GSC Gov. Board Mtg.

01 October 2018 / 5:00 PM / GSC 204

Attendees


Agenda

New Business

1. Introductions
2. Review Eboard minutes
3. Overview of the Graduate Student Commons
   ○ Board Structure
     ■ Sara (President), Giselle (VP/Outreach), Alexandra (Programming), Andrew (Finance), Gillian (Grad Intern)
   ○ Robert’s Rules
4. Membership details
   ○ New Reps from each 5 Divs
     ■ Must attend 2 GSCGB meetings, participate on 1 committee, volunteer at 1 event a quarter to receive $100/quarter
   ○ New GSCGB members voted in!
     ■ Arts Division: 0
     ■ Engineering: 3 (Cyril Focht, Pengyang Zhou, Peng Zhou)
       ● Vote in in Winter: Aaron Springer and Daniel Alves
     ■ Social Sciences: 3 (Julia Soares, Ryan Pili, Bryan Pratt)
     ■ Humanities: 1 (Jed Pizarro-Guevara)
     ■ PBSci: 2 (Carmen Segura, Rossana Maguina)
5. Orientation review
   ○ Rachel: Brunch at GSC was a success; new incoming grad students heard about resources at Humanities and the resource fair at the Quarry amphitheater; long lines with food booth
     ■ Grad student comment: TA orientation was long, but the least terrible so far
6. Outreach Committee Pitch and Updates
   ○ Increase outreach to different departments
Goal: reach out to grad interns at ERCs for partnerships
  ○ Newsletter redesign
    ■ Compare old vs. new (it’s a work in progress)
  ○ Adding events to calendar.ucsc.edu
    ■ Add a graduate students tab; increase visibility of grad events
  ○ Volunteers for FF (https://goo.gl/y1aMxD)

7. Programming Committee Pitch and Updates
  ○ Past Event
    ■ Slug Crawl was a success! Will debrief in the programming committee
  ○ Upcoming Events
    ■ First Friday: upcoming this Friday; a place where students come together and eat/drink; takes place at the GSC
    ■ Pumpkin Carving:
  ○ Scheduling Future Events
    ■ Need to plan outdoor/rec events
    ■ Diversity & Inclusion Round Table
      ● Round tables with grad students to hear about what types of D&I programs they’d like
    ■ International Student Writing Together
      ● Funding approval

8. Finance Committee Pitch and Updates
  ○ Overview of the current budget and future expenditures
    ■ There have been a number of large, unexpected expenses (water heater, roof, rodent issues, etc.) that are paid out of our plant reserve (pot of money). The graduate students facilities fee sunsets in 2023, but we have a loan that matures on the building after this date. We need to ask to increase our fee (from $32) to address this issue.
    ■ If you have input on how you think the money should be spent (or would like to know more about allocation), join the finance committee!

9. Facilities Update
  ○ Cards: Access to the GSC
    ■ Rachel has been working to have grad students’ ID cards be pre-programmed (instead of having folks come into the GSC during working hours)
    ■ Switching from an old system (WAMS) → CCure will take time
  ○ New whiteboard
    ■ It’s the wall across from the mural
  ○ Area around Cafe Iveta/GSC: Rodents
Ongoing problem

- GSC maintenance updates
  - No heat in the building
  - Baytree had a lot of water damage = $$
    - They shut off our heating, in case of potential flooding here
    - $58k to replace it, but capital planning is going to pay for it
    - Working on process to get a contractor to do work (hopefully over winter campus closure)

- Water intrusion
  - We had water leaking into our facility and realized it was leaking into the electrical conduit. They found over 5 gallons of water in the electrical conduit. Work is complete! Now we just have to check for the next time it rains to see if there are any issues.

- Ventilation system: might need to check if motor needs a tune-up

10. GradLab is being finalized

- Collaboration between the GSA and GSC
  - We raised $11k last year during Giving Day to fund GradLab. Now we need to decide on which projects to start funding.
  - We also will support grad students who are interested in putting on events with advertising, filling out POs, addressing logistics, etc.
  - We need 2 reps from the GSA and 2 from the GSC.
  - Giving Day is coming up in February. GradLab committee members will meet a few times before then.
  - We have $8k to fund student projects.
    - Board will approve smaller events/projects (<$300)
    - Grad student body will vote on bigger events/projects (> $300)

- Recruitment of volunteers
  - Need to figure out how many members we want (including non-GSC and non-GSA students)

- Approval for $100 stipend for each GSC member on the committee: approved

Next Meeting

Governance Board:  Oct 29 @ 5 PM
Executive Board:    Oct 22 @ 3:30 PM