



University of California, San Diego
Graduate Student Association

Council Meeting #11
Monday, April 6, 2015
6:00pm, Price Center Forum

- I. Call to Order [6:09pm]
- II. Approval of Agenda [5 mins]
 - A. **Moved to approve, seconded**
- III. Old Business - Approval of Council Meeting 10 [Minutes](#) [5 mins]
 - A. **Moved to approve, seconded**
- IV. Public Comments and Announcements [10 mins]
 - A. Travel Grant due Friday, 04/10 - high demand will influence future funding
 - B. Parking Survey
 1. open one more week
 2. closing on friday forward to
 - C. Social on Thursday hosted by Skaggs
 - D. Grad Block Party - 3pm-7pm at the Original Student Center on Friday
 - E. Community Awards nominations open till Friday
 1. selection on 3pm Saturday - free pizza
 - F. Career Services Center point for grad
 1. open house at grad lounge wednesday
 - G. PHD Career Conference 05/16
 - H. Department Rep elections
 1. election bylaws for representatives for this quarter or next year
 - I. School of Pharmacy annual LUAU event
 1. food, drinks, music
 - J. Next Council Meeting: Finance Budget Presentation
 - K. Finance Committee 12pm-1pm to go over it
 - L. AS Elections/Referendums
 1. Referendum on UCEN
 - M. Music Department's Spring Fest all the way till the 19th
 - N. Taxes looking into informing taxes
- V. Vote on [DCR06](#): lowering dependent health care insurance rates [10 mins]
 - A. Sponsored by Andrew Richards, Don Johnson, and Lindsay Freeman
 - B. Time to decide what is the plan for dependents next year
 - C. Go into effect for next academic year, can revisit next year to see if we want to drop it again

D. Increase for us in terms of insurance rate

1. \$5 increase per year per nondependent

E. Moved to approve as written, second [61-0-2]

VI. GSA Officer Elections [Time caps: open session 15 mins, closed session 15 mins]

A. President:

1. Donald Johnson

- a) #StudentsbeforePolitics
- b) interests of students at heart
- c) 3 years on exec, 2 years on council
- d) would I be able to be a good leader for GSA - stronger, bolder GSA than we ever had before
- e) focusing on big picture goals
 - (1) GSA Office/Committee on grad student assessments
 - (2) mtgs with administration are noted appropriately and available to council
 - (3) conference on department level student governments
 - (4) change the way student fee referendums

2. Lindsay Freeman

- a) 5th year graduate
- b) 2 year involvement in Exec Board
 - (1) Social Coordinator - use FB as a platform to make students aware
 - (2) increase turnout at GSA events
 - (3) became passionate about advocating for grad students
 - (4) VP Campus
 - (a) started coffee bagel
 - (b) attendance at housing town hall
 - (c) increased participation in committees by grad students
 - (d) council members are presenting to council and sharing reports
- c) Vision for the Future
 - (1) form committee composed of international students to investigate GPSES data further
 - (2) write mental health care resolution
 - (3) assist departments in developing and/or strengthening their student government
 - (4) enhance our external advocacy efforts by hosting

3. Questions

- a) What is your vision for the changes in the mental health aspect?
 - (1) Lindsay: securing funding to increase # of psychiatrists, use SHIP reserve fund, push with UCOP, increasing number of therapy sessions, grad knowledgeable

- (2) Donald: not use reserves, partnering with the university, work with university, keep reserves to pay deficit
- b) Improve department communication
 - (1) Donald: each department has their own character, size of department, culture of each department and develop a string of student govt that would be useful
 - (2) Lindsay: student department govt, GSA needs to do this and that & higher stipends, help department without strong student governments, share best practices, resources for students to use, providing a resource to see how other departments that
- c) Which of those would you prioritize?
 - (1) Lindsay: 43% indicated sought mental health services, issue deserves immediate attention, UC of Presidency fixated on mental health last year
 - (2) Donald: co-pays gone down for state, why is someone going to see someone in the first place, something wrong on the departmental level
- d) Issue of passion vs. working with UCSD administration. How did your passion help and hinder in regards to child subsidy?
 - (1) Donald: 2 times more passionate (Che, child subsidy), dealing with fact mother has Alzheimer's, Holly caught me off guard,
 - (2) Lindsay: advocating on behalf of, sound documents so that someone can come in and see where we are going, understood and understand the intent, passion helped to see a resolution that many members have strong faith in the resolution
- e) Can you tell us the event that comes to mind where you talked administration hardball and sweet?
 - (1) Lindsay: beer at roaming social and free for alls: can handle it, VCSA can program in courtyard space
 - (2) Donald: sweet talk when it comes getting things done with administrators behind closed doors (e.g. Gary Matthews - want us to have a child care festival and develop incentives to give reduce rates), hardball to VCSA
- f) **Moved to have 2 more questions, seconded**
- g) Comment on your graduate trajectory
 - (1) Donald: Normal time is 5 to 5.5 years, graduating sometime next year in May, advisor trying to get papers together
 - (2) Lindsay: 5th nanoengineering, 5 years for department, 6

years for advisor

h) GPSES survey. Presentation was rushed and there is still a lot of information that can be shown. How to move forward so that the information on survey will be best utilize

(1) Lindsay: GPSES preliminary report, report that contains action items, forming committees to address issues

(2) Donald: conclusions we already started on, move forward GPSES as an overall assessment and bring together other assessment tools

B. VP Academic Affairs:

1. Matthew Cohen

a) newly elected GSA rep

b) Top Priorities

(1) increase professional development opportunities

(2) ensure Grad Student Bill of Rights & Responsibilities is formally recognized and clarify PPM's impact on grad and professional students

(3) develop a mentorship program between faculty and students

c) academic committees have graduate representation

d) work with TA union

2. Teresa Zimmerman-Liu

a) 5 years at graduate student union

b) nontraditional older student

c) work on getting people on academic

d) work with faculty to strategize solutions on issues from the GPSES

e) fair & in the students' best interest with the judicial review committee

f) fill academic senate committees early by incentivizing reps with summer travel/research grants

3. How do you see yourself

a) Teresa: trying to find what the judicial committee is, get committee meet once a quarter even if there are no cases, each resolution abides to bylaws

b) Matt: worked on judicial committee, meet regularly as well, important have communication system in place when something

4. One thing you notice in your first year of council that could operate better

a) Matt: keeping to issues, know what it like to work with, diplomatic

b) Teresa: resolutions and include more people, more student input, transparent on how to get on a committee

5. Professional development program, specific aims

- a) Teresa: develop more for social sciences, arts/theatre
 - b) Matt: reaching out to other schools, sharing resources as best we can
6. Committee organization. Addressing problems of people not joining
 - a) Matt: incentivizing people, having graduate representation on the school level
 - b) Teresa: incentivize people to join committees with travel grants during spring and summer, especially important to have graduate students on the committee speaking up for us
 7. What skills can you bring? centers
 - a) Teresa: learn quickly, been involved in a position to talk to ppl
 - b) matt: alumni association,
 8. Plans with working with administration
 - a) Matt: work with administration, prioritizing and not being afraid to tell them with what we need, with that comes respect, be willing to represent firmly needs are
 - b) Teresa: academic senate, understand faculty and administrators are thinking, have commonalities
 9. Strengths and weakness are. Represent entire graduate student body
 - a) Teresa: PhD program. figure out ways for MA students, mentoring is program specific, weakness not here long enough, basing on life experience
 - b) Matt: professional development, resources that Rady's has (alumni, connections, STEM)
- C. VP Financial Affairs:
1. Mukanth Vaidyanathan
 - a) 3 year involvement with GSA
 - (1) department rep for 2 years, on finance committee
 - (2) finance chair of finance committee
 - (3) worked with exec and various GSA reps
 - (4) interim VP Financial Affairs
 - (5) relationship with fund manager, streamlining Finance Requests with TAP form, Student Advisory Committee
 2. Matthew Cohen
 - a) undergraduate
 - b) live by my calendar
 - c) organized by default
 3. Restriction on funding requests that are not in the finance bylaws
 - a) Matthew: formalizing anything
 - b) Mukanth: GSA puts through reimbursement, get cleared first, formalizing summer/fall quarter
 4. Department Spending Cards to skip reimbursement
 - a) Mukanth: 4 levels: funding request → give to funding manager,

send to supervisor; give money to department itself so reps can decide how to use the money, DPCC

5. Are you going to be around the whole year?
 - a) Mukanth: follow through, give clear instructions, took blame for those you represent
6. Want things don't work and what do you plan to improve?
 - a) artist agreement project
 - b) unified system of everything is recorded
7. Advocacy on the GSA, getting fund managers from messing with the pot
 - a) fund manager to help with protocols
 - b) efficiency of getting money 2-3 weeks at the max for a one stage process
8. Deficient in beer
 - a) getting rid of 25% fund manager employment
 - b) UCEN to pay for fund manager, use 16,000 to open up positions
 - c) encourage graduate students to organize event
9. Educate us on Porter's Pub Resolution
 - a) SFAC
10. Need documents
 - a) event need to be prove
 - b) unified printed format

D. VP External Affairs:

1. Garrett Bredell
 - a) LL fall External Winter
 - b) attended conference in Washington, enthusiastic of the issues we were presenting, congress interested in education issues & sympathetic
 - c) national: immigration issues
 - d) addressing issues across the board
2. Having our issues known in the state?
 - a) Lobby Core to collaborate with each other and across universities
 - b) Problem: where negotiations are currently, President and Governor is closed
 - (1) information is lacking
3. What would it take get the Che on the federal level?
 - a) if there constituents to make it interested
4. Are you interested in TAX reform finish question from before
 - a) insurance problem
 - b) main push is with SAGE, bring tax code with how fellowships are counted
5. Do you tend to be here for the full year?
 - a) Yes

E. VP Student and Campus Affairs:

1. Daniel Jacobsen
 - a) 2 years as a GSA rep
 - b) Social Events Coordinator
 - c) UCAB, TPC committees
 - d) 2 main areas:
 - (1) planning the parties
 - (a) continue doing what we are doing but with improvements
 - (b) increasing budget: expand variety of food, expand new breweries
 - (c) variety of themes
2. Betty Ramirez
 - a) graduate climate intern
 - b) work as climate intern with various events, events alone aren't going to cut it if we want to impact
 - c) working with university and gaining the respect
 - d) social event planning experience: more variety
3. Event in the future include different groups of people. People who have children, don't drink, STEM oriented
 - a) Betty: talk to those people and see what interests them, spreading out events, mission statement for each event and what we are trying to achieve, target each group and make sure they have a good
 - b) Dan: serving diverse communities, ice creams social with beer and ice cream floats, willing to plan a family friendly event, happy to work with people to create events
4. Outreach to more departments. to get more different departments to mingle together
 - a) Dan: Holding joint department events, Loft great avenue for joint department events, something to work on
 - b) Betty: interests departments have, different subculture has, GPSES can be broken down to different departments
5. Within departments, 2 year programs & PhD, domestic and international
 - a) Betty: incentivizing people to talk to one another
 - b) Dan: professional development within department to meet industry people, working with VP Academic
6. Top Priorities 3
 - a) Dan: roaming socials strong, housing with arch and maintain input on Mesa, Porter's Pub
 - b) Betty: undercollaboration collaboration minimizes effort needed, collaboration on a variety of socials,
7. Deficit in Beer why?

- a) Betty: sit on finance committee, don't know why, students are interested in beer
 - b) Dan: not, fund manager mistakenly charged social budget that weren't suppose to be charged,
- 8. What do you think the issues are on campus and how are you going to address those?
 - a) Dan: 2 social coordinators to train during summer, Porter's Pub, Housing, Co-Ops,
 - b) Betty: Using GPSES data to change campus climate, summer what committees have done and what are the changes we want to see short and long term
- 9. Gluten intolerant, hard cider
 - a) Dan; depends on vendors
- F. VP Diversity, Equity, Service and Inclusion:
 1. Tara-Lynne Pixley
 - a) Child Care Oversee Committee
 - b) 2 year GSA rep
 - c) worked extensively on events
 - d) rational need to be part of the people who want to make a good difference
 - e) diversifying experience, diversifying what departments are represented
 - f) diversity of ideas
 - g) be a collaborator with various execs to alleviate issues, councils that are primarily STEM
 - h) lack of people from humanities
 - i) interest first and foremost is a graduate student
 - j) GPSES $\frac{1}{5}$ students feel marginalized, want to be like minded people who want to represent all people
 2. 75% of events are geared who are not in the STEM field. However, events may not be the only way to clear diversity. Why do you say that there is less representation for non-STEM field.
 - a) people who sit on on Exec that are not from non-STEM
 - b) want reps who want to talk about more than beer
 3. How will you move forward in the direction of this office and make sure it is a transformative position?
 - a) inclusive and collaborative spirit across the reps
 - b) matching people with the
 - c) riling up student body to make sure students feel their voices are heard
 - d) prove the GSA is known to making a difference
 4. What do you think about radical voice?
 - a) Need those thorns in our side to figure out how to get change

done

VII. Funding Bills

- A. DRF06: Appropriate \$1050 to Donald Johnson for Community Centers Block Party on April 10th in Old Student Center. The event is co-sponsored by VC-EDI, Cross Cultural Center, LGBT Center, and the University Center and 150 graduate students are expected to attend.
- B. DRF07: Appropriate \$200 to Katarzyna Matusik for Graduate Women in STEM Seminar & Social Hour on April 15th. This event features a seminar talk and an informal social hours and expects to attract 30-40 graduate students. The funding will be used for food and publicity
- C. APRF 13 - Appropriate \$70 to Lynn Waterhouse for the Quantitative Ecology Discussion Group at Scripps Institute of Oceanography . This event will be held on April 14th and it is open to the general public. The funding will be used for pizza and publicity.

D. Moved to approve finance bills as a slate, seconded

E. Moved to approve finance bills, seconded

VIII. Call for Council Meeting 12 Agenda Items

- A. Cory Student Conduct Presentation
- B. Request to bring new VCEDI to Council

IX. Adjourn [10:02pm]

A. Moved to adjourn meeting, seconded

Appendix:

Remaining GSA Funds:

FUND	budget Funds	Funds Remaining	Funds under Request	Funds remaining if the request approve
GENERAL REQUEST FUND	\$10000.00	\$4720.00	\$0.00	\$4720.00
ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL REQUEST FUND	\$10000.00	\$5050.00	\$70.00	\$4980.00
LOUNGE IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$3500.00	\$950.00	\$0.00	\$950.00
DIVERSITY REQUEST FUND	\$5000.00	\$3495.00	\$1250.00	\$2245.0
SERVICE REQUEST FUND	\$1500.00	\$1100.00	\$0.00	\$1100.00
FAMILY FRIENDLY FUND	\$2500.00	\$2300.00	\$0.00	\$2300.00