# Graduate & Professional **Student Association**

#### Members Present:

Matthew Cummings – President Polina Pulyanina – VP of Diversity Affairs Betsy Martin - VP of External Affairs (Grad) Kate Mitchell - VP of External Affairs (Prof) Cameron Walsh - VP of Finance Niki Arab - VP of Internal Affairs Cate Flanagan - Nursing Rep Esther Yi - Pharmacy Co-Rep Jessica Lee- Pharmacy Co-Rep Meredith Van Natta-Social Sciences Rep

#### Members Absent:

Amin Abdallah - Dentistry Rep Sidney Le - Medicine Co-Rep Chelsea Young - Medicine Co-Rep Leann McDowell - Pharmacy Co-Rep Erin Carlson - Physical Therapy Rep Lisa Keyan - Physical Therapy Rep Clint Cario - Basic Sciences Rep

#### **Students Present:**

Michael Le –ASGD President Micah Ahazie – Pharmacy Peter Croughan – Medicine Ami Patel – Pharmacy Cheick Diarra – Pharmacy Brent Nguyen – Pharmacy Aaron Dolor – Grad Div Yoomin Ahn – Dentistry

#### Staff Present:

Jennifer Rosko – Student Life Carol Takao – Student Life

I. WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS (5:30-5:35) meeting began 5:33 p.m.

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

Vote to approve minutes: Approval: 9 Deny: 0 Abstain: 0

#### III. NEW BUSINESS / ACTION (5:40-6:00)

A. Bone Marrow Drive – Arjun Panda

Arjun from AADP Bone Marrow Drive spoke about GPSA & AADP joint event. The process will involve a cheek swab to find matches for people who need transplants. Student volunteers will be needed during the event in medical science lobby to help donors fill out consent forms, help people with the process of taking their own cheek swab, and to help check-in/ recruit donors.

- B. Election Results Niki Arab
  Niki mentioned election results are up and on the website.
  The new board members introduced themselves.
- C. Academic Council Updates Niki Arab Jennifer asked every academic council to email her with the contacts of all the new board members—if they haven't already done so.

## IV. UPDATES (6:00-6:30)

A. Housing Letter, Committee, Term Limits – Matthew Cummings Matt spoke about concerns regarding student housing. The housing committee is planning on having all term limits end in three months during the summertime, no matter when a student has moved in.

Jennifer mentioned if people have other suggestions to email her so that she can inform the housing committee.

Matt encouraged the board to sign up to be on the housing committee and to encourage classmates to join the housing committee.

B. UCSA Hosted Meeting – Kate Mitchell & Betsy Martin

Kate mentioned that so far 3 UC students were chosen to move on to the final interview for Student Regent, these finalists are going to be interviewed by the regents themselves.

Kate also informed GPSA that UCSF will continue to have two votes at UCSA. Betsy mentioned that she wants to advocate mental health, which is lacking at nearly every UC, at the upcoming regents meeting.

Kate mentioned that there will be a survey that grad students made regarding involvement of grad and professional students in hiring committees for faculty members. This survey is intended for faculty members in all the schools of UCSF to fill out.

Betsy mentioned that there will be a student policy journal where students can share any personal feeling about any issue at UC.

- C. Committee Meeting Updates
  - a. Campus Community Centers Advisory Council- No one present
  - b. Committee on Libraries and Scholarly Communication- No one present
  - c. Housing Advisory Committee- No one present
  - d. Library Advisory Committee- No one present Cameron is not on this committee, but he met with a group regarding the need for more student spaces; he announced there is now a 24-hour section that has been blocked off from the public and only accessible to students.
  - e. Public Safety & Emergency Management Advisory Group- No one present
  - f. Sexual and Gender-Based Violence and Misconduct-

Cate talked about how new policies and procedures are in place for the prevention and training to respond to sexual misconduct. The committee was concerned with the vague language of how sexual

misconduct and stalking are defined.

The committee was also concerned with the fact that all employees are mandated reporters of sexual misconduct. Michael mentioned how employee status should be better defined.

Lastly, the committee was concerned over the fact that there is no time limit. A survey will be sent to get feedback from GPSA on these concerns.

- g. Status of Women- No one present
- Student Health Advisory Committee Esther and Pete mentioned that premium prices will anticipated to increase slightly for students.
- i. Student Regent Interviews
- j. Transportation Advisory Committee

# V. PLANNING (6:30-6:35)

- A. Bone Marrow Drive Volunteers Niki Arab Niki mentioned the bone marrow drive will take place in Medical Science lobby on Tuesday may 19<sup>th</sup> form 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; she encouraged everyone to volunteer for one of the time spots.
- B. Multicultural Night Polina Pulyania Polina mentioned how the survey she sent to the cultural orgs had little response, but a suggestion made was to have a joint multicultural event as a welcoming event. Esther mentioned how funding is an issue for some of the orgs. Matt mentioned that there can be resources for funding if the orgs want to make this event happen next year.

# VII. OFFICER REPORTS (≤3 minutes each)

A. President – Matthew Cummings

Matt mentioned how he met with UCOP and all the UC presidents at a meeting recently and tuition was one of the major issues talked about; for instance, how the reason for supplemental fee increases for nursing students was poorly communicated. Mental health was also a big issue; they are working on figuring out the gaps between the campuses. They might decide to raise student fees, so that 40-50% of it will go directly to mental health services. They also mentioned the possibility of telemedicine to help resolve this issue.

They also discussed the possibility of body cameras use by UCPD. UCOP will also be looking into the graduate program life, to have better data on postgraduate life to assess the happiness of UC students and grads.

- B. VP of Internal Affairs Niki Arab Niki mentioned casino night went well and recommended GPSA hold the event next year.
- C. VP of Finance Cameron Walsh- No updates
- D. VP of Diversity Affairs Polina Pulyania- No updates
- E. VP of External Affairs Kate Mitchell & Betsy Martin- No updates
- F. Medicine Representative Chelsea Young & Sidney Le Pete talked about food security and how it has worked for medical students so far.
- G. Pharmacy Representative Esther Yi & Jessica Lee Esther mentioned how she is working with a group at Stanford on a course on FDA regulatory science and assessing drug development. The event will be on June 26 and she will send out an email with sign ups and more info. She also mentioned she is working on gathering a group of students to go abroad, such as South America, on a mission trip. Esther also updated the board on what was going on in each of the classes for the school of pharmacy.
- H. Dentistry Representative Amin Abdallah- absent
- I. Nursing Representative Cate Flanagan Cate mentioned that she is working on having food security in the school of nursing.
- J. Physical Therapy Representative Erin Carlson- absent
- K. Social Sciences Representative Meredith Vannatt- No updates
- L. Basic Sciences Representative Clint Cario- absent Michael Le mentioned that the faculty mentor of the year has been chosen.

## XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS (≤2 minutes each)

- A. RCO Fall Registration Jennifer Rosko Jennifer mentioned RCO registration for the Fall will be in September 2015.
- B. SIG Profiles Jennifer Rosko Jennifer encouraged the board to fill out SIG profiles.
- C. Giants College Night Jennifer Rosko Jennifer mentioned that the Giants college night game is \$21 and UCSF students will have the opportunity to sit together.