

Graduate Student Council Meeting minutes

September 7, 2008

In attendance:

- Jennifer Bula, School of Nursing
- Amanda Heard, School of Nursing
- Sam Chung, SOLES
- Todd Headden, School of Law
- Meg Kolupski, College of Arts and Sciences, Marine Science
- Brook McGillis, College of Arts and Sciences, Pastoral Care and Counseling
- Sean Horrigan, Advisor
- Tunde Hegedus, Advisor

Absent:

- Jason Marsh, School of Law
- Alisa Rowland, SOLES
- Kylie Dupree, School of Business Administration

I. Introductions and contact information

II. Election of GSC Chair

Todd Headden had volunteered to take the interim GSC Chair position for the semester which was left vacant by Dorothy Szpet. He was supported by all members, and therefore has been elected as the Chair of the Graduate Student Council for the Fall semester of the Academic year 2008-09. Another election will be held in January to select a new chair.

III. 2008-2009 Goals

- 1) Committee Service
 - a) Academic Affairs Board of Trustees meeting: the meeting/retreat will be held in Laguna Beach. The GSC representative will be Jennifer Bula
 - b) Student Affairs Board of Trustees: Three meetings will be organized per semester. GSC representative is: Todd Headden
 - c) Graduate Assembly
The GSC representative will be: Sam Chung
First meeting will be held on October 9th between 12am and 1:30 pm.
 - d) New Student Pavilion Committee
The GSC representative will be Meg Kolupski, and therefore he will represent the GSC in these meetings held once a week on Wednesdays. This committee was established to generate discussions and make decisions about fundraising, determining space in the new building.
 - e) Finance Board of Trustees: The GSC representative will be Amanda Heard

The Board of Trustees meets three times a semester, and was established to make recommendations for tuition increase and other financial issues regarding USD.

2) Events

The GSC members discussed and agreed that all schools should try to host one event per academic year for all graduate and law students supported by the GSC. Last years events were discussed in details. Some issues were identified regarding last year's events: Students back out around finals and they are not open to participate in events around Christmas, therefore the best time for organizing bigger events for graduate and law students would be in March 2009.

- a) Fall USD Athletics Tailgate: Todd Headden is responsible for organization.
- b) Padres in the Park: This event will take place in April, next Spring and Meg Kolupski will take the lead on the organization.
- c) End of Year Celebration: It will be supported by the GSC and will be held in a club Downtown San Diego. Responsible persons: Sam Chung and Alisa Rowland, the two SOLES representatives serving on the GSC and GSA this year.
- d) Service Project: Brook McGillis will take the lead on this event. Brook suggested to focus on food instead of toys this year.

Other events, and general event organization issues:

All members of the council understood and agreed that Tunde Hegedus, Graduate Assistant for Graduate Student Life will assist and advice all GSC members in all event organization.

- e) SOLES will hold an Election Night event for all SOLES students. GSC asked Sam Chung, SOLES representatives to find out if SOLES would be willing to open it up for the entire graduate and law community.
- f) Halloween event was held last year at Mission Beach. Todd Headden will confirm if it can be repeated this year.
- g) Maria Torretto will organize a theology event for all graduate and law students in October.

III. Future meetings

SOLES GSA: 5-6:30pm on Sundays

GSC meetings: First Sunday of every month at 7:30pm

Next meeting: Sunday, October 05, 2008, 7:30pm

