

GC Minutes (10/10/2016)

Minutes (09/25/2016): approved

Elections

motion to vote by hand, second, motion carries

Intercampus Chair

Christos Sapsanis (elected)

Diversity Chair

Avery Baumann

Bria Macklin (elected)

Akash Rawat

Peilun Sun

(Comment by E-Board: We could allocate money to have an assistant to the Diversity Chair.)

Financial Concerns Chair

Laksh Agarwal (elected)

Wellness Chair

Peilun Sun (elected)

GRO Guide Chair

no candidates

Situation of the Humanities Center (HC)

HC might be shut down; necessity of the HC: interdisciplinary study; current situation of first-year grads of HC; announcement of meeting of the HC grads (10/11/2016); development from Dean's Strategic Plan to attempt to close HC: tendency of Dean's Office to reduce the power of departments; situation between HC and the newly founded "Alexander Grass Humanities Institute"

Meeting with TRU

two representatives from TRU present; meetings started about two years ago in order to have an independent organization for grads; related to Dean's Strategic Plan; universal concern: health care plan (trouble paying high out-of-pocket cost); general comment: unionization would be possible due to NLRB decision; GRO and TRU can co-exist; discussion: Do you've got legal advisors? - No; Is the idea to have a union that represents all grad students? - Unions are usually for specific fields; everybody who is a TA or Ra would be count as employee; How do unions deal with the different situations in different departments? - Contracts handle bigger questions like child care, wages: those things apply to everybody; What is the process of unionization? - explanation of the legal process of unionization.