rush, might still be spreading self thin
  - Need to redo the menu boards to match menus
  - Poke bar
  - **Danielle will send old menu and proposed menu to GBoard to review before contract change**
- Programs and Marketing
  - Want us to pair these specials in with our advertising
  - Question: if we want events to run past 7 PM deadline, is that an option for us or will that create instability in the schedule?
    - If they were to run with something for the specials through the later hours, that would be easy but would be difficult to keep full menu open past 7 PM

- Have begun a facebook page and will revamp it over winter break
  - Wants to create a recurring event every week w/ each of the specialty nights
- How are the shifts done? Trying to think of optimizing shifts
  - Based on student workers' schedules

## 6. Facilities

- HVAC
- AVC Cart Gone
- Projector
- TV
  - Alexandra has a large flatscreen TV that she would be down to put on loan to the GSC (but we'd need to permanently mount it)

## 7. Giving Day-Grad Lab

## 8. [Student Housing West](#)

- Big 350-500 million dollar development, only 200 out of 3000 beds are for graduate students
  - Rent would be 50% of current TA salaries - pricing it out of what many people can afford -- "severe housing burden"
- Is the GSC willing to sign this letter of collective organizations of graduate students to the university
  - The GSC has been apolitical in the past -- wanted it to be a space where no one feels alienated
  - By advocating for something a little more outside to our normal space, we may need to consider more political requests in the future
- Seven major points of letter
  - Increase transparency of their decision making
  - Reducing family student housing from 200 units to 125 - want to ensure those 75 families/couples are not displaced
    - 105 graduate students in 200 of the units - large grad presence
  - Space for 25% of projected graduate enrollment on campus by the time it's complete
  - Would like to cap rental costs to 34% of TA salary
  - Placement into housing would be need based system

- Ensuring there would be public transit available to it
- Ensuring that it'd be properly maintained by private owner before returning property to UCSC
- What is our role? -- **passes to sign on the letter**
- Housing Forum Dec 4th 6-7:30pm

## 9. Tax Bill and Net Neutrality

- **Attach this to the First Friday reminder - Daniel**
- Hi grads,
- As you know, the House passed H.R. 1, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, yesterday by a vote of 227-205. Although the Senate version of the bill does not include the provision which would tax your tuition remission, should the Senate pass its version the bill will go to conference committee. It is as yet uncertain whether the relevant provision would make it into the final version.
- The most important thing you can do as a graduate student to oppose this bill is to contact your members of Congress. In that spirit, **I have organized a meeting with Representative Panetta for Saturday, December 2 from 11:30-12:00** here in Santa Cruz (exact location TBD). Please let me know if you would like to attend by filling out [this form](#). Space is limited and I need to provide his office with a list of people who are attending ahead of time.
- If you cannot make it to the meeting, **you still should call your members of Congress!**
- The numbers to call are listed here:
- Representative Jimmy Panetta:
- [\(831\) 429-1976](#)
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- Senator Diane Feinstein:
- [\(202\) 224-3841](#)
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- Senator Kamala Harris:
- [\(202\) 224-3553](#)
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## Next Meeting

Governance Board: Winter Quarter TBD

Executive Board: Winter Quarter TBD