



University of California, San Diego  
Graduate Student Association

Council Meeting #1  
Monday, October 3, 2016  
6:45 pm, Price Center Forum

- I. Call to Order
  - A. Call to order at 6:58 pm (Tatiana Zavodny, Interim President, VP Academic Affairs)
- II. Approval of CM #15 (2016) Minutes
  - A. Motion to approve: Mark D.
  - B. Second: Sophia H.
  - C. In Favor: unanimous
- III. Approval of Agenda
  - A. Motion to move item VII (Presentation on International Center) to item V (Vote on Finance Bills): Sophia H.
  - B. Second: Eric H.
  - C. Move to amend agenda (Strike out Social Coordinator, Section E, Add 4 names to E): Betty R.
  - D. Second: Sophia H.
  - E. In Favor: unanimous
  - F. Motion to add (Amy O'Keefe under E.5): Sara R.
  - G. Second: Sophia H.
  - H. Move to add (Katie Simpson, Sophia Hirkis, Omar Padilla under Section F)
    - I. Second: Sara R.
    - J. In Favor: unanimous
  - K. Move to amend section (Katya Newmark under Presentation on International Center): Sophia H.
  - L. Second: Eric H.
  - M. In Favor: unanimous
  - N. Move to approve agenda: Cory S.
  - O. Second: Sophia H.
  - P. In Favor: unanimous
- IV. Public Comments and Announcements [10 minutes]

- A. Cultural events update: Lynn
  - 1. Art Power tickets distribution and current events for sale
  - 2. Please send in your student organization events
- B. Sara R.
  - 1. There is plenty of GSA swag to pickup
  - 2. We have GSA pens for you to pickup
  - 3. Thanks to Sophia H. for making delicious bread
- C. Cory S.
  - 1. Arts and crafts that you want on campus -> let him know
- D. Sophia H.
  - 1. Looking for VP of Publicity
  - 2. Message her for people interested
- E. Vladimir J.
  - 1. Meeting in GSA offices, please attend
  - 2. Will send minutes
- F. Betty R.
  - 1. Look through agenda
  - 2. Contact her for social/other events for graduate students
  - 3. Reminder to go to Trivia Night tomorrow!
  - 4. Go to first Roaming Social (with ECE)
  - 5. Motion to Vote on Finance Bills: Mark D.
  - 6. Motion to Vote on Finance Bills as a Slate: Mark D.
  - 7. Second: Sara R.
  - 8. In Favor: unanimous
- V. Vote on Finance Bills [10 minutes]
  - A. Sara R. Rivera (Vice President of Financial Affairs)
    - 1. Information on the different acronyms for events from summer and upcoming
    - 2. Move to approve Finance Bills as a slate: Mark D.
    - 3. Second: Sara R.
    - 4. In favor: unanimous
- VI. Election Committee Presentation [10 minutes] (Jeanelle Horcasitas, Steven Rees, Nathaniel Wood-Cohan)
  - A. PPT presentation
    - 1. Election Night (now - Oct 17)
    - 2. Explained nominations, platforms, campaign advertisements, public endorsements for candidates
    - 3. On Election Night (Oct 3, 6pm, Forum) -> procedure (\*chaired by

- Nate), in absentia
- 4. Final call for nominations, 3 min per candidate for platform (no questions), 10 min Q&A, 10 min open session, 1 min concluding remarks, 5 min closed session
- 5. After election night: Oct 17: president begins term, cm#3: nominations for new Elections Committee
- B. Point of Information (Vladimir J.): How does the Q&A work?
  - 1. Nate W.C.: GSA Council Reps can talk freely
- C. Sara R.: Tatiana only person elected, how to handle VP Academic?
  - 1. Sophia H.: plan to have the special election now for VP Academic?
  - 2. Nate W.C.: No, cannot plan until the position is vacant by protocol
- D. Sara R.: Can we rearrange cm#3 and cm#4?
- E. Sophia H.: How do public endorsements work?
  - 1. Nate W.C.: Public endorsements are unlimited, first time testing it out
- F. Mark D.: when are nominations going to be made public?
  - 1. Nate W.C.: Nominations are already on GSA page, remaining nominations will be posted within the week
- G. Point of information (Sophia H.): Does President announce her own election win?
  - 1. Nate: not sure, we will ask the Elections Committee, thanks
- VII. Presentation on Graduate Student Healthcare and the Affordable Care Act [10 minutes] (Mark Derdzinski)
  - A. Graduate student health care: under ACA it is not legal for employers to provide a subsidy to employees for the purposes of purchasing insurance
  - B. Law is ambiguous concerning classification of graduate students
  - C. IRS Notice 2016-17: SHIP is provided to most university and graduate students, because IRS considers grad students to be “employees” of university; grad students are violating this notice
  - D. Grad students must be shifted to qualifying plans before academic year 2017 -> tried in Missouri (not successful)
  - E. UCSHIP is affected -> UCOP and UC Counsel are aware of the problem
  - F. Bottom line: universities may pay much more for moving grads to employee plans, in some cases a factor of 2-3 (tens of millions)
  - G. Several avenues to solution: Congress can pass a legislative fix (not likely), executive order, IRS can issue private letter ruling, regulatory bodies can reverse their guidance
  - H. Universities + students are lobbying for a fix, engaging in letter-writing campaigns, contacting DOL, DOT, HHS, (both CA senators) etc

- I. Graduate students nationwide with SAGE and NAGPS and universities are heavily lobbying
- J. SHIPs for grads do not violate spirit of ACA, still hope for relief, but time is short
- K. Open to questions: Sophia H., Lynn
- L. Sophia: for students here over 3 years, decline in health insurance coverage, made my personal care terrible
  - 1. Mark: we are on the side of university administration, surprise to many universities, drastic change to insurance structure
- M. Vlad J.: move to extend by 5 minutes
- N. Second: Eric H.
- O. In Favor: unanimous
- P. Mark D.: ACA law is not related to decline in health insurance treatment
- Q. Sophia H.: what can we do about this ACA problem?
  - 1. Mark D.: want to inform you all about the issue, will put out media pressure, no easy answer
  - 2. Betty: Student Wellness Advisory Board appointments -> appointment to UCOP to be a voting member -> anything will happen through them
- R. Lynn: helpful for GSA to pass resolution?
  - 1. Mark D.: possibly in the near future, after the media campaign
- S. Lynn: Negates our previous resolution on health insurance
  - 1. Mark D.: Federal regulations
- T. Monica H.: What about RAFT, not SHIP, with ACA regulations?
  - 1. Mark D.: grad students must be on university health insurance plan, previously receive stipend for purchase of SHIP
- U. Vladimir J.: pass
- V. Roul: seems like IRS is arbitrary, can ruling apply to undergrad workers?
  - 1. Motion to extend by 5 minutes: ?
  - 2. Second: Vladimir J.
  - 3. In Favor: 23
  - 4. Opposed: 13
  - 5. Move to extend to end of speakers list: Cory S.
  - 6. Second: Sophia H.
  - 7. In favor: unanimous
  - 8. Mark D.: yes, that is a possibility with this language
- W. Vladimir J.: email press campaign, should we wait until the Prez. election is happening
  - 1. Mark D.: Congress out until November, maybe not best to get

executive order, hopefully post-election there might be positive actions

VIII. Presentation on International Center [10 minutes] (Sophia Hirakis)

A. Sophia H.: 5th year PhD candidate in Chemistry

1. Called emergency meeting to stop demolition of International Center
2. Contacted by Professor at UCSD
3. Signature of 1000 people in less than a week
4. Supported by former presidents and other prestigious figures
5. Explained relevance of International Center to graduate students
6. Sophia H. is on Campus Planning Committee
7. Point of information (Vladimir J.): students received email about demolition
8. Sophia H.: no student representation on the decision to demolish
9. Offices were split up, employees were let go

B. Katya N.: building stood here for 54 years

1. Community building, globalization before the idea of globalization
2. Initially, IC met with resistance due to political culture of campus
3. IC was in need of renovations, fire hazard concerns
4. But, this is similar to other buildings on campus
5. Unilateral decision to demolish IC -> no other resources on campus to house the IC departments
6. IC is unable to provide full services, i.e. kitchen + lounge space (student orgs used it)
7. Group against demolition asked to renovate the IC

C. Point of information (Sophia H.): falsely told by Vice Chancellor's in meeting that the IC would be renovated

1. Saw the VCSA who said that everyone was happy with the decision to demolish the IC
2. ~50% of students at UCSD are international, many GSA council members are international too

D. Katya N.: IC University Employees were housed together, but now split into 3 groups

1. Motion to extend by 2 minutes: Mark D.
  2. Second: Vladimir J.
  3. In Favor: unanimous
  4. Katya: University is requiring services of IC that is not feasible
  5. IC gave out \$103,000 for study abroad, undergrad, grad students to attend conferences
- E. Questions: Sophia
- F. Michael O.: Thank you for getting the demolition of the IC stopped, want accountability of university for its promises, university is not being transparent about plans
- G. Motion to extend current speaker list: Lynn
- H. Second: Apollo
- I. In Favor: unanimous
- J. Point of information (Cory S.): please address the Chair during the presentation and speaker list
- K. Sophia H.: stress that University is not being transparent about future plans
- L. Sophia H.: resolution to put on paper that University writes its plans about the IC, next 2 weeks
- M. Point of information (Vladimir J.): want to know about the impact on Friends of IC, want more information about the need for the resolution to be passed
1. Sophia H.: no more Friday lunches, no more unity among the IC services
  2. Call for orders of the day: Eric H.
- N. ? : Katya pointed out that the splitting up of IC departments
1. Sophia H.: primary complaint of mold and a death in the meeting
  2. Point of order (Cory S.): this is not a debate
- O. President: speaker list has closed, please address the chair, wrap-up
- P. Sophia H.: please look out for 2 week resolution
- Q. Point of inquiry (Michael O.): can the VC or other people on the other side of the argument present their case?
- R. Katya N.: I have their information presented, please email me for that info,

thank you

## IX. Appointments

- A. Motion to combine all appts into slate: Cory S.
- B. Second: Sophia H.
- C. Point of information (Sophia H.): when can i object a motion?
- D. Point of information (Mark D.): move to amend the
- E. Point of information (Cory S.): motion -> second -> objection -> vote
- F. Point of inquiry (Lynn): use kill main motion?
- G. Point of information (Cory S.): no, you cannot
- H. Point of information (Hayley W.): you can object on a motion, but not debate
- I. Move to approve the slate: Eric H.
- J. Second: Cory S.
- K. In Favor: unanimous
- L. President
  - 1. Chief of Staff - Hayley Weddle
- M. Vice President of Academic Affairs
  - 1. Professional Development Coordinator -
    - a) Katherine Zaba
  - 2. Academic and Judicial Committee -
    - a) Betty Ramirez
    - b) Madhura Som
    - c) Megan Chu
    - d) Valerie Sapp
    - e) Stacey Livingstone
    - f) Mayra Cortes
  - 3. Academic Integrity Review Board -
    - a) Navarre Gutierrez-Reed
    - b) Suzanne Rohrback
    - c) Elaine Pirie
    - d) James Middlebrook
    - e) Daniel Crocker
    - f) Joe DeBlasio
    - g) Joseph Connelly
    - h) Amit Pandey
    - i) David Lenz
    - j) David Kohlbrenner
    - k) Brenna McKee
  - 4. Course Materials Fee Committee -

- a) Natalie Novick
- 5. Co-Curricular Record Committee -
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- 6. Enrollment Planning Committee -
  - a) Julia Fermentto-Tzaisler
- 7. Academic Freedom Committee -
  - a) Haley McInnis
- 8. Campus and Community Environment Committee -
  - a) Jeanelle Horcasitas
- 9. Educational Policy -
  - a) Emma Reeves
- 10. Graduate Council -
  - a) Tatiana Zavodny
  - b) Kim Clark
- 11. International Education -
  - a) Sabrina Berkamp
- 12. Library -
  - a) Yi Hong Sim
- 13. Planning and Budget -
  - a) Mark Derdzinski
- 14. Preparatory Education -
- 15. Representative Assembly -
  - a) President
  - b) VP Academic
- 16. Senate Awards -
  - a) Kyle Blair
- 17. Library Graduate Advisory Committee -
  - a) Jeanelle Horcasitas
  - b) Prestyn McCord
- N. Vice President of External Affairs
  - 1. Legislative Liaison of National Affairs - Kimberly McCabe
  - 2. Legislative Liaison of State Affairs - Vladimir Jovanovic
- O. Vice President of Financial Affairs
  - 1. Student Fee Advisory Committee -
    - a) Masood Jalali
  - 2. Sports Facilities Advisory Board -
  - 3. Finance Committee-
    - a) Jeanelle Horcasitas
    - b) Sabrina Berkamp



c) Zihan Xu

- P. Vice President of Student and Campus Affairs
  - 1. Social Coordinator - Haydee Smith
  - 2. Social Coordinator - Melissa Cohen
  - 3. Cultural Coordinator - Lynn Waterhouse
  - 4. Associated Residential Community Housing Advising Committee (ARCHAC) -
  - 5. Well-being Cluster Student Advisory Board (WCSAB) -
  - 6. University Centers Advisory Board (UCAB) -
- Q. Vice President of Diversity, Equity, Service and Inclusion
  - 1. Community Outreach Coordinator - Troy Kokinos
  - 2. Chancellor's Advisory on Status of Women -
  - 3. OSD Advisory Committee -
  - 4. Diversity Committee -
  - 5. Diversity & Equity (appointed by VP Diversity, reported to Academic Senate by VP Academic) -
- R. Chief of Staff
  - 1. Parliamentarian - Cory Stevenson
  - 2. Fair Trade Committee -
  - 3. Governance Documents Maintenance Committee -
- X. Call for Committee Openings
  - A. Vice President of Academic Affairs
    - 1. Co-Curricular Record Committee - 1
    - 2. Library Graduate Advisory Committee - 2
  - B. Vice President of Financial Affairs
    - 1. Student Fee Advisory Committee - 1 opening
    - 2. Sports Facilities Advisory Board - 2 openings
    - 3. GSA Finance Committee - 2 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
- XI. Call for CM #2 Agenda Items
  - A. Sophia H.
    - 1. Mentorship advising program (Dean of Grad Students)

2. Need 10 minutes for 1st prez and 20 minutes for 2nd prez

XII. Adjourn

A. Motion to adjourn meeting: Eric H.

B. Second: Sophia H.

C. Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm

**VI. Finance Bills**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Budget Funds</b>	<b>Funds Remaining</b>	<b>Funds under Request</b>	<b>Funds remaining if requests approved</b>
Early Request Fund	<b>\$2500</b>	<b>\$230</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$230</b>
General Request Fund	<b>\$11000</b>	<b>\$11000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$11000</b>
Academic and Professional Request Fund	<b>\$11000</b>	<b>\$11000</b>	<b>\$400</b>	<b>\$9600</b>
Lounge Improvement Fund	<b>\$3500</b>	<b>\$3500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3500</b>
Diversity Request Fund	<b>\$5500</b>	<b>\$5500</b>	<b>\$1690</b>	<b>\$3310</b>
Service Request Fund	<b>\$1000</b>	<b>\$1000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1500</b>
Family Friendly Fund	<b>\$1200</b>	<b>\$1200</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2500</b>

**Finance Bills:**

**Summer Events**

**ERF1:** Appropriate \$300 for the event “Consulting Bootcamp” which was organized by the APD Consulting Club at UCSD on July 15th, 2016 at the Forum. Approximately 40 graduate students attended this event and the funding was used to provide refreshments and food.

**ERF2:** Appropriate \$100 for the event “WMIS Mixer/Happy Hour” which was organized by Scripps Institution of Oceanography students on August 17th, 2016 at Surfside. Approximately 15 graduate students attended this event and the funding was used to provide refreshments and food.

**ERF3:** Appropriate \$200 for the event “Summer Diversity Gathering” which was organized by Scripps Institution of Oceanography students on August 3rd, 2016 at Surfside. Approximately 30 graduate students attended this event and the funding was used to provide refreshments and food.

**ERF4:** Appropriate \$930 for the event “Scripps Student Symposium” which was organized by Scripps Institution of Oceanography students on September 21st, 2016 at Scripps Seaside Forum. Approximately 200 graduate students attended this event and the funding was used to provide refreshments and food.

**ERF5:** Appropriate \$140 for the event “Back to School Fall Quarter Meeting” which was organized by Women in Electrical Engineering (WeCe) on September 21st, 2016 at EBU-1 Conference Room. Approximately 20 graduate students attended this event and the funding was used to provide refreshments and food.

**ERF6:** Appropriate \$200 for the event “New Iranian Student Orientation” which was organized by the Cultural Iranian Students Association (CISTA) in collaboration with the Persian Association for Rendering Science and Art (PARSA) on September 24th, 2016 at Student Center, Huerta-Vera Cruz rooms. Approximately 30 graduate students attended this event and the funding was used to provide refreshments and food.

**ERF7:** Appropriate \$400 for the event “Swagatham” which was organized by the Association of Indian Graduate Students (AIGS) on October 2nd, 2016 at PC West. Approximately 120 graduate students attended this event and the funding was used to provide refreshments and food.

### **Upcoming events**

**APRF1:** Appropriate \$400 for the event “R users group meetings” which is organized by the Scripps Institution of Oceanography students and meets biweekly starting October 11th, 2016 at various locations around campus. Approximately 72 graduate students are expected to attend this event and the funding will be used to provide refreshments and food.

**DRF1:** Appropriate \$210 for the event “Study of Gender Effects in Academic Job Seminar” which is organized by Women in Electrical Engineering (WeCe) on October 5th, 2016 at EBU-1 Conference Room. Approximately 30 graduate students are expected to attend this event and the funding will be used to provide refreshments and food.

**DRF2:** Appropriate \$210 for the event “Iranian Music Forum” which is organized by the Cultural Iranian Students Association (CISTA) in collaboration with the Persian Association for Rendering Science and Art (PARSA) on October 8th, 2016 at the Loft. Approximately 30 graduate students are expected to attend this event and the funding will be used to provide refreshments and food.

**DRF3:** Appropriate \$1270 for the event “Diwali 2016” which is organized by the Association of Indian Graduate Students (AIGS) and the undergraduate Indian Student Association (ISA) on October 15th, 2016 at the Multi Purpose Room/Mattews Quad. Approximately 350 graduate students are expected to attend this event and the funding will be used to provide refreshments, food, miscellaneous supplies and facility rental.