



University of California, San Diego
Graduate Student Association

Council Meeting #10
Monday, March 7th, 2016
6:00 pm, Price Center Forum

- I. Call to Order [6:03pm]
- II. Approval of [CM #9 \(2016\) Minutes](#)
 - A. **Move to approve (Dan, Paul)**
 1. **Motion passes by unanimous consent**
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - A. **Move to approve language change from “Presentation of DCR09” to “Vote of DCR09” (Cory, Dan) [--5]**
 1. **Objected by Sara**
 2. Cory - needs to be handled swiftly as the next meeting is a month from now
 3. Sara - it looks complicated and think we need more time than what this meeting can allow for since there are a lot of items on the agenda
 4. Dan - we can always vote to table this to the next meeting
 - B. **Move to approve agenda (Steve, Jasmine)**
 1. **Motion passes**
- IV. Public Comments and Announcements [10 minutes]
 - A. Teresa - March 17th is GPSES awards - giving prizes to the top 10 apartments that scored well on the academics survey
 - B. Betty - Wednesday is Career Night with a guest speaker who is a general consultant giving advice on how to use your PhD to get a job
 - C. Frank - Roaming Social this week on Friday at the Pub at 5pm
 - D. Robert - Look forward to fulfilling the responsibility and duties of an executive officer, look forward to running for the executive board
 - E. Lindsay - encourage running for a position, being on GSA is great
 - F. Kim - So the GSA votes for the executive board?
 1. Yes. Your department votes for you all to be representatives for them and you as representatives vote for the executive board
- V. Presentation on the Election Procedure
 - A. Election Committee (Jeanelle Horcasitas, Steven Rees, Nathaniel

Wood-Cohan)

B. Before Election Night (now-April 4)

1. Nominations:
 - a) Must be made by rep/officer, approved by nominee
 - b) Can be for more than one office (until elected)
 - c) Are open until voting
2. Platforms
 - a) May be submitted by March 25th
 - b) May not exceed one page
3. Promotion
 - a) Must be approved by election committee
 - b) Distributed by election committee

C. Election Night (April 4th, 6pm, Forum)

1. Order: President, Vps
2. Procedure For Election (Chaired by Nate)
 - a) Final call for nominations
 - b) 3 minutes per candidate for platform (NO QUESTION)
 - c) 10 minute Q/A
 - d) 10 minute closed session (candidates exit)
 - e) Candidates return, President announces winner and vote totals
 - f) Recount motion (seconded, majority): immediate and open
3. In Absentia
 - a) Candidate: Must accept nomination in writing or in person

D. After Election Night

1. April 18: approval of April 4 minutes, election make-up (if needed)
 - a) No recounts after approval of minutes
2. By April 25: Submit election comments/critiques

E. Nominate any grad student on campus but nomination must be made by a GSA rep

F. Jasmine: Election Results party afterwards?

1. Head to Rock Bottom

VI. Finance Bills [10 minutes]

- A. Mukanth Vaidyanathan (Vice President of Financial Affairs)
 - B. Move to approve as a slate (Dan, Paul)**
 - C. Move to approve Finance Bills (Teresa, Steve)**
- VII. Vote on [DCR08: Campus Pub Investment](#) [20 minutes]
- A. Dan Jacobsen (Vice President of Student & Campus Affairs) and Mukanth Vaidyanathan (Vice President of Financial Affairs)
 - B. Vlad - Any amendments since we last saw it?
 - 1. Adding UCAB chair to MIOU
 - C. Move to amend last be it resolved to add “, and the UCAB Chair shall sign for UCAB” (Dan, Paul)**
 - 1. Motion passes**
 - D. Move to amend to “that GSAUCSD requests that UCAB create a subcommittee called the Pub Advisory Board, whose responsibility is to advise the new pub vendor on ensuring the pub is student centered” to “the GSAUCSD stipulates that as a precondition for usage of this money, UCAB authorizes the creation of a committee, called the Pub Advisory Board, whose responsibility will be to advise the new pub vendor and ensure the pub remains student centered” (Cory, Nate)**
 - 1. Objected by Dan, Bryan**
 - 2. Cory - student governance centered committee that will advise the new pub vendor
 - 3. Bryan - UCAB won't be happy that there is a committee to advise them when it is their job to advise the vendor
 - 4. Nate - like the beginning language
 - 5. Garrett - moving the subcommittee from UCAB to student government doesn't fundamentally change the power, what does that change institutionally mean?
 - 6. Jasmine - agree with Nathan
 - 7. Sara - issue with the word “stipulates”, this is money that we are getting back, thought the intention of this investment was that we would like them to listen to us, didn't think it was money with strings attached, thought it was more of a good gesture
 - 8. Cory - UCAB will authorize the creation of the committee
 - 9. Dan - UCAB's job is to look at the vendors and give feedback, requesting a subcommittee so that there is more regular review of the pub vendor, we do have representation on UCAB board
 - 10. Bryan - shouldn't force UCAB to do something that they shouldn't have to do, there is already grad students on UCAB

11. Cory - no committee should be directed by other committees, members of the committee should be selected by the governance
12. Kim - agree with Cory, there seems to be a concern that the committees are equal in power, maybe should add some language about who has more power, distinguish input and decision making power
13. Garrett - what is the actual power that this committee would have, if it's an advisory committee then it is just another voice
14. Cory - no additional power to it
15. Sara - issues with the words "authorizes and stipulates", UCAB in theory can reject this because of that language and then we will still have the issues with our reserves
 - a) Dan - UCAB can still say no and we will have the original problems with our reserves, this is just one potential way of spending reserves

16. Call to question (Nate, Teresa) [18-14-11]

a) Motion passes

E. Move to approve the resolution (Steve, Teresa) [33-3-5]

- 1. Objected by Bryan**
- 2. Move to extend time by 10 minutes (Paul, Sara)**
3. Steve - Talked about it for 2 meetings, like the language
4. Bryan - think the committee should be a subcommittee under UCAB
5. Andrew - If UCAB rejects it, can we adjust?
 - a) Yes
6. Robert - When should our problem with reserves be resolved?
 - a) June 30th
 - b) Can call special meetings
7. Sara - issues with the word "stipulates," UCAB gets nothing out of this deal, UCAB is just fielding the money over the next 5 years
8. Juan - What is the return on this money? What is the money going to be used?
 - a) Return about 1.88% on 100,000 and can be used for anything
 - b) both the loan amount and the interest can be used and is up to the GSA councils on how to use it
9. Vlad - have enough time to reject it and adjust it
10. Cory - if it doesn't work, it brings UCAB to the table, can always change the language once we negotiate

11. Kim - Voting on the entire document right now?

a) Yes

12. ***Move to include language that GSA has veto power over the vendor (Kim, second) [0-37-6]***

a) ***Objected by Dan, Garrett***

b) Kim - if we want teeth this is how it can be defined

c) Dan - already have GSA reps that want to be on the committee, veto power assuming we have a lot invested because of this money, UCEN pays over time

d) Sophia - agree with Dan that people won't approve this, the language can be soften

e) Garrett - veto power is the strongest power that one can have, if we want teeth then this is the tiger's teeth

f) Sara - overestimating how much UCAB is going to care, way overreaching and they can just screw us in the end

g) ***Move to extend time by 5 minutes (Sara, Kim)***

h) Cory - add some ideas and centralizing it a bit more

i) ***Motion does not pass***

13. ***Move to add language "except for social and beer" (Juan, Tara) [5-30-6]***

a) Juan - hypocritical, bylaws that state the GSA budget money can't be used for beer, guys in charge of roaming social approaching departments about teaming up with them for the socials and the department buy the food and GSA will buy the beer

b) ***Move to extend by 10 minutes (Paul, Sara) [31-6-0]***

(1) ***Objected by Cory***

(2) ***Motion passes***

c) Lynn - including alcohol, does that change what we can use the money for?

(1) including the language "except for" put restrictions on what we can use the money for

d) Dan - adding the "except for" puts a restriction on how we can, says you can but does not have to be used only for socials and beer, think it is something for future councils to decide on what to use the money for

e) Tara - can be purely used for massive socials and beer finances, thinking about how to use this money for things that services that money we currently have can't be used

that would serve graduate students better than beer and socials

- f) Vlad - no reason we should exclude it right now, given that this money is going to be used by how future GSA council votes, get the most bang out of our buck for the socials we have, can't use this money for fellowships and scholarships, think it is right to decide for future GSA to decide on how to use the money
- g) Kim - do agree with Tara, this brings up something that doesn't get discussed a lot, when tell people part of GSA get a lot of eye rolling because GSA isn't taken seriously because of the kind of reputation it has, critically think what we can do with this money
- h) Sara - Suggestion to take out the entire part after the comma because this isn't a discussion we should be having about how the money can be used for
- i) Paul - why was that line "include socials and beer" in the first time
 - (1) Dan - month ago, don't remember
- j) Juan - it's okay to decide this for people coming after us, we wouldn't even invest in this money if we followed the mindset that this isn't something for us to decide, what kind of organization do we want to be in the future

k) Call to question (Bryan, Mukanth) [35-0-2]

l) Motion to add language "except for" does not pass

14. Move to extend time by 3 minutes (Sasha, Amelia) [25-11-3]

a) Objected by Sophia

b) Motion passes

15. Move to remove "including socials and beer" (Vlad, Cory)

a) Motion passes by unanimous consent

16. Call to question (Cory, Steve) [36-1-3]

a) Objected by Sara

F. Motion to approve resolution passes

VIII. Vote on [DCR09: Proposed Changes to Student Organization Membership Policies](#) [15 minutes]

A. [Cory Stevenson](#) and [Robert Gougelet](#)

B. immediate need because been asked by the Student Conduct

C. Move to close session (Cory, Sophia)

1. Motion passes by unanimous

D. Move to re-open meeting (Sophia, Garrett)

IX. Presentation on amendments to the [Judicial Bylaws](#) (formerly Removal Bylaws)
[10 minutes]

- A. [Dan Jacobsen](#) (Vice President of Student & Campus Affairs) and [Cory Stevenson](#)
- B. Rewrote the entire removal bylaws
- C. want to see the changes look at the one on the website
- D. positions you can hold on the GSA: committee members, council members, appointed officers, elected officers
- E. Removal of people by position:
 - 1. council members can't be removed
 - a) can request department to look into but up to the department
 - 2. committee members: $\frac{2}{3}$ vote
 - 3. appointed officers: $\frac{2}{3}$ vote
 - 4. elected officers a bit more complicated
- F. Teresa - VP Academic and Chair, the AGC was so vague that you could pretty much do anything, when situations came up you can do basically anything, people on the governing documents committee put a lot of time into that
- G. Any modifications have to be made in the spirit of the document
- H. Sara - Why is it called judicial bylaws instead of removal bylaws?
 - 1. added clause about censure
- I. Vlad - If horrible things happen about at the election, would we be using this?
 - 1. Would be using the bylaws that are intact
 - 2. Teresa - Have the integrity board, clarifies how the integrity board works with the AGC

X. [Presentation on Student Regent Selection Process](#) [10 minutes]

- A. [Beatriz Ramirez](#) (Professional Development Coordinator)
- B. Saturday will be going to UCI as the rep of UCSD GSA
- C. student gets to sit on the UC Regents board and get to make big decisions
- D. sit on the Southern Board to select the Northern student regent reps
- E. Nominees
 - 1. What are major issues in the UC system that you want the candidates to address or have a strong opinion on?
 - 2. How should they address these issues?
 - 3. Abt accomplishments you think they should have?
 - 4. email: professional@gsa.ucsd.edu
- F. Sophia - homelessness issue of students

- G. Vlad - health services and transportation fee
- XI. Presentation on External Affairs Legislative Report [10 minutes]
 - A. Garrett Bredell (Vice President of External Affairs), Mark Derdzinski (Legislative Liaison of National Affairs), and Kim McCabe (Legislative Liaison for State Affairs)
 - B. report on what the office of VP External has been doing
 - C. Mark - National Issues
 - 1. advocate for: research funding, visa reform (family visa restrictions, employment-based visa caps), campus climate, taxation and indebtedness, open access
 - 2. questions/concerns? please reach out
 - D. Grad Student Coalitions
 - 1. SAGE
 - a)
 - 2. NAGPS
 - a) UCSD is a founding member
 - b) rekindled our relationship
 - 3. UCDC
 - E. Some Legislation
 - 1. HR 777: Permanent Investments in Health Research Act
 - 2. HR 3293: Scientific Research in the National Interest Act
 - F. Lobby Corps
 - 1. advocated on behalf of UCSD grad students in CA Assembly and Senate
 - 2. visit to Sacramento in April to lobby at the Capitol
 - 3. Meet with
 - a) Speaker Toni Atkins
 - b) Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez
 - c) Senator Marty Block
 - G. Lobby Corps Issues
 - 1. Grad Student Housing
 - 2. Funding for grad student enrollment/TAships
 - 3. Buildings and infrastructures
- XII. Presentation on Office of Students with Disabilities (OSD) [10 minutes]
 - A. Sophia Hirakis
 - B. OSD responsibilities
 - 1. Provide accommodations for classes: physical & psychological disabilities
 - 2. Graduate student-advisor relations: work accommodations

- 3. Housing: exceptions for housing contract, adjustments to amenities
- C. Problems
 - 1. graduates in a small subset
 - 2. not enough opinion from grad students about OSD
- XIII. Call for CM #11 Agenda Items
 - A. Judicial Bylaws on April 4th
 - B. Sophia nominates Kimberly for VP External, accepts
- XIV. Adjourn [8:17pm]
 - A. Move to adjourn (Jasmine, Bryan)**

VI. Finance Bills

Fund	Budget Funds	Funds Remaining	Funds under Request	Funds remaining if requests approved
Early Request Fund	\$2,500.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
General Request Fund	\$10,000.00	\$3,620.00	\$0.00	\$3620.00
Academic and Professional Request Fund	\$10,000.00	\$4,135.00	\$0.00	\$4135.00
Lounge Improvement Fund	\$3,500.00	\$2,040.00	\$0.00	\$2,040.00
Diversity Request Fund	\$5,000.00	\$3,110.00	\$800.00	\$2310.00
Service Request Fund	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Family Friendly Fund	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00

Finance Bills:

DRF 7: Appropriate \$400 for AIGS for their event titled, Holi on April 3rd, 2016 at Marshall Field at 11:30am. Approximately 150 graduate students are expected to attend

this event. The funding would be used for the refreshments and food.

DRF 8: Appropriate \$400 for CISTA for their event titled, Nowruz Celebration on April 3rd, 2016 at PC Ballroom East at 7pm. Approximately 60 graduate students are expected to attend this event. The funding will be used for refreshments and food.

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