



GSG Assembly Meeting

Jadwin 102

March 14, 2018 5:45pm

Meeting called to order 5.55.

Approval of previous meeting's minutes

Motion to approve last month's meeting minutes passes by unanimity.

RESOLVED: Last month's meeting minutes approved.

Discussion and approval of Election Committee report

- Used single-link system with CAS Authentication instead of Qualtrics, which was good.
- 485 voted (17.9%, above 10% quorum).
- President: Mai Nguyen, VP: Adam Fisher, VP Internal Affairs: Bernat Guillen, Secretary: Noah Apthorpe, Treasurer: Emily Cuddy, Communications Director: empty, Special Events Officer: Sepehr Shahshahani, Academic Affairs Officer: Suzie Hermán, Facilities and Transportations Chair: Laura Bustamante, Health and Life Chair: Ellia Miller, Social Chair: Gabriel Moore.
- Referendum passed 63% for, 19% against, with 17% abstentions.
- CPUC: Will be forwarding the selections to committee.

Concerns about referendum: will the opt-in be well explained? Can people get out if they got in by mistake, can they get money back? Answer: The Graduate School will work on the implementation and Graduate Students will be asked to collaborate.

Motion to accept elections passes unanimously.

RESOLVED: Elected Officers approved.

Presentation of candidates for Communications Director and Voting

Karina Alventosa is appointed by Assembly to be the new Communications Director.

Presidents' remarks

Jonathan Balkind (outgoing President): Pleasure to work with this exec committee. Issues came up organically, some we came with:

- Families Initiatives (improvement to SCAPP plan, changes to housing priority, hardship applications have gone down thanks to housing priority)
- New stronger relationship with Housing, have a number of active committees, new ticketing system, campus plan (500+ beds for graduate students by 2021)
- Several successful parties.
- Money has been well managed, back in the positive numbers.
- Great wellness initiatives, health summit, and managed to have 1000\$ extra for these events.
- Student center, we've been assigned Green 3N4. Got access to new executive office in Campus Club, previously the Den.
- Professional Development events, and events for International Students.
- Set up Graduate IT committee, moving e-mails to Gmail, forward to alumni e-mail service.
- New position VP for internal affairs.
- Sexual Misconduct Recommendations, sent to faculty committee.

Big part of the job for GSG is to communicate concerns from students, etc. and this year we have done that.

Mai Nguyen (incoming President): Hope in upcoming year we can build on work done.

Something I've learned is that administrators do want to help, sometimes it can take long but most of interactions have been positive. Moving forward, if there are things you want to do let us know and we will help you reach the relevant people and almost universally people are willing to help. I want to follow up on family proposals, sexual misconduct proposals, housing policy, professional development, wellness, OIT. There are a few projects I would like to do but I am very open to other projects proposed by exec, assembly, etc.

I'd like to expand involvement in Graduate Student Center, increase our use of that room, have it be default student group space. Expand on wellness, talk more on mental health, USLC is talking about this, it is time we start looking at that. Improve outreach, publicity, website to explain what do we do.

Open Forum

Motion to close meeting passes. RESOLVED: Meeting closed at 6.29

Next meeting: April 11, 2018 5:45pm