



University of California, San Diego
Graduate Student Association

Council Meeting #1
Monday, October 5, 2015
6:00 pm, Price Center Forum

- I. Call to Order [6:07pm]
- II. Approval of CM#15 (2015) [Minutes](#)
 - A. Motion to approve CM#15 minutes, second**
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - A. Motion to strike item X of SFAC presentation and add appointment of Negin Mokhtari, second**
 - B. Motion to add appointment of Jasmine Roberts, second**
 - C. Motion to approve agenda, second**
- IV. Public Comments and Announcements [5 minutes]
 - A. Paul Tchir - SFAC
 1. October 14th in Red Shoe Room, determine agenda for student fees with free burritos
 2. go to your constituents, see what their concerns are about student fees
 - B. DPC for 2014-2015 only available until October 31st
 1. expense must hit the ledger before the 31st
 2. submit reimbursement at least a week before
- V. Presentation - Overview of GSA and Summer Update [10 minutes]
 - A. Lindsay Freeman, President
 - B. GSA Rep retreat -
 1. orientation to structure & terms of GSA
 2. there will be Phil's BBQ & beer/wine
 - C. GSA represents the graduate students at UCSD
 - D. Accomplishments:
 1. started travel grants for grad students last year
 2. fund a lot of events for grad students
 3. a lot of policy making, important decisions that affect graduate students
 4. host roaming social hours, grab & grub

5. advocate on a national level for graduate students interests/needs

E. Structure

1. made of council representatives
2. executive board oversees council business, make sure events are held appropriately
3. Matthew Cohen, Chief of Staff
 - a) handles agenda, listserve, orders food for meetings
4. Teresa Zimmerman-Liu, VP Academic Affairs
 - a) academic needs of grad students
 - b) Betty Ramirez, Professional Development Coordinator
 - (1) new position
 - (2) works on department analysis committee
 - (3) hold professional development events
 - (4) plan to survey grad students to gage the academic resources/services on campus
5. Garrett Bredell, VP External Affairs
 - a) Mark Derdzinski, Legislative Liaison for National Affairs & Kimberly McCabe, Legislative Liaison for State & Local Affairs
 - b) national and state advocacy
 - c) planning the student advocates for graduate retreat, which UCSD is hosting this year
 - d) participate in lobby core - advocacy here in SD and Sacramento
6. Mukanth Vaidyanathan, VP Financial Affairs
 - a) money man
 - b) handles all financial affairs, settling annual budget for GSA
 - c) runs finance committee
 - d) helps with the reimbursement process
 - e) streamlined DPC to make it easier to get reimbursements
7. Daniel Jacobsen, VP of Student & Campus Affairs
 - a) Alexandra Buckley & Frank Beckwith, Social Events Coordinator
 - (1) host huge roaming hours - first one October 2nd
 - b) Sarah Barnhill, Cultural Events Coordinator
 - (1) hosts cultural events
 - c) reports to housing, transportation and university committees
 - d) hosted orientation mixer
8. Tara Pixley, VP of Diversity, Equity, Service, & Inclusion

- a) Troy Kokinas - Community Outreach Coordinator
 - (1) community resource centers on campus
 - (2) the collective reintegration committee
- b) aims to make GSA council more open and transparent
- c) helping with teaching and learning in a diverse classroom
- d) communication workshops

F. Call for Committee Openings, contact appropriate VP

VI. Special Presentation - Art of Inclusive Communication [45 minutes]

- A. Lisa Maxwell, Director of National Conflict Resolution Center (NCRC)
- B. separate from undergraduate students in order to meet the graduate student needs
- C. the problem with improper communication can come from when we try to categorize the world into boxes → creating biases, have problems with outliers
- D. continue to recognize biases, stereotypes
- E. Adapt responsibly to cultural diversity by understanding your communication style; everyone has a go to style
 - 1. direct communication + emotionally restrained = discussion style
 - a) why you disagree with us
 - b) we may be emotionally invested as well, just restraining the emotion to keep the conversation logical
 - 2. indirect communication + emotionally restrained = accommodation style
 - a) we have an opinion too
 - b) listen to us as well, give them space to give their opinion
 - 3. direct communication + emotionally expressive = engagement style
 - a) when we get passionate, don't judge us as angry or overly emotional or illogical
 - 4. indirect communication + emotionally expressive = dynamic style
 - a) be patient with us

F. Aikido - use energy of opponent to move them

- 1. adjust style/communication based on person you are talking to

G. *Motion to extend by 10 minutes, second*

H. There's an app! NCRC-UCSD\

I. Workshop on Communication between Graduate Students & Faculty

- 1. October 22nd

VII. Vote on Finance Bills [5 minutes]

A. Motion to approve as APRF 1, second

B. \$7/graduate students from GSA, \$7.50/graduate students from DPC

C. Motion to approve APRF2, ERF1, ERF2, and ERF3 s as a slate, second

VIII. Presentation - [UCSD Library Graduate Advisory Committee \(UCSD LGAC\)](#)

[Charge](#) [10 minutes]

- A. Maya Sapiurka, Teresa Zimmerman-Liu, Daniel Jacobsen
- B. Wife of Geisel donated money to the library
- C. want to hear from grad students' opinion about what to do with the library, what grad students needs
- D. have comments on charge you can comment on the document
- E. you can email Maya

IX. Presentation - Student Advocates for Graduate Education (SAGE) Conference [5 minutes]

- A. Garrett Bredell, VP External Affairs and Mark Derdzinski, Legislative Liaison of National Affairs
- B. SAGE is an important manifestation that they belong to
- C. Duties
 - 1. promote interests of UCSD GSA and communicate with UC Regents and UC Office of the President
 - 2. Advocate on behalf of GSA UCSD to State and National legislators, as well as NGOs
- D. SAGE is a coalition of tier 1 institutions to coordinate on a national level
- E. Fall Summit Goals
 - 1. introductions and socialization
 - 2. exchange best practices across campus
 - 3. raise issues developed within membership
 - 4. *Motion to extend by 5 minutes, second*
 - 5. Discuss and debate white papers
- F. Attend SAGE networking event
 - 1. October 9th, 3015
 - 2. Village 15 4pm-6pm
- G. Contact the Office of VO External Affairs
 - 1. VP External: vpexternal@gsa.ucsd.edu
 - 2. National LL: us.legislative@gsa.ucsd.edu
 - 3. State LL: ca.legislative@gsa.ucsd.edu
- H. What kind of openings do you have people to get involved?
 - 1. recruiting for Lobby Core, great opportunity to meet Sacramento officers

X. ~~Presentation - Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) [10 minutes]~~

- ~~A. Paul Tehir, Chair SFAC~~

XI. Appointments

A. President and Vice Presidents

1. Chief of Staff - Matthew Cohen

B. Vice President of Academic Affairs

1. Professional Development Coordinator - Betty Ramirez
2. Academic and Judicial Committee - Teresa Zimmerman-Liu, Betty Ramirez, Suneer Derma, Stacey Livingstone, Megan Chu
3. Academic Integrity Review Board - Tavinia Claiborne, Suzanne Rohrback, Navarre Gutierrez, Alan Ward, Elaine Pirie, Abdullah Hamid, Mayra Cortes, Suranjan Oruganti, Rebecca Stark, James Middlebrook, Daniel Crocker, Zi Cheung
4. Course Materials Fee Committee - Natalie Novick
5. Enrollment Planning Committee - Eric Hahn
6. Academic Freedom Committee - Haley McInnis
7. Campus and Community Environment Committee - Frank Beckwith
8. Diversity & Equity (appointed by VP Diversity, reported to Academic Senate by VP Academic) - Celia Symons
9. Educational Policy - Stephan Mir
10. Graduate Council - Teresa Zimmerman-Liu, Lindsay Freeman
11. International Education - Sophia Georghiou
12. Library - Yi Hong Sim
13. Planning and Budget - Eric Hahn
14. Preparatory Education - Megan Turner
15. Representative Assembly - Teresa Zimmerman-Liu, Lindsay Freeman
16. Senate Awards - Kyle Adam Blair

C. Vice President of External Affairs

1. Legislative Liaison of National Affairs - Mark Derdzinski
2. Legislative Liaison of State Affairs - Kimberly McCabe

D. Vice President of Financial Affairs

1. Student Fee Advisory Committee - Mukanth Vaidyanathan, Negin Mokhtari
2. Campus Budget Advisory Board - Mukanth Vaidyanathan

E. Vice President of Student and Campus Affairs

1. Social Coordinator - Alexandra Buckley
2. Social Coordinator - Frank Beckwith
3. Cultural Coordinator - Sarah Barnhill
4. Associated Residential Community Housing Advising Committee (ARCHAC) - Cory Stevenson, Steven Rees, Sophia Hirakis,

Jasmine Roberts

5. Well-being Cluster Student Advisory Board (WCSAB) - Andrew Richards, Jenny Liang

6. University Centers Advisory Board (UCAB) - Bryan Arias

F. Vice President of Diversity, Equity, Service and Inclusion

1. Community Outreach Coordinator - Troy Kokinos

2. Chancellor's Advisory on Status of Women - Katie Simpson

3. OSD Advisory Committee - Sophia Hirakis

4. Diversity Committee - Manel Palos, Celia Symons, Camielyn West, Samantha Streuli, Don Johnson, Sara Betancur

5. Diversity & Equity (appointed by VP Diversity, reported to Academic Senate by VP Academic) - Celia Symons

G. Chief of Staff

1. Fair Trade Committee - Jasmine Roberts, Whitney Russell

2. Governance Documents Maintenance Committee - Cory Stevenson, Viktoria Gisladdottir

H. Motion to approve as a slate, second

XII. Call for Committee Openings

A. Vice President of Academic Affairs

1. Academic and Judicial Committee - 1 to 3 openings

B. Vice President of Financial Affairs

1. Student Fee Advisory Committee - 1 opening

2. Sports Facilities Advisory Board - 2 openings

3. GSA Finance Committee - 4 openings

C. Vice President of Student and Campus Affairs

1. Associated Residential Community Housing Advisory Committee (ARCHAC) - 3 openings

2. University Centers Advisory Board (UCAB) - 1 opening

3. Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) - 1 opening

4. Student Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) - 1 opening

5. Campus/Community Planning Committee - 1 opening

6. East Campus Planning Advisory Committee - 1 opening

XIII. Adjourn

A. Motion to adjourn, second [7:30pm]

VII. Finance Bills

Fund	Budget Funds	Funds Remaining	Funds under Request	Funds remaining if requests approved
Early Request Fund	\$2500	\$2500	\$2440	\$60
General Request Fund	\$ 10000	\$ 10000	\$ 10000	\$10000
Academic and Professional Request Fund	\$ 10000	\$ 10000	\$910	\$9090
Lounge Improvement Fund	\$ 3500	\$ 3500	\$3500	\$3500
Diversity Request Fund	\$ 5000	\$ 5000	\$5000	\$5000
Service Request Fund	\$ 1500	\$ 1500	\$1500	\$1500
Family Friendly Fund	\$ 2500	\$ 2500	\$2500	\$2500

APRF 1: Appropriate \$700 for the event "Breakfast with Industry" which is organized by Bioengineering Graduate Society on November 7th 2015 at Price Center East Ballroom. Approximately 100 graduate students are expected to attend this event and the funding requested will be used to provide refreshments and food.

APRF 2: Appropriate \$210 for the event " Welcome (back) Event " which was organized by the MAE department on September 20th 2015. The funding request will be used to provide refreshments. Approximately 30 graduate students attended the event.

ERF 1: Appropriate \$840 for the event "Scripps Student Symposium" which was organized by Scripps Research Institute of Oceanography on September 24th 2015 at Scripps seaside forum. Approximately 200 graduate students attended this event and the funding requested was used to provide refreshments and food.

ERF 2: Appropriate \$400 for the event " New Students Orientation" which was organized by CISTA in Huerta-Vera cruz room on September 26th 2015. Approximately 80 graduate students attended this event and the funding requested was used to provide refreshments and food.

ERF 3: Appropriate \$1200 for the event " AIGS fresher's welcome" which was organized by AIGS in Bear Quad on October 3rd 2015. Approximately 250 graduate students attended this event and the funding requested was used to provide refreshments and food.