



University of California, San Diego  
Graduate Student Association

Council Meeting #10  
Monday, March 9, 2015  
6:00pm, Price Center Forum

- I. Call to Order [6:08pm]
- II. Approval of Agenda
  - A. **Move to approve agenda with amendments, second**
- III. Old Business - Approval of Council Meeting 9 [Minutes](#)
  - A. **Move to approve council meeting 9 minutes, second**
- IV. Public Comments and Announcements [5 mins]
  - A. Community Awards
    - a) awards program put on by GSA - nominations will be accepted soon
    - b) students, faculty, community leaders can be nominated
  - B. Roaming Social by ECE - 8pm Friday followed by Comedy Show at the Loft
  - C. Napolitano Visit/Meeting - Grad Housing, Online Education, Professional Development, Tuition
  - D. Travel Grants for Spring Quarter Due April 10th
  - E. Spring
    1. March 29th at Mesa Housing from 1pm-3pm
- V. Special Visit from Dean of Graduate Students, Kim Barrett
  - A. Open discussion with the Dean [15 minutes]
    1. update on things that GSA is partnered with
      - a) Their website has a graduate division by rebranding the graduate division
      - b) It's important to underscore the importance of professional graduate students at this campus
      - c) The campus is determined to have graduate fellowships to be a major part of this campus
      - d) 3 development staff on graduate fundraising-visiting DC to research more about grad funding

- e) 4th coming Grand Slam competition (170 people signed up)
- f) Trying to get more graduate housing
- g) Chicanos in Sciences Conference - major presence by UCSD, Chancellor committed to a 3 year level of support provided by this year
- h) investment in summer outreach program for undergraduates who are interested in the graduate program to check out the program. Doubling the size of the summer program by expanding across all disciplines

## 2. Q&A

- a) Cory: Using Guardian as a source of information, Office of President decided to cap out of state students, how is going to affect graduates?

(1) Barrett: Only affecting undergraduates

- b) Bryan: Thanks for doing the STAR program, if it wasn't for that program I probably wouldn't have come here.

(1) Barrett: Still trying to increase the amount of people attending program

- c) Amelia: All new fellowship resources, what happens to students who are on fellowships? People fall in the cracks of fellowships of the campus rules (child care subsidy), they are not getting full benefits of a full fellowship? People don't know who to go ask about these problems. What are the plans to help students who are falling through the cracks and helping students to find resources (students being minority and international students)? Recommendation to contact someone about these issues?

(1) We care greatly about students on fellowship.

Thanking Jon and Don for informing about these problems. If they have a stipend plus resident tuition they will be eligible.

(a) Complication-all types of different fellowships

(i) people who come with \$1000, \$500, or 30,000

(2) Need some quite of equity so they planned to have different types of fellowships

(3) Decided to give accordingly by TA

(4) Working with departments: by paying up front and being reimbursed

- (5) Working with EDC, on how to supplement those who get some tuition paid.
- (6) On how to find out: the graduate division is there and is available to contact; contact directly to Kim Barrett
- d) Omar: Mentioned expanding , 18th quarter rule will be affected which will affect the
  - (1) system wide policy: no graduate student, no sentiment system wide. Need to be successful in raising money for fellowship and for students to not have to TA for their entire graduate years
    - (a) no immediate change in the policy but need resources
- e) How to get out of working as a TA
  - (1) Don't see that raising money will be for new students only
- f) Troy: In terms of representation outside of the sciences, what are your impressions about....
  - (1) a lot faculty are in the humanities, need to work with the faculty members
  - (2) unable to say of what kind of people applied, but will accommodate accordingly to field of study with faculty member
- g) *Move to extend time by 3 minutes, second***
- h) Don: Duty of the mentors will be? How will the program look?
  - (1) recognize have to look at the program, carefully and look at aspects of subsidizing group
  - (2) community college students there to see what is needed to transfer
  - (3) don't have the details worked out yet, cause need to look at the composition will be
  - (4) have additional funding for grad applicants from disciplines that relate to the student body we are bringing

B. Discussion of childcare subsidies to graduate fellows [5 minutes]

1. Q&A

- a) Don: THANKS
- b) Amelia: Appreciate that Kim is looking into fellowship and is completely different situations and their jobs is to get voices

heard and thanks for having students not being heard.

2. Hard to get information out to students
  - a) Amelia: Orientation for those who are on fellowships for the first time with the understanding that everything is different. To give information of different fellowship for new students and old students
  - b) Teresa: orientation for continuing students
3. Cory: why are the benefits of graduate students not tied to being full time 12 unit students?
  - a) the benefit of UAW: the university says that it was provided for the benefit of employment
    - (1) the university processes graduates as students and employees

C. Discussion on extending other services to graduate fellows [5 minutes]

1. Having the orientation could be best to get information out
2. They meet regularly with the coordinators
3. Coordinators do not want to be on the spot

VI. Special Visit from Karen Calfas, Executive Director of Student Health and Wellbeing [10 minutes]

A. UCSHIP Enrollment 14-15

1. 4538 Grad Students-stable over the years
2. 50 dependents of grad students
  - a) about half children
  - b) other half are partners
3. 2014-2015 Plan Year Rate:
  - a) \$1066/quarter
  - b) \$3199/year

B. Grad UCSHIP Renewal

1. Every year look at how much insurance will need to go up
2. National medical inflation rate: 9-12%
3. Avg. SHIP increase in medical = 9.6%
4. UCSD Grad SHIP renewal = 8.2%
5. Overall renewal increase is less than counting other premium components not increasing or increasing less: 6.67%
6. This is a very good renewal
7. 2-3 years ago SHIP underwent new leadership who has turned this SHIP around

C. For your consideration

1. Dependent rate: lower from 150% to 125% cost \$5/year

2. Grad student “stabilization fund”
  - a) \$391,000 paid for by grad students for “deficit”
  - b) No longer needed
  - c) Can use 391k or some portion to buy down premium for 1+ years
    - (1) All: 4600 grad students = ~\$85/for year (\$28/q)
    - (2) Half: \$42/for year (~\$14/q)
3. Lower premium this year, it may increase next year so it might come as a shock

#### D. Q&A

1. Lindsay: \$391,000 better services to grad students because high increase in mental health of students. Why not hire a one year post-doc?
  - a) by the end of March to see if there is a funding available for psychiatrists
  - b) increase availability of psychiatrists
2. Don: Potential expansion who is that going to affect?
  - a) more availability, then fewer people will need to be waived out
  - b) people waive out of SHIP with medical have fewer provider in San Diego
  - c) refer them to a new office behind Rock Bottom with the lowest possible co-pay
3. Don: Amazing to see \$5/year for dependents
  - a) ideally will be the same
  - b) undergraduates have the same cost
4. Travis: Why there is such a difference?
  - a) rates from this year and next year: as a campus pulling risk of those dependents to the entire population
5. Andrew: Interest is anything spectacular right now but it will be
6. Don: Pulling risk of dependents of the entire graduate population, seen demand for services increase, decrease or stabilize?
  - a) Haven't analyzed the stabilization of the use of services by dependents
7. Cory: Remember from last year's discussions, the rate of graduates students to take a leave of absence is difficult. Do you know what that rate is?
  - a) don't have that file
  - b) grad student take that leave of absence will be in a volunteer

- c) allowed to enroll to have those benefits, but paying a higher amount because not a student anymore
- 8. Teresa: How long will it last?
  - a) 391 one time money until it runs out
  - b) after that, it would be where it was
- 9. Travis: Leave of absence is there a problem signing up for it?
  - a) No problem signing up again

VII. Finance Bills

- A. GRF10: Appropriate \$850 to Vineet Pandey for AIGS-ISA Holi Festival of colors 2015 @ Muir College fields. This event will be hosted on April 5th and the organizers are expecting to have approximate 180 graduate students. The funding will be used for refreshments, colors and publicity.
- B. **Move to approve GRF10, second**
- C. DRF05: Appropriate \$400 to Lindsay Freeman for QuEST Winter Networking Event @ Surfside by SIO Pier. This event will be hosted on March 18th and the organizers are expecting to have approximate 65 graduate students. The funding will be used for refreshments and publicity.
- D. **Move to approve DRF05, second**
- E. GRF11: Appropriate \$250 to Katarzyna Matusik for End of quarter pizza party hosted by MAE @ Round Table Pizza in Price Center. This event will be hosted on March 19th and the organizers are expecting to have approximate 105 graduate students. The funding will be used for purchase pizza and non-alcoholic drinks at the round table and will be open to all graduate students.
- F. **Move to approve GRF11, second**

VIII. Presentation of [DCR06](#): lowering dependent rates [10 mins]

- A. Sponsored by Andrew Richards, Don Johnson, and Lindsay Freeman
- B. Come back April 6th, to vote
- C. Straightforward, please talk to your constituents
- D. Not a student fee, it's about how we want to pay for SHIP
- E. Talk to your departments to see what their feelings are
- F. Any questions please email sponsors
- G. Quote is going to change to a bit higher than \$5
- H. Mark: What is the resolution?
  - 1. reduce it to 1.25
- I. Bryan: This is for next year?
  - 1. this is from next year onwards
- J. Better premium than what we have now, no reason why dependents

should have more

- K. Don: Next year may see a resolution that may go to 100% depending on the rates. Given the passage of affordable healthcare act, issue giving up on this current healthcare plan
  - L. Karen: At least one campus thinking about eliminating the dependency rate because of the high risk. Student Health Services open Saturday morning from 9am-12pm and Tuesdays/Thursdays till 6pm
- IX. Presentation by Dan Jacobsen (Transportation Policy Committee Rep) [15 mins]
- A. Parking rates in Hopkins/Pangea parking structure are doubling from \$1/hr (\$8 max) to \$2/hr (\$16/max). This is the same price as Gilman. Coming soon
  - B. Regional Transportation Projects - Construction
    - 1. What Parking spaces will be vanishing soon
    - 2. Solutions Offered by campus
  - C. Regional Transportation Projects
    - 1. Gilman Transit Center
    - 2. I-5/Genesee Avenue Interchange
    - 3. Regents Road Widening
    - 4. I-5/Gilman Bridge
    - 5. Mid-Coast Corridor Light Rail Transit
    - 6. Widening the Voigt Bridge for Bike Lanes
    - 7. I-5 Express Lanes/DAR
    - 8. Timeline
      - a) Everything but the I-5
      - b) overlap, projects in parallel
      - c) bad because parking spaces will be vanishing
    - 9. Parking Occupancy - Now (Survey)
      - a) West Campus most important - claim 90% occupancy rate at peak, 145 reserved empty spaces, 121 allocated (catering)
        - (1) B/S Occupied 99%
        - (2) not many open spaces on campus now, going to lose them all
    - 10. Parking Displacements 2014-19
      - a) orange: temporary
      - b) red: permanent
    - 11. Parking Additions 2014-19
      - a) 1600 spaces being built
      - b) many being gained spaces are really only for the hospital
      - c) most of the spaces on East Campus

- d) does not help the poor West Campus losing cause they are not being replaced

#### D. Solutions

1. Email from a few weeks ago to detail how to solve parking issue
2. Green: going to happen
3. Purple: proposed ideas
  - a) talking about adding parking structure in Revelle
  - b) redoing lines to add more spaces
  - c) turn gliderport into official UCSD parking
  - d) parallel parking on Hopkins drive → removing a bunch of bike lanes
4. Potential Parking Additions
  - a) Roughly 206 West Campus Max (Fast)
  - b) new parking lots (med)
  - c) new parking structures (slow)
    - (1) the Pit
    - (2) Muir (P207-208)
5. Alternative solutions
  - a) Proximity Parking
    - (1) near will be more, far will be less
  - b) Communication upgrades
    - (1) Signs to tell you how many open spaces they are via technology
  - c) Valet services

#### E. So what do we need?

1. Fill out surveys that will go through all the solutions & rank 1-5 based on priority
2. **Move to extend by 5 minutes, second**
3. Data to see what grad students want, desires
4. Prefer all grad students, send to reps to forward to departments
5. Please put a spot for Scripps to include it

#### F. Don: Considering more construction for parking structures

1. Building one parking structure for sure
2. Love to look to the future by saying in 4 years we will have the

#### G. **Move to extend by 1 minute, second**

#### H. Lindsay: One of the reasons why they didn't build a parking structure in the pit was because not enough in reserves

1. Have enough base now

#### I. **Call to quorum**

- X. Presentation on GPSES - Lindsay Freeman, Steven Rees, Kyle Adam Blair, and Maya Sapiurka [15 mins]
  - A. GPSES - Graduate and Professional Student Experience and Satisfaction Survey, conducted by both GSA and the Graduate Division in 2014
  - B. GPSES committee met 5 times throughout the Winter '15 quarter and wrote a report summarizing data
  - C. GPSES Takeaways
    - 1. Lack of strong departmental student government
      - a) With no strong departmental student government, issues such no sense of community are more prominent
      - b) GSA will help streamline the process for departments forming or strengthening their departmental student governments
    - 2. Poor awareness of resources
      - a) Many workshop are available but have low attendance; however, students indicated interest in these workshops
      - b) GSA will work with various centers around campus to increase attendance numbers
    - 3. responses vary based on demographic
      - a) more infor needs to be done based on demographics
        - (1) satisfaction with department
        - (2) exclusionary behavior experiences based on sex, etc
  - D. Academic Development
    - 1. Researching advising is great, but academic advising is poor
      - a) recommendation: assign outside advisors (non-PI) to offer academic and professional advice
      - b) Biomedical Sciences has done this with SPAC
    - 2. Biggest factor impacting academic progress is financial (financial obligations/cost of living)
      - a) recommendation: 3 year ARCHAC limite beginning 2017 when the new building is open
    - 3. Departments can have multiple problems
      - a) low course quality
      - b) poor course availability
      - c) confusing program requirements
      - d) tension among faculty
      - e) unsatisfactory TA training
    - 4. GPSES Committee Recommendation:
      - a) VP of Academic Affairs form a "Departmental Breakdown

Analysts" (DBA) Committee that will further analyze and publish departmental data

E. Campus Climate

1. Exclusionary Behaviors
  - a) roughly 1 out of 5 students have experiences exclusionary behavior
2. Campus Resources
  - a) awareness of many of the campus resources is very low
  - b) use of resources under is 10% of grad students
3. Community Experience
  - a) roughly 2 out of 5 grad students do not feel a strong sense of community
4. Grad Families
  - a) very low number of grad students are able to use the UCSD child care centers
  - b) fewer than 6% of grad student parents of the child care centers

F. Student Services

1. High rate of students seeking or thinking about seeking mental health services
  - a) Write a resolution in Spring 2015 asking for increased group therapy sessions, separate grad student focused counselors, and additional psychiatry options
2. Students would like to live off campus if the commute is easy and the rent is affordable
  - a) Conduct 2015-2016 transportation survey to see if there is interest in a Golden Hill/SOuth Park
3. Many students do not know what the GSA is
  - a) Create a wbsite taskforce committee over the summer to develop gsa.ucsd.edu as a hub for all grad student information - many of the main problems are communication issues

G. What's next?

1. Need GSA council members to volunteer to peer review the report
2. Report will be distributed at the beginning of the Spring Quarter

XI. Consideration of tabled [DCR05](#): Equitable Rights Directive for Graduate Fellows

- A. Sponsored by [Don Johnson](#), Amelia Ray, Tara-lynn Pixley, Brandon Stephens, and Jasmine A. Roberts
- B. Amendments from last council meeting feedback

1. clarifying language about graduate students falling through the cracks
  2. definition of what a fellow is
  3. chunks taken out and written in a more clarifying
  4. people who made the amendments are happy with this
- C. Want official language on the record that council has voted on that to refer to in the future
- D. **Move to approve all amendments, second**
- E. Dan: Does this document still stand knowing Dean Barrett presentation?
1. Yes
  2. Dean Barrett says this will hold the institution accountable
- F. Cory: Lindsay's statement from last time. Statistics in the document are in question or lacking?
1. don't have those numbers with grad fellows that are student parents
- G. Jon: Ask Dean Barrett for those numbers?
1. She will see how she can get it.
  2. Hard because not commonly
- H. Andrew: First be it further resolved, something you need to amend
- I. Lindsay: Go back to the data, GPSES data is not public
1. **Move to remove link to GPSES data, second**
- J. Mukanth: How many of these students are international?
1. Don't have an answer
- K. Lindsay: **Move to add "graduate fellows or scholarship recipients, second**
- L. Friendly amendments for spelling & grammar
- M. **Move to amend with language "request a written report from the Graduate Division on their decision to extend the childcare reimbursement subsidy to graduate fellows by fall quarter 2015", second**
- N. **Move to call to question, second**
- O. **Move to approve DCR05, second [29-0-0]**
- XII. Appointments
- XIII. Announcement of GSA Officer Elections
- A. Council Meeting #11: April 6th, 2015 at 6pm
  - B. **Move to nominate Lindsay Freeman for President, second**
  - C. **Move to nominate Nat Co for VP Academic, second**
  - D. **Move to nominate Dan Jacobsen for Campus Affairs, second**
  - E. **Move to nominate Mukanth for Finance, second**

XIV. Call for Council Meeting 11 Agenda Items

XV. Adjourn [8:15pm]

***A. Move to adjourn meeting, second***