



University of California, San Diego
Graduate Student Association

Council Meeting #5
Monday, December 8, 2014
6:00pm, Price Center Forum

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of CM4 [Minutes](#)
 - A. ***Motion to approve council meeting #4 minutes, seconded***
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - A. ***Motion to approve amended agenda with item VIII for Chancellor Professional Development ideas, seconded***
- IV. Public Comments and Announcements
 - A. Reps please site
 - B. Lindsay - opening of Grad Lounge at the beginning of winter quarter
 - C. 3 Listening Sessions with the VC of Equity
 - D. 2 tickets for the Nutcracker for this Saturday
 - E. Town Hall to discuss issues about graduate building
 - F. GSA Holiday Party with the Grad Parent Network - Saturday with Cafe Vieta
- V. Special Election - Vice President for External Affairs
 - A. Candidates: Garrett Bredell
 1. very experienced, served as the National Liaison, familiar with the resources that help graduate student lobby
 2. elected as the VP of External Affairs
- VI. Special Presentation - GPSES Survey, Lindsay Freeman [5 minutes]
 - A. GPSES - Graduate and Professional Student Experience and Satisfaction Survey, conducted by both GSA and the Graduate Division
 - B. Importance:
 1. 2005: feelings of disconnect with campus
 - a) Response: Social and Cultural Coordinators
 - C. 2014 GPSES Results- Action Items
 1. Problem: higher rates of mental health issues
 - D. Work on writing a report
- VII. Presentation of [GPSES Committee Charge](#), Lindsay Freeman [10 minutes]

- A. Motion to approve, seconded
- VIII. Special Presentation - UCAB Porters Pub decision, Bryan Arias and Handa Yang [15 minutes]
 - A. Student advisory board to UCEN
 - B. UCEN:
 - 1. Includes: Original Student Center, Porter's Pub space + stage room, PC East + West, Che Cafe Facility
 - 2. $\frac{2}{3}$ budget from student fees (\$76.50 per quarter)
 - 3. Previous Votes:
 - a) starbucks
 - b) taco villa
 - c) lemongrass
 - d) round table (2 year renewal)
 - (1) good feedback they received from them
 - 4. Porters Pub
 - a) initially brought into meet desires for pub serving food and alcohol
 - b) changed ownership in 2008
 - c) 2008
 - (1) granted primary control of stage room with amendment
 - d) Decision to move to RFP (sales and feedback)
 - (1) RFP-request for proposal
 - (2) porters sells least amount of good
 - (3) rated low for:
 - (a) quality, freshness of food
 - (b) speed of service
 - (c) cleanliness
 - (d) overall value
 - (4) vendor operations mostly confidentials, but students/staff employees expressed difficulty in working at Porters
 - (a) double booking
 - (b) lack of adherence to UCEN reservation procedures
 - (c) lack of response to reservation requests
 - (d) being charged to use the space (student fee funded)
 - (e) Misled into noncompliance with CSI and TAP

- forms (security)
- (f) Number of student run events are decreasing
- (5) Final decision to move to RFP
 - (a) UCAB unanimously moved to a Request for Proposals
- e) Questions/input on Porter's RFP?
 - (1) Don- management is not up to par
 - (2) Total process of RFP begins when businesses put a bid and should take around 4 months
 - (a) May 2015
 - (3) How do their alcohol sales measure compared to the other food vendors? Has that been able to break even?
 - (a) Danger of losing alcohol license
 - (b) important to separate the two categories (food and alcohol)
 - (4) Importance of having a minority owned?
 - (a) Santorini, Tapex, Lemongrass, Hi Thai, etc. are owned by mostly minority
 - (5) How involved would the graduate students be involved in the RFP?
 - (a) remain pub/gastropub?
 - (b) keep serving alcohol
 - (c) other concepts/ideas
 - (d) ⇒ asked to the graduate students
- f) Motion to approve by extending by 3 minutes**
 - (1) Che Cafe and Porter's Pub are good places for music acts. In moving forward, trying to make sure in programming the same level and frequency of music artists. Two major hits for the cultural perspective of campus
 - (2) Pub concept should still be in Porter's Pub
 - (3) Serving alcohol is non-negotiable because there are little options. Events are held in Porter's Pub and maintaining the ability to hold events is important
 - (4) Would like to see Porter's as something different other than a TGI Fridays, Applebees, etc.

IX. Chancellor's Professional Development - [15 minutes]

- A. Input for Professional Development provided by the Chancellor

1. getting more support for Price Center staff/Jacobs School of Engineering
 - a) not specifically for Engineering
 - b) Newly hired liaison Dr. Ferez and pushing for SRAs: program for final year in thesis.
 - c) Phd Day into a three day event: academic, industry, then for everyone
2. Graduates from non industry/academia
 - a) Supporting non-sciences
3. What are the stipulations?
 - a) Depends on more of our input; just for professional development
4. Workshop on organizational, research, management skills
5. More funding for travel grants
6. Having events where graduate students can meet up with CEOs of firms rather than career fairs
7. More offerings to get into teaching practices in applying for teaching positions
8. to provide resources for non-terminal graduate students
 - a) many graduates who drop out and providing connection resources in ways to find a job
9. Want to meet other people to exchange ideas and work with all the other departments
10. Classes similar to the micro MBA; Saturday type classes

B. Motion to approve by extending time by 3 minutes

1. More graduate student foreign language that is more accommodating for graduate student hours

X. Standing Committee Charges - Don Johnson, VP DSEI [5 minutes]

A. [GSA Diversity Committee Charge](#)

B. [Cultural Student Organization Council Charge](#)

XI. Constitutional Amendments: Second Vote - Don Johnson, VP DSEI [5 minutes]

A. [Reconciliation Amendments](#)

XII. Presentation of Finance Bills

A. FFF1: Appropriate \$200 by Donald Johnson for the GSA/Grad parent Network holiday party to be held on December 13th 2014 at Cafe vita. The funding will be used for refreshments and decorations. The organizer expects 30 families to attend this event.

1. Motion to Approve; Approved

XIII. Presentation on Physics Graduate students funding issues [5 mins]

- A. Leandra Boucheron
- B. State of the Department
 - 1. lack of communication
 - 2. faculty staffs should be increased to bring a department to a level comparable to peer institutions
 - a) At the time, too low of grad students? but 146 students
 - b) enrollment increased to 171
 - c) number of available GSR positions dropped from 112 to 95
 - d) difference of 42 positions
 - e) number of TA positions are less than 10
 - 3. What happened to 42 students
 - a) TA positions filled by grads from other departments
 - b) all physics department TA positions held by physics grads
 - c) ⇒ But not enough to bridge the gap
 - d) two large classes , but no money
 - e) dean granted \$500K one time bail out
 - f) instead of focusing on long term and now there is just no money
 - g) Don-Is money from the chancellor?
 - (1) Sitting in a block grant and do not what to do with it
 - (2) Not enough money to help out physics department
- C. The Fall 2014 Funding Crisis
 - 1. 93 applicants for TA positions
 - 2. Started denying TA position for above year 3 students, regardless of past funding history OR academic progress
- D. Motion to extend time by 3 minutes**
 - 1. advisors threatened that students would be cut from the program if cannot come up with GSR Support
 - 2. grads when outside department for support, or were forced to go on leave of absence for lack of funding
- E. Winter 2015 Windfall
 - 1. 77 applicants for ~55 positions
 - 2. About to go to GSA and TA union to get involved until the department found out and the funding problems have been “solved”
 - 3. The number of grads needing TA positions was decreased and the number of available positions was increased
 - 4. the department offered TA positions for undergraduates
- F. Motion to approve by extending by 3 minutes**
- G. Where is the problem?

1. Advisors are spending into the red to protect their students
2. If advisors low on funding, FSR support this quarter mean less GSR support in the future
3. New faculty are scared to take on students in case they get stuck with them

H. Conclusion

1. Physics department not in best interest of graduate students
2. guarantee of continuing funding is tenuous
3. TA position; no priority system for determining allocations
4. focused on short term fixed and not addressing larger problem

I. Q/A

1. What is the ideal solution? How can GSA help? Is this a broader issue on campus other than physics?
 - a) Not one solution; Long-term: Stabilizing the class size
 - b) Short term fix-hard to stabilize and grad students would just leave

J. Motion to approve to extend by 5 minutes

- a) Communication needed with physics department
- b) Hiring post-docs instead of grad students
- c) Experimental physics received GSR; Theoretical physics mostly do TA positions

XIV. Appointments

A. Natalie Larson - Chief of Staff

B. VP Campus

1. Dan Jacobsen, Chair of Joint AS / GSA Transportation Committee
2. May-Linn Paulsen, Joint AS / GSA Transportation Committee
3. Alex Georges, Joint AS / GSA Transportation Committee
4. Josh Kenchel, Co-Op Advisory Committee
5. Jessica Blanton, Vice Chair GPSES Committee

C. Motion to approve slate: approved

XV. Adjourn

A. Adjourned at 7:32 PM