

GSC Governing Board Mtg.

03 December 2018 / 5:00 PM / GSC 204

Attendees

Rachel Neuman, Sara Nasab, Alexandra Race, Giselle Laiduc,, Jed Pizarro-Guevara, Bryan Pratt, Julia Soares, RJ Pili, Gillian Bogart, Carmen Segura, Daniel Alves, Pengyang (Zoe) Zhou, Aaron Springer, Rossana Maguina, Peng Zhou

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 TAs--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)