

Members Present:

Peter Croughan – President
Micah Ahazie – VP of Internal Affairs
Cheick Omar Diarra – VP of Diversity Affairs
Betsy Martin - VP of External Affairs (Grad)
Yoomin Ahn - VP of Finance
Cate Flanagan - Nursing Rep
Jessica Lee- Pharmacy Co-Rep
Lindsey Jones - Basic Sciences Co-Rep

Members Absent:

Ami Patel - VP of External Affairs (Prof)
Mona Nejad - Dentistry Rep
Doug Jacobs - Medicine Co-Rep
Flavio Oliveira - Medicine Co-Rep
Esther Yi - Pharmacy Co-Rep
Nylah Hazard - Physical Therapy Rep
Jorge Ortiz-Carpena - Basic Sciences Co-Rep
Meredith Van Natta-Social Sciences Rep

Students Present:

Nick Collins – UCSA Rep
Ken Hallenback – PSPG
Natasha Menta - GHS

Staff Present:

Jennifer Rosko – Student Life

Others Present:

Kevin Sabo – UCSA President
Toni Gomez – UCSA Executive Director
Anais Lavioe – UCSA Communication

I. WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS (5:30-5:35)

Meeting began at 5:35 p.m.

II. QUORUM CHECK / MINUTES APPROVAL (5:35-5:40)

Vote to Approve Minutes
Approve: 8 Abstain: 0 Deny: 0

III. NEW BUSINESS / ACTION (5:40-6:25)

A. Community Centers Facilities Fee Increases - Liane Wong

- a. Proposal to increase the Campus Community Center fee, which helps with general maintenance costs of gym facilities.
- b. Last raised in fall of 2013(There is a referendum restricting increase to a maximum of 5% in a 2 year period.)
- c. Proposing \$7 fee increase/student/year. Will go from \$142 to \$149/year. (\$47-49/quarter).
- d. \$5 increase in locker and increase in premier membership is not factored into the CCC fee increase, because they are not considered operational costs.
- e. GPSA is allowed to approve the change without a referendum since it is less than 5%.

Motion to approve fee increase of \$7/year.
Approve: 8 Abstain: 0 Deny: 0

B. UCSA Graduate Professional Student Advocacy Director Introduction - Toni Gomez

- a. UCSA previously championed single campaigns, but is now switching to a multi-student issue approach due to the interconnected nature of student issues.
- b. Proposals:
 - i. First issue is the “Secure Pathways to Graduate Degrees”--aimed at securing financial support for graduate students working towards doctoral degrees.

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- ii. Second issue: “Food security and equal student service”. Grant has been established and campuses have to write proposals to explain how the funding would be used.
 - iii. “Healthy Graduate Student & Advisor Relationships”--Aims to help with power asymmetry, conflict resolution, etc.
 - iv. “Affordable Graduate Student Housing”--goal is to provide equal distribution of housing across UC campuses.
 - 1. Concern was brought forward about how graduate students are using a significant portion of their stipends, and taking out more loans towards housing. A proposed solution might be the “Student Housing Tax Credit”.
 - v. “Campus Climate for Diverse Graduate Student Identities”--focused on maintaining a healthy learning environment.

C. SAGE Proposal - Kevin Sabo

- a. Student Advocacy Governance and Engagement--concerned with how UCSA is funded.
 - i. Currently UCSA is funded by dues paid by the campus student government associations (average \$1.30 per student for their respective campus), but Kevin mentions that this is not working well due to 1 in 10 students not being represented since some associations have opted out of UCSA.
 - ii. Concerns with how this system easily affects UCSA budget predictability.
 - iii. Concerns that (\$1.30 set in 2005) does not match inflation.
 - iv. SAGE is proposing moving away from a student government association due system to an individual student fee system which would allow individuals to voluntarily opt-out, and allow for stable funds, and ensures democratic practices surrounding decision making. Revenue would be used to fund staff, expand conference schedules, and improve student representation by providing travel grants for various meetings. It is still being decided how this program would be implemented.
 - v. More information on ucsa.org/sage

D. Give Kids a Smile Health Fair Request

- a. Fair is requesting \$800 of the \$5000 Health fair budget, due to no donations this year. Concern is that GPSA historically uses up this fund, so this might be too big a portion. Some suggestions are to look at the items that the money is needed for, and the need for more context.
- b. There was a consensus to obtain more information regarding the event’s logistics, alternate funding options, and then an online vote will be taken.

E. Committee Representatives – Micah Ahazie

- a. Committee Updates
 - i. Chancellor’s Campus Council - Cheick Omar Diarra - Follow up talk on islamophobia at SFGH. Chancellor approved efforts put forward for campus inclusivity. Also, there is a new RCO for undocumented students.
 - ii. Council on Student Fees – Yoomin Ahn will be attending the November meeting at UC Berkeley.
 - iii. Housing Advisory Committee –Nick Collins attended housing tour at Hastings to see possible option for future UCSF Housing. Concern was

brought up about safety of Tenderloin neighborhood. Will a shuttle service be provided? How will housing projects be funded without increasing the rent of current tenants? UCSF is working very hard to address the current housing situation and come up with long-term and short-term options.

- iv. Library Advisory Committee – no one present
 - v. Student Health Advisory Committee - Jessica Lee- UC SHIP is working on securing the number of students, by keeping campuses in/out for 3 years in order to prevent fluctuations in overall costs. Also looking into joining efforts with CSU/CC systems to increase pool by having more students.
 - vi. Student Services Fee Advisory Committee - Committee has been formed and meetings will begin in January.
 - vii. Task Force on Sexual Violence and Sexual Assault - Cate Flanagan-- one major change is still needed in new UC proposal to ensure that a safe spaces are created on campus for events like “Take Place The Night” to protect from disclosure of event’s discussion.
- b. Seeking Student Reps
 - i. SAA Student Services Survey Focus Group - Students Service Fee Committee needs more than the input of 12 students to sufficiently represent the 3000 students. The focus group would provide feedback on the survey aimed at collecting more student opinions regarding the service services.

IV. UPDATES (6:25-6:30)

- A. Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition – Jennifer Rosko
 - a. SON’s feedback was collected separately and there was a reduction in the proposed increase from 15% to 8%. This was however done without student feedback.(8% , 8%, then 10% over the next 3 years.)
 - b. General feedback was that most programs indicated that the tuition was expensive in itself as well as in comparison to similar programs nationwide. However, students were in the middle about the perception of value vs. cost.
 - c. SOM submitted their independent survey and proposal regarding the use of fees.
 - d. A big concern is the need for more time for the collection of student feedback across schools. Suggesting at least 1-2 weeks.
 - e. Should GPSA be involved with the feedback process, or should feedback be collected on a school-specific basis?
 - f. Suggested proposal to collect student feedback right before the big policy/proposals are submitted.
 - g. Going forward there is a stated need to fine tune this feedback collection process, which might be school specific but facilitated by GPSA.

V. PLANNING (6:30-6:50)

- A. GPSA Game Night: November 19
- B. GPSA Formal: January 30 – Micah Ahazie
 - a. Waiver- Dean Watkins is willing to contribute money to allow students who are unable to attend due to the cost.
 - i. Concern that a non-publicized approach to waiver might backfire.
 - ii. Provide limited number of tickets per school?
 - b. Photo Booth to improve student participation.
- C. GPSA Diversity Night: February 24 – Cheick Omar Diarra

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- a. Planning committee has been set, and meeting times are being set.
 - D. GPSA March Event – Micah Ahazie
 - a. Skipped. Will be discussed at next meeting.
 - E. GPSA Volunteering Activity – Peter Croughan
 - a. Skipped. Will be discussed at next meeting.

VII. OFFICER REPORTS (≤3 minutes each)

- A. President – Peter Croughan
 - a. Updates on Food Security Program
 - b. Problem with Lecture Capture
 - c. True Colors Recap.
 - d. Chancellor’s Council updates--GPSA brought forward PDST increase and housing insufficiency.
- B. VP of Internal Affairs – Micah Ahazie
- C. VP of Finance – Yoomin Ahn
- D. VP of Diversity Affairs – Cheick Omar Diarra
- E. VP of External Affairs – Betsy Martin, Ami Patel, Nick Collins & Sarah Latif
- F. Medicine Representative – Doug Jacobs & Flavio Oliveira
- G. Pharmacy Representative – Esther Yi & Jessica Lee
- H. Dentistry Representative – Mona Nejad
- I. Nursing Representative – Cate Flanagan
- J. Physical Therapy Representative – Lisa Keyan & Nylah Hazard
- K. Basic Sciences Representative – Jorge Ortiz-Carpena & Lindsey Jones
 - a. SFGH is not a network for UCSHIP. There is also no worker’s comp for grad students. The board determined that this was a major issue that should be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.
- L. Social Sciences Representative – Meredith Van Natta

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS (≤2 minutes each)

- A. Neuwrite representative was present to discuss the new RCO, which is focused on producing “science communication for non science audiences.” GPSA members discussed means to help spread word about the organization.
- B. Upcoming Meetings – Micah Ahazie
 - a. GPSA Monthly Meeting - Monday, December 7 at Parnassus
 - b. GPSA Monthly Meeting - Monday, January 11 at Parnassus
 - c. GPSA Monthly Meeting - Monday, February 1 at Parnassus
 - d. GPSA Monthly Meeting - Monday, March 7 at MB
 - e. GPSA Monthly Meeting - Monday, April 4 at Parnassus
 - f. GPSA Monthly Meeting - Monday, May 2 at Parnassus

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.