

Graduate Student Commons Governance Board
Minutes from meeting on February 11th, 2002
Graduate Student Commons

In attendance

Brandon Allgood (GSCGB Chair), Ruth Schmitz (GSCGB Vice Chair), Diane Brookes (GSC Facilities Manager), Heather DeShon (grad rep, earth sciences), Nathan Sanders (grad rep, linguistics), Blake Riggs (grad rep, biology), Tara Crowley (Student Centers director) Kathryn Tobisch (Alumni Association rep),

Absent

Robert Hartmann (grad rep, mathematics), 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 2:12 pm

1. Approval of Agenda

Brandon moves to replace 5. Mug Update with 5. Skater Problem. Approved with that change.

2. Approval of minutes

Minutes from meeting on January 14, 2002 will be distributed next meeting.

Distributed minutes from meeting on January 28, 2002. Approved with minor changes by white ballot.

3. New Photograph Time

The photo services cancelled on us today.

This week is bad for everyone. Next week Monday is a holiday. The next scheduled meeting both Brandon and Ruth won't be able to be here, but we could make that the photo time. Approved to move the next meeting from February 25 to March 4. February 25 will be photo appointment.

4. New Usage Policy

Brandon updated the policies with the suggestions discussed last meeting. They are also on the web page.

Discussion about adding a point about events with food, since a problem came up recently. Also include a question about food in the meeting room reservation form.

We will also have our staff check extra closely on trash cans and spills on nights that custodial isn't available.

Add to policies: "Reserved rooms must be left as found. Individuals reserving a room and/or their sponsoring organizations may be charged for damages or significant cleaning."

Approved all the changes and additions discussed at the last meeting by white ballot.

The lounge has been taken off of the on-line reservation request form. It can now only be reserved in person.

Brandon and Diane are also still working on all the missing parts in the policies about charges.

5. Skater Problem

The little wall in front of the WE is being used as a grinding spot by skaters. The skaters wax the little wall, the wax melts in the sun and people have complained about it ruining their clothing. Also the wall started chipping from this use. The police recommends putting bumps onto the wall.

Brandon recommends putting L-shaped pieces of metal onto the wall spaced out enough that people can still sit on the bench. Brandon will take this to the Area Council to get a joint effort going on this.

Motion and approval for Brandon to take this as our official recommendation to the Area Council.

6. TV update

The set is set-up with TV, DVD and VCR and currently playing Olympics coverage. We went about \$10 over budget. We still need to secure the equipment, Brandon will look into the official campus rules and talk to risk management about this.

7. GSA update

Heather: Diane ordered the Ansel Adams picture for the GSA. It will take 2-6 weeks to get here. GSA decided to have it matted and framed. It should get a mountable frame to make it theft proof and earthquake proof.

GSA is cosponsoring the Chinese New Year event tonight.

GSA decided that the TV unit can be stored in their office. It will have to be secured while in there.

The UC Regents will not be having breakfast in this building during their visit this week. GSA will send out an email soliciting new board members for us.

8. Student Union Report

Union operations will be moving this week. They will be occupying the first floor of the main building, it should be open soon. The first floor of the Redwood building will be lounge space, too. Space assignments have caused a lot of hard feelings. Problems are about whether to have shared open space or individual cubicle space. Original mission was to have gathering space, not an office building for student orgs. Within the next 6 months the rest of the move and the rebuilding measures should be completed

9. Managers report

We should start thinking about staffed summer hours. We will have the Omnilock by then but we want staff also to do little things. One student is interested to extend on less hours over the summer. Possibility to staff noon to 5pm.

Art molding is ready to go in.

Vitra was here about the furniture to clarify damage responsibility.

Doors will be replaced. Diane's door will have a window in it. We need to see that it is secured (wired glass or double pane).

10. Officers report

We should start soliciting for a photo show. Theme "Photos of Campus". The quarter is over in 4 weeks but we can have the exhibit beginning of next quarter. Approach some photo savvy professors to be judges.

Brandon: We need to get planning for finals week: extending hours, coffee, quiet hours, bring out ads for study space, coffee, snacks. No reserved rooms during finals, all quiet study space. Finals are Sat - Tue, March 16-19. Board members might fill in on the weekend for the students so that the building can be open all those days.

Adjourn 3:45 pm

Next meeting March 4, 2002. Photo meeting February 25, 2002.