

Graduate Student Commons Governance Board

Minutes from meeting on April 17th, 2002

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In attendance

Ruth Schmitz (GSCGB Vice Chair), Diane Brookes (GSC Facilities Manager), Blake Riggs (grad rep, biology), Tara Crowley (Student Centers director), Kathryn Tobisch (Alumni Association rep)

Absent

Heather DeShon (grad rep, earth sciences), Nathan Sanders (grad rep, linguistics), Jason Farris (grad rep, physics), Brandon Allgood (GSCGB Chair), Robert Hartmann (grad rep, mathematics), Blake Riggs (grad rep, biology), Lee Ritscher (GSA President), Christopher Sugarman (Staff Advisory Board), John Holloway (Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs), Betty Rush (Associate Vice-Chancellor of Planning and Budget), Frank Talamantes (Dean of Graduate Studies)

Call to order 9:14am

1. Approval of Agenda

Approved as is with addition of past events in point 4.

2. Approval of Minutes

Distributed minutes from meetings on March 04, March 11, April 04. Approval delayed due to lack of quorum.

3. Brochures

No news on the brochures yet, Heather and Brandon out of town.

4. Events / Programming

Past events: Grad Forum: well attended, people liked it, we were open 8-noon, people wandered in and out throughout the period. Some UCSC grads wandered in, too, and liked the building being open on weekends. Keep in mind being open on weekends in general.

GSA meeting on parking and health care: was pretty big but went very smooth and orderly. Lots of people attended.

Programming: Follow up on Photography contest; Ruth is trying to contact the previous organizers of the Dissertation Writing Workshop; Academic Trivia - maybe coordinate with Student Union, Free Pizza and Trivia night.

5. Student Union Report

A while ago the board talked about having the director's office close to the reception desk, then tried to find other location. Two weeks ago the board voted to have an architect come up with additional office space in back, turned out to be too expensive, instead have the director's office downstairs in area that was supposed to be storage. Just before spring break it was decided that the SUA was not going to have their office on the 1st floor of the Redwood building, instead 2nd floor of the main building, shared with SVOC. Redwood building 1st floor to be open general space. Stud. Life Fac. Fee Reserve Committee approved extra \$230k for phase II of the remodel next fall. Total project cost out of this budget now is \$500k.

Pool and Pingpong tables are there now and Nintendo, they will start video nights again. Elections for board chair and vice chair during 6th week of this quarter. Grand Opening scheduled for May 6th, grad participation for planning and attendance is encouraged. Brody is chair of planning committee. Email GSCGB/GSA, planning meetings are Mondays 1:45pm.

6. Manager's Report

BBQ was stolen from in front of the building, it vanished over the last weekend. Diane filed a report and is waiting for an officer to come by.

Elevator issue: physical plant came out to determine if key-able from the outside? Underneath the elevator was cleaned after it broke last week - mostly problem with WE food delivery. Need to determine how often we need cleaning and who picks up the charge. Wes Scott is looking into different options.

Grease interceptor for the building is 165 feet away from the building. That's too far and the grease solidifies and clogs the line before it reaches the interceptor.

Blinds are in danger of falling on people operating them, there was an incident in the Bookstore, people will check on their security in the next week.

Issues with the WE in daily operations. They will meet with Elma Sifuentes on the contract issues. The rent went down, is late. Liquor license still not there. There are several contract violations, and we should decide on the consequences (non-renewal of contract in 2 years,

break of contract, auditing by Accounting on campus). Diane contacted him by email and in person.

Idea to purchase a digital camera and share with Student Union.

WE should steam clean the back of the building about once a month, we'll put more pressure on him about taking down the boxes etc in that area, too.

Meeting with Grounds Keeping - with the new proposal it's \$165 weekly for us, \$250 WE (plus plant maintenance). Without taking grounds into account we are about \$4000 over budget already. There were budgeting mismanagements and this discussion should be taken onto the Vice Chancellors level. Elise will talk to Gail about picking up the grounds keeping cost by the university.

There was a grad student lying about puposes for a large study room reservation. There were about 15-20 people here for a section while she called it a discussion group.

7. Officers' Report

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Adjourn 10:45am

Next meeting May 1st, 9am.