

GSCGB Meeting - May 7th, 2010

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Called to order at 13:05pm

Members Present

- Chair: Chelsea Juarez
- Voting: Chris France, Foaad Khosmood, Neil Miller
- New Members:
 - Jeff Sanceri, History Department, sanceri@gmail.com
 - Mary Virginia Watson, Politics Department, mwatson@ucsc.edu
- Non-voting: Diane Brooks

Agenda

1. Approval of minutes
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3. New members
4. Paper grant
5. John J. -> GSA End of year party
6. Diane's letter/requestt
7. Update on programming
8. Proposal after new

Meeting Minutes

- Not circulated.
- Foaad: Motion to suspend until next meeting.
- Chris: Second
- Passed: 4-0-0

Approval of Agenda

- Approved agenda listed above.
- Motion to accept: Foaad. Second: Chris. Passed 4-0-0

Paper Grants

- Paper is stored at copy center. Students to come to Diane and Diane will record their names and pass names on to copy center.
- Students can then go to the copy center and get a ream of paper.
- This will continue until we have spent the \$2000.
- Foaad will write a letter explaining this program.

GSA Party

- John Johnson, GSA president requests: Could we have a collaboration between the GSA and GSCGB to organize plans? Mark is unable to handle the party, and the social committee isn't big enough.

Discussion

- Chelsea: Does not feel comfortable asking Jasmine to spearhead this. We don't have enough staffing resources. General consensus on this.
- Foaad: This could be simplified by having the party at Joe's
- Diane: We had a big party for opening the GSCGB, and had an alcohol permit for the quarry plaza, so it might be useful.
- Chelsea: If we're going to help out with, then we need to have a fixed amount to tell Joe's and the GSA.
- Jeff: Are we planning the party, or are we just agreeing to help.
- Foaad: Motion to approve up to \$2500 to hold this event at Joe's.
- Diane: Friendly amendment. This is a one-time assistance to their yearly party from our programming budget, and the GSCGB will not be assisting in this event next year. Accepted by Foaad
- Neil: Second. Vote: 3-2-0

Diane's Letter

- Diane would like to have more flexibility to ban students from the building that she knows were definitely in the building during the occupation last fall.
- Previously, we have banned the people who forcefully removed Diane.
- Diane: She has felt threatened by their presence for the building, staff, and herself.

- Neil: The issue is about appropriate usage the building. You don't necessarily get a lot of second chances.
- Mary Virginia: People can definitely get a second chance.
- Chelsea: This building has a specific constitution, and that constitution has room to remove building privileges for certain misappropriate behavior (specifically for giving out pass keys).
- Foaad: Feels really uncomfortable with us imposing a judicial process on the occupants.
- Chelsea: There are 2 issues. 1) The discomfort of proximity of people to Diane for personal safety. 2) The safety of the building.
- Neil: This is really hard for us to enforce this. How different would this be than a restraining order? Maybe we need to stand with the university and leverage the possible legal issues.
- Foaad: Can we get the ombudsman involved?
- Chelsea: We can call a special meeting and invite the ombudsman to talk to us about this. Before moving on we need to assert that the policy is currently that all graduate students can come into the building besides the 3 students whom were specifically banned.
- Diane: As building manager, do I have the authority to remove someone who is being disruptive to the building.
- Jeff: There are probably plenty of people who probably feel like being involved was a mistake. What if some students are remorseful about it?
- Chelsea: Summary: We want Diane to be comfortable in her workplace, but as a board it is hard to know what we need to do about it.
- Foaad: Motion for Foaad to contact the ombudsman to setup a meeting between ombudsman, Diane and the GSCGB. Second by Chris. passed 5-0-0.

Updates on Programming

1. Mondays in May @ 4pm Yoga
2. Tuesdays in May @ 4pm Express core
3. Thursday May 20th - CV creating workshop
4. Thursday May 20th - Women's center - Women's health
5. Week of 17th - Public Speaking Workshop - Alax Lamb
6. Week of 24th - Getting Published Workshop

Discussion

- Foaad: What is the sign-up procedure?
- Chelsea: Believes it is first-come, first-served. Contact Jasmine.
- Jasmine wanted to know if we can have the study rooms left unlocked?
- Diane: People have not remember to close the windows in the past, so the study rooms are locked.
- Jeff: Can we lock the windows closed.
- Diane: We think that is a fire code issue.
- Chelsea: Do we want to try and have the study rooms open? There have been people who have wanted to use the study.
- Motion: Foaad: Motion to keep the status quo except we will approach custodial to see if they can lock the rooms.
- Motion: Mary Virginia: Motion to keep the status quo. Motion to approach the custodial staff or local security. Seconded by Chris. Passed 3-1.
- Diane will ask custodial.

New Grant

We might have more money from graduate division. Would like to use this money as an independent grant.
Possible options:

1. Add that funding to travel grants.
2. Create a new research grant to allow grads to purchase supplies toward research goals.
3. Create a combination to travel grants/research grants. Straw pole at the GSA was strongly in favor of option 3.
4. Neil: We have the infrastructure in place for the travel grants.
5. Chelsea: Will talk to the GSA Travel Grants committee if the committee wants.
6. Mary-Virginia: Prefers the research option. Has a lot of small-costs even for simple research. Agreed with by Chris.
7. Diane: What if we give the funding to the GSA, similarly to the travel grants.
8. Chris: Motion: The GSCGB will create a graduate student research/travel grant that students can apply for with a pool of \$5000 that will be contingent on the following: i) The amount of money to be given to GSC the graduate division will increase this pool. ii) We can get assistance with disbursement from the GSA similar to the model imposed for travel grants. Details will be determined by a temporary subcommittee.
 - o Chelsea: Friendly amendment: The GSCGB will supply \$5000 toward this grant. If additional money is received from the graduate division that can increase the grant pool up to \$10,000. If the graduate division doesn't provide any support, the GSC portion will increase to \$7000. Approved by Chris.
 - o Second by Jeff. Passed 4-0-0
 - o Chelsea and Chris volunteer for subcommittee.

Motion to adjourn - Neil, second by Jeff

Meeting adjourned 3:25pm.