Senate Meeting Minutes
16 November 2016--8 AM

In attendance:

Senators
Craig A. Ford, Jr.  Karina Hamamouche  Adair Bender
Yuchao Li  Anatoly Arlashin  Amy Northrup
Christopher Tansey  Lazaro Silva  Hannah Trost
Samantha Bondaryk

Observers
Ryan Kay (CSOM, GMA Treasurer)
Katie Baker (Higher Ed, GEA Vice-President)
Melissa Olivier (SSW)
Jordan Thierault (A&S)

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I. Relay for Life (Melissa Oliver) Olivermc@bc.edu (954-604-8868)
   ● Late March Event
   ● Goal: $165,000
   ● Stay Up for One Night
   ● Want more graduate engagement

II. Update from Union (Jordan Thierault)
   ● We are moving forward with the union.
   ● We are not set back by the recent presidential election

III. Action Tank 2017 (Chris Tansey)
   ● Saturday, March 18, 2017 9 AM-4 PM
   ● The goal of the conference is to bring the entire BC community together in order
to discuss strategies for dealing with structurally disadvantaging forces in the
classroom and school setting (e.g., the racism, sexism, heterosexism, etc.,
formula), as well as to put forward policies that will help continue to hold our
community accountable to our insights as well as to minoritized communities on
campus.
   ● Breakfast and lunch will be provided
   ● Part 1: Discussion about the campus climate, and issues that consistently
emerge. The discussion will include undergraduate leaders, graduate
organizations and school administration
   ● Part 2: Develop actionable steps to address issues that were discussed
IV. Elections Committee: Director of Finance Search (Mark D’Angelo and Hannah Trost)
   ● Peter Lee has been selected as the new Director of Finance
   ● There were a significant amount of candidates this cycle
   ● Peter was deemed incredibly qualified, personable and committed to public engagement
   ● We are waiting for Peter to accept the offer

V. 2016-2017 Budget Matters
   ● SSW: Lazaro (SSW) made an intervention calling for a senate vote on the budget proposed at the September 2016 meeting. He would also like to move to repeal the results of the Carryforward project. The SSW alleges the following: The current budget under which the GSA operates has not been approved by the Senate per the Constitution. The Carryforward approved by the Senate at the 2016 meeting has not been carried out as the Senate ordered. The Senate voted to retain the Carryforward project.
   ● GMA: Adair and Ryan (GMA) made a motion for GSA to refund $1800 for the full deficit, it did not pass. GSA made a motion to not refund the full $1800 deficit, it did not pass. GMA made a motion for GSA to refund half the deficit, which is $900, and it passed. The Senate voted to re

Executive Director Updates
Preparation for Board of Trustees Presentation (December 2nd, 9-11AM)

Spring Semester Senate Meetings (Doodle goes out tomorrow)

Taking the Temperature of Grad Students in response to election. In response to Rally?

Petition to Declare BC a Sanctuary School?

Advocacy Concerns?