

GSCGB Meeting - December 8th, 2011

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Thursday, December 8, 2011

Exec Comm: Mark, Scott, Dianne

Admin: Sayo, Carrie

GSA Appointees: Neil, Walter, Chelsea, Aadil

Grad Commons Appointees: Joanna, Sarah

Non-Voting Member: Erik, Meg

Not Present: Mike

Confirm New Reps

Confirmed Aadil, Joanna, Chelsea, and Sarah.

Minutes

Minutes from November meeting approved.

Constitution Review

Highlighted changes made since 2007 version.

Changes proposed:

EVC instead of VC of Student Affairs.

Include webmaster as a permanent board position with permanent pay (to be selected in June or summer).

Change voting definitions in bylaws.

Approval of Executive Committee Actions

Building Lockdown done by Exec Comm discussed via e-mail with all board members. Perceived danger for building being occupied by off campus protesters.

There was a break of communication due to the occupation of Hahn and the absence of some people along the chain; in the future will directly inform the EVC because certain grad students use the EVC as a punching bag.

In the future we will issue statements across campus explaining why we took the action we took (include staff inside and safety issue).

Sign on door and website will have an e-mail for contact information.

Lockdown includes GSA president.

Motion to approve Exec Comm actions. Passed.

Webmaster

Brett, in EEB is our new webmaster (after a year of no webmaster).

Site is already made on drupal, and Brett will be providing updates.

To do list: post minutes, update constitution, add budget with explanation of what things mean, building location, officer names, "Upcoming Programming" needs to be seriously updated.

Motion to pay him \$100/quarter, including this quarter. Passed.

Budget

We changed the presentation format to improve understanding and include all numbers (ie. savings) on all budget.

Target is annual difference of \$0 to \$20,000.

Can only spend \$32/quarter money on maintaining the building, so we have to use Joe's income on social events and professional development.

There is a nice, colorful pie chart for most people who aren't economists and will be posted online.

Diane Salary Change

Carrie Bower is SOAR & budget administrator.

Mandated systemwide all non-union staff will get a permanent increase of ~3%, and since Dianne is is paid student fees (not \$324 student services reg fees), this cost has to be paid by.

We approved the raise.

Joe's Contract

It's be 7% for a long time; 8% was tried for a year but too burdensome.

We want to maximize money, but it's also really convenient to not have to keep looking for new vendors.

The contract people want to know what number and how long.

Motion to have a contract drafted at 7% of pretax income for 3 years with the right to terminate and renegotiate at any time.

Recommendation for future board to explore other options a year or so before the contract expires.

Joe's Concerns

There are outside vendors that sometimes give away Pizza & Subs. Space/Area Council with Sayo and Dianne and bookstore rep are in charge of this. Encourage them to meet and enforced guidelines requiring vendors to be on the other side of the quarry plaza. Joe's does not want to have to enforce this.

Joe's had undergrad bands last year, but apparently this is illegal. The university has the appropriate license and we should encourage Thursday Night Bands. The SUA could probably do this.

Also, Joe's would like to be informed when there are vendors, instead of finding out when he arrives, possibly like an online calendar (linked to from SUA < GSA, and Commons websites). The bookstore does all of the approvals.

Dianne's Conference

University representatives from across the US. Finals week in March. Estimated cost of \$2500.

Motion to approve expenditure provided Dianne gives a 15 minute presentation when she gets back. Passed.

We want to point out to future boards that we think going every year is too much, once every 3 years is good.

Murals

Put out a call for proposals over winter break from grad students. Will post all proposals online, take input from all grads (not vote!). Motion to pay \$200 + supplies. Passed.

Funding External Grad Groups

We have gotten some proposals which have been unanswered. We need to make guidelines and come up with fundamental criteria (like \$5 per grad student or focus only on our programming).

Winter Plans

Tabled until next meeting, when Danielle is here.

EVC Visit

EVC wants to visit an event. First Friday is actually before school starts. Do we want to have it on Jan 13? Mark & Neil won't be here; maybe e-mail board to ask.

We may want more board members to help with all these events; we went from doing events with the GSA to doing them all ourselves.

Winter Term Meetings

Third Thursdays (1/19, 2/16, 3/15) at noon.

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Winter Plans / Social Events

2012 EOW Party on 1/20 (\$1000 costco + \$150 safeway + \$150 decorations)

First Fridays for Feb and Mar

GSA Executive Board Actions

We are disappointed that the relationship and interaction between the GSA and Grad Commons has been unnecessarily strained and we would like to improve communication between us. To that end, below we have documented some of our ongoing efforts to make the organization more accessible and transparent:

(1) Getting more timely and useful information on the website such as news, future events, the budgets (in a new more friendly format), GSCGB minutes, GSCGB officers, etc. This will be significantly sped up now that we have a webmaster.

(2) Including any graduate students that demonstrate interest in volunteering. We need all the hands we can get to provide these services and especially welcome different opinions and perspectives.

(3) Increasing our presence at GSA meetings to keep the community informed and prevent the further spread of negative misinformation about the Grad Commons.