

MINUTES OF THE ANTHROPOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION
MEETING

29 April 2009

Melissa L. "Kiki" Ka'akau-Delizo, Secretary

Summary of Proceedings and Decisions

I. Department History Project - Maggie

Anyone interested in conducting interviews, let Maggie know.

II. Lounge Improvements - Maggie

Ideas for sprucing up the Special Events Room (aka Lounge) are most welcome!

III. Lyon Arboretum - Rachel

This weekend! This will be the last outing this academic year, so please contact Rachel if you're interested in getting some fun archaeological experience under your belt.

IV. "Jr. Archaeologist" Project - Tanya

Anyone who'd love to give some pre- and elementary schoolers some fun, hands-on archaeology activities, please let Tanya know! She sent out an email on this already. May 15th will be the date for going to Ka Waihona o ka Na'auao school, from 8:45-12:30. There are 4 classes that need volunteers to help Tanya out with this great opportunity to really make a difference in the community and teach students to love science, especially anthropology and archaeology.

V. Ka'ala

This is an on-going activity for the Fall, and will cost about the same (\$2.50) for the bus charter. Plan to go around the first or second week after school starts. Any questions about this activity should be directed to Chris or Tamara.

VI. AGRL - Rachel

The team is trying to incorporate Dr. Etkin's collection and a fully operational database will be reading by the Fall. Please, no unauthorized persons in the AGRL!! Only those anthro grad students who have volunteered or are currently volunteering are allowed access while the room is not monitored.

VII. End of academic year potluck - Kiki

Students, faculty, and staff are all invited to the Diamond Head end of Kapi'olani Park on May 9th, from around 12:30 to whenever. Bring equipment for games, if you'd like and anyone with a hibachi is asked to please bring it for grilling! Please, let's NOT have everyone bring rice!

VIII. Treasury - Asami

PLEASE pay for drinks and snacks! It's an HONOR BAR, not a hand-out.

IX. Anthro Social

This afternoon at around 4pm. Beer \$ goes to Chris. Reminder: NO ALCOHOL in the lounge!!

X. Printer Room - Ashley

See Ashley regarding the use of this room.

XI. Post-fieldwork Presentations – Hyeon Ju

An idea was presented to incorporate faculty presentations along with MA and Ph.D. presentations. Remember, those who have completed the fieldwork for their MA or Ph.D. program should consider presenting, as this is a safe venue prior to AAAs or the Symposium series. See Hyeon Ju if you'd like to help with the planning.

XII. Parking Rates

Parking rates will be increased. There will be a hearing on this matter on May 5th, 10:00am, CC room 220.

XIII. GSO - Shanna

Voting is currently being held for the position of VP. See Shanna if you have any questions.

Meeting with Drs. White and Bilmes

For those who missed it, the following are some of the highlights:

Thank you for all the student involvement in the colloquia, GSO, seminars, etc. Ideas are always welcome for new presentations and volunteers are needed to help plan and carry out these activities.

Departmental Funding: GA funds will continue. TA allotment is on a 2-year cycle among departments and is up by 15% in our department. Tuition Waivers/TA-ships will now be awarded on the basis of merit and seniority. GPA WILL be considered and the Student Progress Forms utilized to make award decisions. Funding for lecturers is GONE so anyone with a desire to acquire some teaching experience will need to go through the Outreach College, including Extension courses, Summer Session, and Online courses.

Scholarships: A new scholarship will be awarded from an endowment left by a former faculty member. \$6K for Doctoral students in the write-up phase may be available for Spring. A departmental committee will be organized for this. Others sources are: the Lebra Scholarship, the Nina Etkin Fund, and Travel Awards. See Dr. White if you have any questions regarding any of the above-mentioned sources of funding, or if you know of any others the department could tap into.

Scarcity of 600/700- level courses: Budget cuts have made this a difficult issue to conquer. The department is well aware that there are not enough grad-level courses offered regularly (in our department) to fulfill the 18 credits required by the Grad Division. This results in students having to fulfill them outside the department (not necessarily a bad thing). Dual-listing courses is a great idea that will be re-visited, since it makes good economic sense and will credit the grad students for doing the extra work required of them in an undergrad class.