

March 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes

GSC Board Meeting Notes Monday, March 3, 2014

(Minutes taken by Lisa Beebe)

Agenda Approved

E-Board Report

1. The Google site needs more additions – contribute your knowledge!
2. Board members who have attended three things - email Katie if you want a stipend.
3. Constitution change: more or less approved by the EVC, will be signed on Monday. Very soon, we will have an elected treasurer position (will also be the chair of the finance committee) and there will be an election at the first board meeting of next quarter. The elected treasurer would hold the position for the remainder of this year. New elections will be held next year.
4. Report-back by Jim from Joe's on KZSC collaboration fundraiser: even though it was rainy, a fair number of students showed up. KZSC had bands – no noise complaints (the bands moved inside in order not to disturb conferences going on in Bay Tree). Could be another fundraiser of this sort for GSC events. KZSC earned 50% of the sales during the fundraiser (the organizer of the fundraiser has already run six open mic nights at Joe's). Open Mics are every Tuesday at 6-7:30, with a \$50 cash prize.
5. The E-board had a closed discussion about Joe's

Social Committee Report

- DANM – Sean McGowan attended the meeting to represent DANM. Artists are interested in showing in the GSC. New media, sound art. The proposal is for Saturday, May 10th. If the exhibit stays up after Saturday, Sean will make sure the installations aren't invasive (loud or distracting). Submissions would be open until April 10th and the exhibit would start soon after. Discussed potential hazards: students being offended by "objectionable" art; possible damages that may happen to the installations (especially during the June 6th first Friday). Decided both are not large enough concerns to not approve the exhibits. E-Board will work on a liability release form.
- St. Patrick's Day-themed First Friday this week! Promoting green, bring your own mug for a temporary tattoo! May or may not have prizes for wearing the most green – TBD.
- Dodge Ball event (reported by Rachel): April 9th and 10th (Wednesday and Thursday), 6-8 pm. The projected cost from OPERS is \$170 – they might give us a discount since interested grads may later sign up for OPERS dodge ball week. (The \$170 is only the facilities rental, not other costs like IM officials for the event.) We'll have to take this to the finance committee to see if this fits into our budget. The social committee will also continue this conversation and report back.
- Giants Game: OPERS also reported back about tagging along to a Giants game on May 17th. Discounted tickets for a group (\$15/person if you buy at least 25 tickets). If we go along with OPERS, we could get the group rate without having to buy all 25. There are other possible events for this weekend, as well. These events don't cost us anything and OPERS is taking on the organizational duties.

Finance Committee Report

Report from Erik.

Approval of Funding Requests: Three requests have come through. Process: Finance requests will go to the finance committee first who will then write a recommendation for the board, then the board will vote.

1. DANM art exhibit: Requested \$214 for food, beverages, and flyers. Committee suggests funding \$160: \$140 for food and beverages and another \$20 in case we will need to hire a student worker for the event. Rather than paying for advertising, we will include advertising on our own publicity and utilize our own social media.
2. Students asking for funding for an anthropology conference, to happen in the Humanities Building. Although it was a good proposal, the committee does not recommend funding the project since it isn't professional development or a social activity appealing to large segment of grads. Also: the GSA agreed to fund the twice the amount the proposal requested. This is an event that falls more under the jurisdiction of the GSA.
3. Ski trip that was canceled has been rescheduled and is now sold out. Committee recommends funding \$150 for food with the stipulation that 80% of the attendees are grad students. [We don't have a budget for these types of outside events, but Dalia and the social committee have done a good job of keeping costs low and therefore we're able to use those savings for this event.]

Finance committee will have more to report on next meeting about the budget. Specifics about the finances are available from Rachel. Basically, we're on track.

Finance Committee is still working on a 30-year plan. If we don't change anything, we would go broke in two years and no longer be able to pay the mortgage. The Finance committee no longer recommends pilfering from our reserve funding (with the exception of building maintenance). Possibly, we will also need to have a referendum within the next year or two to increase permanent funding. All of the Finance Committee meeting notes are online.

Facility Committee Report

- We got the Carbon fund grant! The proposal is approved and the process might start as soon as next week.
- Power Save press release sent
- We'll have a poster for the campus sustainability fair highlighting our project After the retrofit, we will need to make a banner for the building
- Links for more information:
<http://projectclearinghouse.ucsc.edu/graduate-student-commons-lighting-retrofit>
<http://ucscpowersave.com/>
- Also, the facilities documents are still in preparation and will be ready for next meeting – can combine with new proposed Finance documents, maybe.

Dalia Report

- Alumni weekend: April 25-27th, trying to engage more graduate student alumni. Graduate Division is willing to sponsor an event at the GSC on Saturday for grads and grad alums if we plan it. We need to know how many people would attend. Dalia sent a draft email to send to grad alumni inviting them to the event and to get a head count. The nature of the event depends on the number of people interested. There are several layers of approval to just send the first email, though!
- A good use of the space, but we'll need to determine (based on how many people are interested) what kind of event it could be. Grad Div will pay for it, but we'd still need volunteers to sign up to welcome alumni, help set up, etc. The tentative date is April 26th (maybe 11-1 or sometime along those lines, not an all-day event).