

University of Southern California
Graduate and Professional Student Senate 2008 – 2009
Full Senate Meeting
Minutes
January 12th, 2009
SGM 101

- I. Call to Order : 6:13 pm
- II. Approval of Minutes : approved unanimously
- III. Awards
 - a. Senator of the month : Melinda Hayman
 - b. Committee of the month : Sustainability committee
 - c. Student Organization of the month
- IV. Announcements
 - a. GSIR – Richie Brown (gsir@usc.edu)
 - 1) Nothing to report
 - b. GSIR – Diversity Outreach Jummy Bullock (graduate.diversity@usc.edu)
 - 1) Nothing to report
- V. Bylaw Changes
 - 1) Vote on changes to the GPSS By-Laws as discussed in the December Senate Meeting
 - a. Communications Chair Addendum : Voted YES[97% of 40 votes], NO[0%], Abstain[3%]
 - b. Honoraria: Voted YES[91%], NO[6%], Abstain[3%]
 - c. Forfeiture of Organizational Funds: Voted YES[93%], NO[5%], Abstain[3%]
 - d. Reallocation of Unused Graduate Student Organization Funds: Voted YES[93%], NO[8%], Abstain[0%]
- VI. Finance Requests : Details given at the end of the minutes
- VII. Officer Reports
 - a. President – Mathias Knappe (gpsspres@usc.edu)
 - 1) Alumni Association Board of Governors Update: Will organize a supper series (at Alumni houses) for networking. The information will be sent out in the newsletter.
 - 2) USC Student Sustainability Meeting 01/15 @ 6pm; 1042 Downey Way Rm. #146: The invitation is included in the senate minutes. If anyone is interested please contact Matthew.
 - b. Vice President – Anna Stubblefield (gpssvp@usc.edu)
 - 1) Advocacy Position: Please keep the position in mind, so that we are ready to vote by the next meeting. If you have any suggestions let judiciary committee know.
 - 2) REMINDER! Make sure your student organization, including your Umbrella Organization is recognized. The deadline for recognition is February 2, 2009.
 - 3) Please submit your GPSS Fall Semester Accomplishments Committee Reports Due – All Committee Chairs, INCLUDING THE E-BOARD, if you have not already done so.
 - 4) GPSS blog [<http://uscgpss.blogspot.com/>] – Log your comments, suggestions, etc. So far, noone has said anything on the blog. Please write your feelings/complaints etc. on the blog.
 - 5) Academic Library Survey – please submit your feedback. The link is available via the GPSS website.
 - c. Finance Chair – Kirk Domke (gpssfund@usc.edu)
 - 1) Follow-up on the Reallocation of Unused Funds: Kirk will get in touch with the groups who are lagging in spending their allocated money.
 - d. Social Chair – Amelia Jackerson (gpsssoc@usc.edu)

- 1) First Grad Bar of the Semester, Friday, January 16, 2009, at Boulevard 3. Join USC, UCLA, and Cal Tech and bring in the spring semester! Doors open at 9:30. No cover until 10:45. Arrive early to avoid the lines. Dress to impress! Please bring your govt. issued ID/passport and USC ID. RSVP at the GPSS website. See you there!
 -Boulevard 3, 6523 Sunset Blvd. Hollywood
 -9:30pm-2:00am
 -Dress to impress!!!
- e. Community Service and Special Events Chair – N. Chloe Robinson (gpsscs@usc.edu)
 - 1) Trojan Neighbors: The program is on Thursdays on Portland st.
 - 2) Please join the programming committee! : We would appreciate new ideas.
- f. Academic Affairs Chair – Johannes V. Schmitt (gpssacad@usc.edu)
 - 1) Legal Counseling for Grad Students: Free legal counselling is every monday 4pm to 9pm. Two sessions are allocated for Graduate students. The info will be posted on the website.
 - 2) GPSS Poster Symposium – Call for submissions: Januray 31 is deadline
 - 3) UPC Book Club might be discontinued: Last one was on Dec. 4th. Turnout was not very phenomenal. The HSC in contrast is going very well. We might discontinue if the interest is low in future also.
- g. Public Relations Chair – Sujata K. Dhole (gpsspr@usc.edu)
 - 1) Nothing to report
- h. HSC Chair – Sahar Bedrood (gpsshsc@usc.edu)
 - 1) USC vs. Arizona State, January 15th, 7:30PM at the Galen Center
 - 2) Book Club: “My Stroke of Insight” discussion January 29, 2009 at 5:30pm
 - 3) Yoga Classes Mondays 5:15-6:15pm Norris Topping Tower Room 7409
 - 4) Pilates Classes Wednesdays 5:15-6:15pm Norris Topping Tower Room 7409
 - 5) Bally’s Total Fitness Deal: January 15th –April 15th
- i. Elections and Recruitment Chair – Yoko Igawa (gpsser@usc.edu)
 - 1) GPSS Elections are coming up!
 - 2) Take GPSS surveys <http://www.usc.edu/org/gpss/surveys.html> and win a \$40 bookstore certificate
- j. Communications Chair – Irfan Fazal (gpsscomm@usc.edu)
 - 1) Nothing to report
- VIII. Committee Reports
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business
- XI. Other announcements
- XII. Adjourn : 8pm

Officer Reports

- I. President – Mathias Knape (gpsspres@usc.edu)
 - a. Alumni Association Board of Governors Update
 On December 10th the Board of Governors meeting took place. Due to the economic situation, the Alumni Association wants to focus more on career supporting services for Alums and students.
 - b. The new Sustainability Program Manager, Matthew Oden, organizes a USC Student Sustainability Meeting 01/15 @ 6pm; 1042 Downey Way Rm. #146.

The purpose of this meeting is outlined in the email below.

Dear Friends,

I recently joined USC as the Sustainability Program Manager and I'm excited about getting this program up and running so that USC can be repositioned as an environmental leader locally, nationally, and internationally. One of the fundamental building blocks of a new program on a campus is getting the students involved in an open and constructive way; providing learning opportunities and harnessing the energy and innovation that all of you offer.

You are receiving this email because you are either a member of one or more of the following student organizations/groups at USC or you have expressed interest in this topic directly to me or through a friend who has provided your name: GPSS, USG, CALPIRG, ALIVE, Net Impact, and E1. Additionally, members of the USC staff are cc'd who have either expressed interest or are currently working on sustainability issues, or whom I would like to make aware that this event is occurring. Please feel free to **forward this email** to any other individuals that you feel would be interested; they too are invited. However, please keep in mind that this is a student focused event and staff are only invited in an observatory role at this stage. We are hoping to have at least 25 participants.

This meeting is being called as a direct result of my meeting with numerous student leaders during my first few weeks at USC and consistently hearing 2 general things/Questions: "What is going on with environmental issue X" and "We're working on issue Y". We will address the first concern in 2 ways: 1) I will give everyone a briefing on what I've learned hitherto about the env/sustainability issues/ongoing projects and the role of the sustainability program at USC and 2) The Clubs/Orgs will each give a 5 minute overview on the env/sustainability work their doing/planning. It is important that we start working together to achieve larger goals and learn to create a common voice around issues that are important to us all. We are all stakeholders in this process and we need to create an environment for idea sharing and getting ourselves organized. **A key outcome of this meeting** will be to create a working group with representation from each of the student groups/orgs who will meet on a regular basis to work towards one common objective that can be completed by the end of this semester.

The confluence of the information revolution, globalization, and serious environmental threats like climate change, deforestation, and global fishery depletion are driving a paradigm shift internationally, whereby individuals, communities, and nations are becoming aware of the need to employ longer-term systems thinking to our natural capital. The role of the University in society cannot be underestimated during this transition, as it is imperative that we consistently provide new thinking and technologies. However, provision only goes so far, as implementation is the only way to really see what works and what is insufficient. Therefore, it is crucial that USC becomes a "**Living Laboratory**" for sustainability. **Students will play a critical role** in this transition period. I hope this meeting will serve as a useful forum to start to get more people engaged in finding sustainable solutions for modern challenges.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone back on campus next week.

If you have any questions or concerns or please don't hesitate to contact me.

Email Matthew Oden at moden@caps.usc.edu if you want to attend.

- II. Vice President– Anna Stubblefield (gpsvvp@usc.edu)
 - a. Nothing to report
- III. Finance Chair – Kirk Domke (gpsfund@usc.edu)
 - a. Nothing to report
- IV. Social Chair – Amelia Jackerson (gpsvpsoc@usc.edu)
 - a. Stay tuned for a fully stocked social semester. This Friday marks the first event, which will be a grad bar at Blvd 3 with USC, UCLA, and Cal Tech. Other events this spring will include social dinners, ski trips, kayaking, speed dating, and of course, more grad bars!
- V. Community Service and Special Events Chair – N. Chloe Robinson (gpsvpsc@usc.edu)
 - a. **TROJAN NEIGHBORS**



Program Description

Trojan Neighbors is a community-based initiative developed to provide various activities to the neighboring children of the University of Southern California. Activities will be provided on a weekly basis to enrich the lives of children living within the University Park Community and its surrounding area.

Program Goals

- To instill in our youth the drive to excel academically
- To promote college awareness and attendance
- To provide diverse extracurricular activity to youth within University Park Community
- To support civic engagement and community involvement
- To increase cultural awareness and the arts among participants
- To provide a variety of resources to improve the quality of life of youth and parents with the program

Program Information

- Meeting Times: Evenings
- Meeting Place: 2390 Portland St., Los Angeles, CA 90007
- Contact Persons: N. Chloe Robinson nrobinso@usc.edu
Renee Burwell burwell@usc.edu

- VI. Academic Affairs Chair – Johannes V. Schmitt (gpssacad@usc.edu)
- a. In the month of January, the focus of my work will be on the GPSS Poster Symposium (to be held on March, 3rd). In collaboration with Jennifer Leigh Reynolds, the GPSS Student Life Chair, I will try to make the Poster Symposium as professional as possible (securing the support of the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences). We are also thinking about providing help with the production of the poster, e.g. offering a workshop shortly before the submission deadline. If you want to learn more about the Poster Symposium, please contact me at postersymposium@gmail.com.
 - b. Since the turnout at the last UPC Book Salon meeting (on Dec. 4th) was very scarce, I am thinking about discontinuing the UPC Book Salon and using the funds allocated to it for another purpose. (This does not concern the HSC Book Salon) One idea is to start a series of evening lectures given by distinguished USC faculty, followed by a dinner with the faculty.
- VII. Public Relations Chair – Sujata K. Dhole (gpsspr@usc.edu)
- a. Nothing to report
- VIII. HSC Chair – Sahar Bedrood (gpsshsc@usc.edu)
- a. USC vs. Arizona State, January 15th, 7:30PM at the Galen Center!
Follow the instructions below to enter!
 1. Go to <http://www.usc.edu/org/gpss/>
 2. Click on "GPSS calendar" on left-hand side.
 3. Under January 2009, you will find the January events. Click on "Click here to RSVP" under the January 15 Basketball event.

4. Fill in first name, last name, phone number, email.

DO NOT FILL IN # OF MALES/FEMALES. ONE RAFFLE ENTRY/STUDENT.

5. Under "**Additional Comments**", please include your student ID number. If you win the raffle drawing, you must present your USC student ID card which includes your name and student ID number. This information must match your online raffle entry information exactly.

6. The raffle begins on Monday, January 5th at 9AM and will close Monday, January 12 at 10PM.

If you have any questions, please contact gpsshsccc@gmail.com. Good luck!

- b. The Book Club selection is "My Stroke of Insight" by Jill Bolte Taylor, PhD. Books are now available in the GPSS HSC office, SRH 101A. Just bring a \$10 refundable deposit, read the book and join us for our discussion over a FREE dinner. Discussion will be Thursday January 29th, 2009 at 5:30PM in the NML Room 100.
- c. Yoga and Pilates classes are being offered to students this semester. Yoga takes places on Mondays (5:15pm-6:15pm) and pilates takes places on Wednesdays (5:15pm-6:15pm). The classes start January 26th (yoga) and 28th (pilates) and continue for a 15 class series. The cost is \$20 students. Sign-ups are required and will take place on January 20th (for yoga) and January 22 (pilates) between 12-1pm in the GPSS HSC office SRH 101A.
- d. The Bally's Total Fitness deal will be in effect between January 15th- April 15th. The cost is \$229 per person for a one year membership. For more information on membership and how to sign-up please contact gpsshsccc@gmail.edu.

IX. Elections and Recruitment Chair – Yoko Igawa (gpsser@usc.edu)

a. **Do you want to get 1-4 units a semester for working for GPSS?**

--> **Become a GPSS Executive Board Officer or Standing Committee Chair!** (details of units in the bylaws)

GPSS ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP!

- **Executive Board Officer Elections** will be held on the APRIL 6 Senate Meeting!

-The positions open for elections are: <http://www.usc.edu/org/gpss/execboard.html>

-Specific duties of each position are included here:

http://www.usc.edu/org/gpss/documents/ByLaws_updated_sept_29_2008.pdf

-Applications for running for the above positions are forthcoming. Stay Tuned.

-**Every Standing Committee** (those not headed by exec board members) will also be holding their own election processes to choose their committee chairs. If you are interested, inquire each committee and get involved in the committees. All committees are open to the entire graduate student body for membership: <http://www.usc.edu/org/gpss/committees.html>

b. **Want to Win \$40?** Take GPSS Surveys: <http://www.usc.edu/org/gpss/surveys.html>

X. Communications Chair – Irfan Fazal (gpsscomm@usc.edu)

a. **Advocacy Issue : Lack of Playing facilities/structures for children in Graduate Family Housing : Results of Survey**

Summary of Survey:

During last semester, it was discussed during GPSS senate meeting that there is a lack of playing facilities/structures for children of graduate students in USC Graduate Family Housing units i.e. Bel-Air apartments, Regent apartments and Senator apartments. It was decided to organize a survey to determine how the graduate students who currently live in these housing units feel about this issue. The results of the survey are displayed below. More than 90% of these students said that their children presently play in the courtyards of their respective buildings, and that there is a need to install some kind of playing structures like Swings, See-Saws, Slides etc. in these buildings.

Recommendation: Based on the results of the survey, it is recommended that GPSS may

write a letter to the Director of USC Housing Keenan Cheung, and VP of Student Affairs, Dr. Michael Jackson urging them to install such playing structures.

USC Family Housing ; Children playing structures		
Where do you take your children for outdoor activities (playing, having fun) ?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Lawn/Courtyard of the building	93.3%	14
Hoover Park	20.0%	3
Other	40.0%	6
<i>answered question</i>		15
<i>skipped question</i>		11

USC housing LACKS adequate playing facilities for children of graduate students ? (Yes, or No)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	78.3%	18
No	21.7%	5
<i>answered question</i>		23
<i>skipped question</i>		3

What kind of playing structures would you like to be installed in USC family housing ?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Swings	84.2%	16
Slides	84.2%	16
See-Saw	47.4%	9
Tree-house	73.7%	14
Other	10.5%	2
<i>answered question</i>		19
<i>skipped question</i>		7

Committee Chair Report

I. Academic Affairs

- a. The Committee hasn't met since the last Senate Meeting (on Dec. 1st). The tentative date for the next meeting is Tuesday, Jan, 20th at 11:30 am. Please contact me at gpsacad@usc.edu if you are interested in joining the Committee.

II. Alumni Relations

- a. If you are interested in joining the Alumni Relations Committee, email me at gpspres@usc.edu

III. Campus Safety

- a. Next campus safety meeting: January 20th, 2 pm in the SPPD student lounge
- b. Next event: Tentatively set for the last week of January. More information forthcoming.

IV. Finance Committee

- a. Next year budget will be discussed in March meeting. It will be open to everybody. Who wants to give their input.
- V. Committee for Gender Equity**
 - a. No report received
- VI. Graduate Programming**
 - a. Our first committee meeting will be Friday, January 23rd, 12:30pm. If you would like to join our committee, please email Amelia at gpssoc@usc.edu or Chloe at gpsscs@usc.edu
- VII. Graduate Students of Color Network**
 - a. A few events are being planned. First event will be in February. Also in the process of writing a letter of support for faculty of color. Meetings are on Tuesdays.
- VIII. HSC Concerns**
 - a. The HSC Concerns Committee will be having a Happy Hour event on January 22, 2009 at the Edison. For more information and to RSVP please contact gpsshscce@gmail.com. The next meeting for HSC CC is February 5th, 2009 at 5:15pm in the Seaver Café (dinner is provided).
- IX. International Scholars**
 - a. Next meeting: January 23rd noon, location tba.
- X. Judiciary**
 - a. Judiciary Committee meeting tentatively scheduled for January 22, 2009 at 12:15pm in HSH 101.
- XI. LGBTA**
 - a. Communication/Getting Involved
Currently we are still reaching out to students in several organizations and degree programs! We are still looking for more people to be on the committee to serve as an "agent of communications" for their respective programs to get the word out about LGBTA events!

If you are interested in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender issue or you are just an ally please see me to get on the list serve or if you know someone that is....email me and I will add them to the list serve!

My contact: gpsslgbta@gmail.com
Advocacy Events

The toy drive was a success!! We were able to donate 120 toys to AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA) as a result of the efforts between the School of Policy, Planning and Development and USC Student Affairs' Holiday Party!!

- XII. Publicity and Recruitment**
 - a. Our first committee meeting will be Friday, January 23rd, 12:00pm. If you would like to join our committee, please email Yoko at gpsser@usc.edu.
- XIII. Student Life**
 - a. The Student Life Committee is sponsoring **intramural teams** for Spring 2009. The deadline is coming, so sign up online at <http://gpssslc.wufoo.com/forms/intramural-teams/>. We are also setting up a grad/professional student **lunch table at the Lot** the first Tuesday of every month from noon-1:00PM. We are also co-sponsoring the **GPSS Poster Symposium** with the Academic Affair Committee. Please submit an abstracts online at <http://postersymposium.wufoo.com/forms/registration/>. We are always looking for new members, so send me (Jennifer) an email at gpssSLC@gmail.com

GPSS Funding Requests for January 12th, 2009

Funding Request Overview:

Discretionary: \$14,765.00 of \$48,000.00

- 1) [\$2248.00] Chinese Students and Scholars Association – Chinese Spring Festival Party
- 2) [\$2500.00] Marshall Graduate Marketing Association – GMA 13th Annual Spring Industry Night
- 3) [\$1700.00] Graduate Students in Linguistics – Screening of “The Linguists”
- 4) [\$2300.00] Master of Public Health Student Association - MaPHSA Annual Banquet

Joint: \$9,599.00 of \$12,000.00

Volunteer: \$7,101.00 of \$15,000.00

Sustainability: \$8,095.00 of \$9,000.00

Funding Request Details:

Discretionary:

- 1) **Organization:** Chinese Students and Scholars Association

Event Name: Chinese Spring Festival Party

Attendance: 500+ **Percent Graduate:** 75%

When: January 31st, 2009 5:00 - 11:30pm

Where: Ground Zero and Courtyard

What:

The Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, is one of the most important holidays in Chinese Culture. According to the Chinese lunar calendar, it is the beginning of a new year and its significance is equivalent to Christmas in the Western world. Traditionally, families will get together to celebrate this holiday. However, the date of the Spring Festival usually falls between late January and early February. The student are unable to travel back to China and join their families. Considering this situation, the Chinese Students and Scholars Association (please note that up to 75% of them are graduate students) will hold its annual Chinese New Year Party on January 31st, 2009. It will give the Chinese international students, who tend to miss their homeland the most during the holiday, an opportunity to celebrate the Festival together. The New Year Party has been a tradition for the Chinese community at USC for more than twenty years. It is highly appreciated by the Chinese international students. For other members of the Trojan family, it will be a great opportunities to learn more about the Chinese traditions.

In the party, a lot of delicious food, exciting performances, special designed activities, and some small gifts will be provided for every attendee. This party is open and free to every USC student and scholar. Everyone in USC is welcome to try the delicious Chinese food and watch the excellent performances provided by us. We believe that it would be a great chance for USC students to understand and appreciate the Chinese culture from this event, which definitely enhance the diversity of the USC campus culture.

Promotional plans: We have email addresses of most Chinese students in USC. It is very convenient for us to advertise our party through our internal connections. We will set up the Facebook group and send out invitations to USC students. Specially designed party flyers with “GPSS” logo will be post on the boards all around the campus. We will also go to those classrooms where the Chinese language classes are given to let the students know this exciting party.

Event Schedule:

3:00pm – 5:00pm: Party set-up

5:00pm – 6:30pm: Traditional New Year Dinner

6:30pm – 11:30pm: Chinese Spring Festival Celebration Party

11:30pm – 12:00am: Clean-up

The Chinese Spring Festival Celebration Party will consist of three parts: dinner, performance, and party games.

Dinner: traditional Chinese food will be served, such as dumplings, fish, and rice cake.

Performances: Chinese folk dance and songs, talent shows, and other traditional Chinese performances will be featured.

Party games: traditional Chinese games played during the Spring Festival will be featured.

Both Chinese and English will be used during the performance and the game activities. As mentioned above, we hope this event would not only be a celebration for the Chinese Spring Festival, but a stage for the Chinese culture. All USC students are welcomed to join the party and share the cross-cultural experience.

We really appreciate the support GPSS had given in the past for our events. We are confident to make our next event, the 2009 Chinese Spring Festival Party, a success!

Line Item Budget Information:

Description of Expense	Amount	Source of Funding
Unarmed Security Guard (8hrs x \$35/hr)	280	GPSS

Event Venue Rental (8 hrs x \$136/hr)	1088	GPSS and ISA
Tables, Chairs, and Drapes	360	GPSS
Traditional Chinese Food (\$5/person x 500 people)	2500	GPSS and ISA
*Total:	\$4228	

Amount Requested: \$2248.00

From: GPSS – Discretionary

Finance Committee Recommendation: \$1500

- Due to low discretionary funds, \$1500 seems fair
- They can easily make up the difference with ticket sales (\$2/person)

Agend Item SLATED

2) **Organization:** Marshall Graduate Marketing Association

Event Name: GMA 13th Annual Spring Industry

Attendance: 150 **Percent Graduate:** 90%

When: February 25th or 26th, 2009 6:00 – 9:00pm

Where: Galen Center

What:

GMA's Annual Spring Industry Night is an evening that allows graduate students interested in marketing the opportunity to network with 9 – 11 companies in a very intimate setting, in hopes of creating a relationship that will lead to an internship or full time position. By bringing in multiple companies, the GMA provides a forum in which students can interact with a number of potential employers, many of whom are USC alumni.

This event is incredibly important for Marshall students who have not secured internships or full-time offers, as it permits them the opportunity to capitalize their efforts into one evening, and create new connections within companies they may have already started a dialogue with.

Furthermore, events like Spring Industry Night are important part of the GMA's mission statement, "To serve as Marshall's leading resource for professional development in Marketing by providing: access to educational and industry-oriented events,..." and an integral step in the employment process for Marshall students.

The evening will begin with an hour of informal socializing and mingling, after which a series of round table discussions will begin. Each company will have a dedicated table and students will rotate through their choice of four companies in 15 minute rotations. Within those 15 minutes, the 12 students at each table will have the chance to ask any company-specific questions they may have and actively participate in a group discussion, allowing students the chance to create a lasting impression with the company representatives. Finally, at the end of the four rotations, there will be another 45 minutes of casual networking to end the evening.

The event will be promoted through all possible channels within Marshall: class-wide emails, a posting on the Career Resource Center's online calendar, inclusion on the television screens throughout the building, in-class announcements by the GMA Core Representatives, as well as the GMA capitalizing on the success of the event in years past.

Some funding will be from the membership fees of the GMA, but the GPSS funding will allow this event to be a true success. While we are actively seeking additional sponsorship funds from some of the participating companies, the economic climate is causing many corporate cutbacks, and unfortunately, funding for events like these are some of the first things to go. While we will continue to seek additional outside funding, the GPSS funding would be vital to the event's success.

In an effort to reduce costs, we will be reusing last year's centerpieces, as well as reducing the amount of food provided, decreasing the total from \$2500 to \$2000. If we are unable to attain corporate sponsorship, we will print the program ourselves; however, to maintain the most professional appearance, we would prefer to have them printed through a vendor.

Line Item Budget Information:

Description of Expense	Amount	Source of Funding
Food and Drink	2000	GPSS
Nametags and Table Tents	85	GPSS
Programs (150)	240	GPSS
Banners/Signs	175	GPSS
Venue Fee	900	Corporate Sponsorship
Thank You Gifts	200	GMA

Flowers	45	GMA
	*Total:	\$3645

Amount Requested: \$2500.00

From: GPSS – Discretionary

Finance Committee Recommendation: \$1750

- Given that the venue is the Galen Center, \$13 per grad student seems acceptable.

Agenda Item PULLED : VOTED : \$1750[73%], \$0[24%], Abstain[2%]

3) **Organization:** Graduate Students in Linguistics

Event Name: Screening of “The Linguists”

Attendance: 250 **Percent Graduate:** 50%

When: February 6th, 2009 7:00 – 10:00pm

Where: TBD

What:

This event is a screening of the mainstream documentary film, The Linguists, about two linguistics professors who travel the world documenting dying and endangered languages. The screening will be followed by a Q&A with the two professors featured in the film, K. David Harrison and Gregory Anderson. Since it is quite the rare occasion for such a film to be made, this opportunity to discuss these two professors' experiences and expertise in language preservation is very valuable to our graduate student population (especially since none of the USC Linguistics faculty work with endangered languages, and many of our students are interested in doing so!) The following is the agenda for the evening: 7:00pm-8:00pm -- Reception 8:00pm-9:15pm -- Screening 9:15pm-10:00pm -- Q&A session We will be inviting all linguistics students at USC (including those in undergraduate GE classes) to this screening, as well as graduate students and professors in linguistics from other Southern California schools which will not be screening this film. This will be a great networking opportunity for our graduate students as they will have the opportunity to connect or reconnect with other students in the area.

Line Item Budget Information:

Description of Expense	Amount	Source of Funding
Catering for reception	1700	GPSS
Equipment Rentals for reception	595	USG
Color copies for fliers	375	USG
Hotel accomodations	385	USG
Screening fee	700	Linguistics Dept.
Airfare	1000	Linguistics Dept.
Ground transportation	200	GSIL org funds
*Total:	\$5755	

Amount Requested: \$1700.00

From: GPSS – Discretionary

Finance Committe Recommendation: \$1250

- Excellent efforts to get multiple sources of funding.
- Seems like a good event, but \$10 per grad student for food should be enough.

Agenda Item PULLED for further discussion: Voted \$750 [73%], \$1250[20%]

4) **Organization:** Master of Public Health Student Association

Event Name: MaPHSA Annual Banquet

Attendance: 250 **Percent Graduate:** 100%

When: May 1st, 2009 2:00 - 5:00pm

Where: Bungalow

What:

This is the annual banquet held by the Master of Public Health Student Association to recognize graduate students who have contributed to the bettering of the community, the USC name, as well as recognize those graduate students who have finished the Public Health Master's program. The benefit of this event is that it demonstrates that we at USC, appreciate the efforts of these graduate students, and do celebrate the achievement of obtaining this milestone. We plan to recognize students for their research, commitment to the community they serve, and scholastic efforts. We will be highlighting some of the projects that some of the students have done. For example, a few graduate students went to Tijuana, Mexico and distributed condoms as well as other health educational brochures. Another group of students will be heading up to Sacramento to be lobbying for the improvement of healthcare. These efforts done by the graduate students will be highlighted and celebrated at this event.

We do not plan to use USC vendors because our campus is not near UPC. We are planning to use vendors that are closer to the Alhambra Campus or the venue picked out. We are doing this to ease the pick-up of any of the items for the event. We will be inviting 261 graduate students from the Master of Public Health program by paper invitation, personal emails. We plan to promote the event with email reminders and word of mouth. We do plan to sell tickets to the event to pay for the additional cost associated with banquet (beverages, decorations, etc).

Line Item Budget Information:

Description of Expense	Amount	Source of Funding
Venue	800	GPSS
Dinner	1000	GPSS
Awards	200	GPSS
Dessert	300	GPSS
Appetizers	1000	MaPHSA Org funds
Entertainment	1000	MaPHSA Org funds
Parking	1000	MaPHSA Org funds
Decoration	100	MaPHSA Org funds
Beverages	2400	MaPHSA checking account and ticket sales
*Total:	\$7800	

Amount Requested: \$2300

From: GPSS – Discretionary

Finance Committee Recommendation: ???

- This seems like something that organizational funds should be used for.
- Regardless of what campus they're on, they still need to use USC-approved vendors.
- Proposal is vague: What is Bungalow? Are they providing the food or is there a caterer?
- They should sell tickets to help defray their costs.

Item PULLED for further discussion

VOTED : TABLED [77%]