



University of California, San Diego
Graduate Student Association

Council Meeting #11
Monday, April 4th, 2016
6:00 pm, Price Center Forum

- I. Call to Order [6:04PM]
- II. Approval of CM #10 (2016) Minutes
 - A. **Move to approve (Sophia)**
 1. **Motion withdrawn (Sophia)**
 - B. **Move to amend (Cory)**
 1. **Motion withdrawn (Cory)**
 - C. **Move to approve CM#10 Minutes (Sophia, Teresa)**
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - A. **Move to amend item to 5 minutes and move to before (Sophia, Robert)**
 1. **Motion passes**
 - B. **Move to amend agenda by adding a fifteen minute presentation about the Student Standards Board (Cory, Sophia)**
 1. **Motion passes**
 - C. **Motion to approve the agenda (Bryan, Teresa)**
 1. **Motion passes**
- IV. Public Comments and Announcements [10 minutes]
 - A. Sophia - Community Policing Town Hall on April 8th
 - B. Tara - Community gathering about Porter's Pub
 - C. Teresa - Tomorrow is the Interdisciplinary Reception
 - D. Claire - Chair of UCAB
 1. UCAB passed a resolution in regards to the Pub Resolution shall be sent over the listserv
 2. ucabchair@ucsd.edu
 - E. Mark - School of Pharmacy Annual Luau this Thursday with free food and drinks
 - F. Betty - April 13th 5pm-7pm is the career night
 - G. Dan - Board & Brew this Thursday from 7pm-9pm where you can play board games and drink some alcohol at happy hour pricing
 - H. Dan - Community Awards Nominations open till April 15th and looking for

a selection committee

- I. Dan - Happy to announce that the summer bus pass price has been negotiated approximately \$36 for the quarter
 - J. Bryan - UCAB approved a new charter last quarter and part of it is to add a new graduate student position to the board
 - K. Lindsay - If you have a proxy form, please give it to Lindsay before elections
- V. Finance Bills [10 minutes]
- A. Vice President of Financial Affairs (Mukanth Vaidyanathan)
 - B. Presented by Dan
 - C. Sophia - Is APRF18 open to all graduate students?
 - 1. Yes
 - D. Move to approve as a slate (Sophia, Omar)**
 - 1. Motion passes**
 - E. Move to approve the slate (Teresa, Steven)**
 - 1. Motion passes**
- VI. Appointments
- A. Vice President of Academic Affairs (Teresa Zimmerman-Liu)
 - 1. Academic and Judicial Committee - Zihan Xu
 - B. Vice President of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Affairs (Tara-Lynne Pixley)
 - 1. International Grad Students Work Group - Co-chair Juan Carmona Zabala, Co-chair Ly Thúy Nguyễn, Udit Parekh, Siu Hei Lee, Lacey Thuy Tran, Zubin Cai, Marianinna Villavicencio, Celia Symons, Monica Hegde
 - C. Move to approve as a slate (teresa, omar)**
 - 1. Motion passes**
 - D. Move to approve appointments (teresa, Bryan)**
 - 1. Motion passes**
- VII. Domestic Violence Assistance Program (DVAP) in collaboration with SARC and ARCHAC [5 minutes]
- A. Sophia P. Hirakis
 - B. 20 people/minute who experience domestic violence in the US
 - C. 20,000 calls for help/day only people who report it
 - D. Collaborating with SARC, ARCHAC and HDH to create a space for people who are experiencing domestic violence
 - E. A New Model Dealing with Assault on Campus
 - 1. Direct access to SARC and CARE representation
 - 2. UCSD Police Department representative

3. Social worker from SHS or UCSD Medical Center
 4. Emergency psychological services from CAPS
 5. Temporary, safe housing on campus
- F. Creating a resolution for the creation of domestic violence safe housing to bring to campus
- VIII. Vote on amendments to the Judicial Bylaws (formerly Removal Bylaws) [10 minutes]
- A. Dan Jacobsen (Vice President of Student & Campus Affairs) and Cory Stevenson
 - B. Presented during last meeting, now it is up for a vote
 - C. Amendments can be made as long as it is made in the spirit of the language
 - D. Move to amend “who perform the following tasks” to “who fulfill the following roles” (Sasha, Sophia)**
 1. **Motion passes**
 - E. Move to amend “Officer Misconduct” is defined as a misuse of a GSA Officer’s position, including” to “Officer Misconduct” is defined as a misuse of a GSA Officer’s position, including but not limited to:” in Section 3 (Sophia, Cory)**
 1. **Motion passes**
 - F. Move to replace “to be removed” with “subject of the Judicial Deliberation” in Section 1 (Sophia, Cory)**
 1. **Motion passes**
 - G. Move to replaced “notified by email” with “notified in writing” in Section 4 (Dan, Sophia)**
 1. **Motion passes**
 - H. Move to replace “the IB” with “they” (Sophia, Teresa)**
 - I. Motion to approve the document (Maya, Betty) [41-0-1]**
 1. **Motion passes**
- IX. GSA Executive Elections (‘16-’17)
- A. Election Committee (Jeanelle Horcasitas, Steven Rees, Nathaniel Wood-Cohan)
 - B. Overview of Election Procedure (slide on presentation)
 - C. List of Current Nominees

D. Final call for nominations

1. None

E. Presidential Election

1. Garrett Bredell Presentation on Platform
2. Vladimir Jovanovic Presentation on Platform
3. Questions from Council

a) How will you give international students a voice?

(1) Garrett

(a) Begins with a resolution

- (i) Needs to be specific and institutionally recognized

(b) Welcome package or set of documents held at International Center

(c) More funding for international student programs and resources

(2) Vlad

(a) Acknowledged lack of experience with international students and resources, but supports being addressed in Student Bill of Rights

b) What have been your interactions with members of administration?

(1) Garrett

(a) Other than Student Regents, not much

(2) Vlad

(a) UCAB Officials

(b) Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs

(c) Discussed reasoning for lack of funding for particular programs

c) How would you work with your other executive officers?

(1) Garrett

(a) Delegation is essential, and ensuring the right responsibility goes to the right Officer

(b) Many programs are doing quite well within GSA, like issues regarding Housing, for example

(2) Vlad

(a) Redefining student organizations

(b) International student issues

d) Is there any precedent for changing the tax code for health care program?

(1) Vlad

(a) Since ACA updated, no, but could be accomplished through VP External

(2) Garrett

(a) Agrees with spirit of Vlad's proposal, but doesn't see how VP External could accomplish with sufficient leverage from own experience. Still should push for it.

e) How do you propose to deal with the challenge of inactivity?

(1) Garrett

(a) Active engagement of the board

(b) Active participation of the GSA reps and executive board

(c) Problem - don't get paid for participation

(d) Need to take incentives to improve the GSA

(2) Vlad

(a) Issue of academics and faculty who infringe on us and make us feel like students

f) What is your leadership style and how does that translate to working with council, the other execs and the other presidents of the GSA?

(1) Vlad

(a) Leadership style of delegation

(b) Try to not to micromanage

(c) Main thing is to protect the people who is doing

the work

(2) Garrett

- (a) Leadership style of recognition and respect
- (b) Recognize that the people we work with have different incentives and policies and negotiate with them for our own benefits

g) Concern of a democratic process of this organization. What are you going to make this organization more democratic?

(1) Vlad

- (a) Agree that it is hard to say it is democratic
- (b) Issue of engagement for graduate students and they the GSA doesn't care about

(2) Garrett

- (a) This is not a presidency. This is a parliament.
- (b) Selection process by the department for GSA reps
- (c) Election at the department level is good a level and that might mean to create guidelines

4. Garrett Bredell is the GSA President 2016-2017

5. President Count: Garrett: 37, Vlad: 5, No: 3, Abs: 3, Total: 48

F. VP Academic Election

1. Robert Gougelet Presentation on Platform
2. Tatiana Zavodny Presentation on Platform
- 3. Move to nominate Vlad (Vlad)**
4. Vlad Presentation on Platform
 - a) Academic Senate one of the biggest

5. Questions from Council

- a) Directed to Robert: Is this a position you want seeing that you are also running for VP Campus?

For other candidates: If you don't get this position, will you consider another one?

(1) Robert

- (a) Looking over the responsibilities for position

(b) Preference for Academic: excited to work with the administration and senate

(c) Interesting interests and committees

(2) Tatiana

(a) A lot of facets that affect academic experience

(3) Vlad

(a) Want to work with Graduate Bill of Rights and this position feels the best

b) What experience do you have with fulfilling this role?

(1) Vlad

(a) Have not been part of the subcommittees within the office of Academic Affairs

(b) Part of the experience of writing the Bill of Rights and interacted with the VP Academics there

(2) Tatiana

(a) Experience holding campus officials accountability as part of ARCHAC

(b) Community Assistant at Rita Atkinson and work with a campus official on a daily basis

(3) Robert

(a) Interested in the work

c) Directed to Vlad: Why didn't you try running for legislative position and make those things that you want to happen, happen on a larger scale?

(1) Busy with work and the most I could do was putting my opinion

(2) Watching and listening to the positions we have been having and the best position to advocate for Bill of Rights is the VP position

d) None of you get the position you are looking for, minus the perks of power and money, how do you see your involvement in GSA?

(1) Tatiana

- (a) Regardless if I get elected for a position
- (b) Something I am passionate about
- (c) Common misperception about me is that I am kind of sweet and quiet
- (d) Not afraid of being unpopular because you need to deliver difficult messages

(2) Robert

- (a) Changes that were happening at the university that inspired me to be part of that change
- (b) Would love to join on more committees and stay involved

(3) Vlad

- (a) Staying next year
- (b) Getting more involved with the committees and the legislative liaison positions

6. *Tatiana Zavodny is the VP Academic 2016-2017*

7. *VP Academic Count: Robert: 3, Tatiana: 35, Vlad: 10, None: 1, Abs: 1, Total: 50*

G. VP External Affairs Election

1. Mark Derdzinski Presentation on Platform
2. Questions

a) What are issues that are important to talk about the state and federal level?

(1) Research funding, student debt, education reform for international students

(2) Keep barking up the hill and change the narrative

b) How are you going to get more involved with the local level issues?

(1) Voicing your concerns is the first way to get the office to know about it and what we can start to do is start lobbying

(2) If you are not in the room to say that we're here and

we are invested in it

- c) How are going to increase the transparency?
 - (1) External office doesn't have more visibility about issues that being talked about
 - (2) Working with VP Campus to host more events about sharing what the office is doing
- d) How closely do you work for undergraduates?
 - (1) Problem about doing advocacy with graduate students at any level is you get pooled with undergraduates
 - (2) A lot of issues that overlap with undergraduate issues
 - (3) Work with undergraduates in that lobby for issues that are issues for undergraduates
- e) How do you feel about the GSA becoming a member of UCSA organization?
 - (1) Sticky issue
 - (2) A lot of schools that aren't a member of the UCSA
- f) Would you endorse and include that as your agenda when you talk to people in Sacramento?
 - (1) Do our best to be apartizent
 - (2) Don't want to back something that won't go through legislation
 - (3) It's about representing your constituent
 - (4) If the vast majority of graduate students want something, I will represent what they want
- g) With the UCSA and SAG initiative, are you against it? If the GSA passes the resolution
 - (1) UCSA does things well and don't do things well
 - (2) Currently have a discussion with schools that are not members
 - (3) If this council passes a resolution, I will bring it to the coalition and recommend it to be passed

3. Mark Derdzinski is the next VP External Affairs 2016-2017

4. VP External Count: Mark: 38, No: 4, Abs: 0, Total: 42

H. VP Financial Affairs Election

1. Sara Rivera Presentation on Platform
2. Zihan Xu Presentation on Platform
3. Questions
 - a) What is your experience with managing finances and skills with student government funds?
 - (1) Zihan
 - (a) Been involved in student orgs during my undergraduate and planning events
 - (b) Willing to learn about the finances
 - (2) Sara
 - (a) Res staff member during my undergraduate year and was in charge of handling the funds for the hall
 - (b) Secretary for my sorority and had to work heavily with our treasurer
 - b) Directed to Zihan: What other departments are you involved with?
 - (1) Dance, Math, Literature
 - c) Directed to Zihan: Did you mean to say you have experience outside the US managing funds?
 - (1) No I don't have experience with managing funds
 - d) A lot of the VP Finance do a lot of this navigating bureaucratic paper process. Do you have experience with navigating complicated bureaucratic systems and extensive paperwork?
 - (1) Sara
 - (a) Have a lot of experience with bureaucratic processing from my involvement in student orgs, working in res staff and my sorority
 - (b) A lot of it involves with knowing who you talked to and what they said

(2) Zihan

(a) Psychology consultant for my department

e) This year Mukanth found some extra funds and along with other people, they came up with an idea of investing it. If you found some money, what would you invest in?

(1) Sara

(a) Thought the Pub investment was really innovative

(b) Things that we want to see to be done since this money doesn't have

(2) Zihan

(a) Help students with reduce recreation during summer and how can you negotiate that?

Provide other options such as 24 hour fitness

f) If you are not elected, how will you stay involved and with these finance matters?

(1) Sara

(a) Stay involved with the finance committee

(b) Voicing my opinion on GSA

(c) Next year have more time

(d) Getting involved especially with transportation

(2) Zihan

(a) Increase the water voucher for more students to have access to water

(b) Help students with get into the gym during the summer

4. Sara Rivera is the VP Financial Affairs 2016-2017

5. VP Finance Count: Sara: 32, Zihan: 9, Abs: 1, Total: 42

I. VP Campus Affairs Election

1. Robert Gougelet Presentation on Platform

2. Betty Ramirez Presentation on Platform

3. Move to withdraw nomination (Robert)

4. Questions

- a) Will you be willing to work with the Resource Center?
 - (1) Yes. When I worked with Lindsay when she was VP Campus
- b) What is your skills and experience with
- c) In the past the executives had a lot of personal issues that impeded their work. If these issues affect you from being unable to do your position well, will you announce it to council that things need to change
 - (1) Very committed
 - (2) Mom got a deportation letter
 - (3) Worked hard on
- d) As reps, would you still do your position and be rep?
 - (1) Encourage new people
- e) VP Campus Affairs is also connected with the University Centers
 - (1) Don't know much about UCEN
 - (2) What I do know is what
 - (3) First rule of business is talk to GSA reps who sit on the committee to talk to them

5. Betty is the VP Campus 2016-2017

6. VP Campus Count: Betty: 29, No: 3, Abs: 4, Total: 36

J. VP Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Affairs Election

- 1. Martin Boston Presentation on Platform
 - a) Been about 1-2 years as a GSA rep
 - b) Comes from a history of student advocacy
- 2. Sophia Hirkakis Presentation on Platform
- 3. Question
 - a) How do you manage to live in this environment that does not support
 - (1) Sophia
 - (a) Talking to people and helping them get informed
 - (2) Martin

- (a) Change in departmental review process - includes how they are mentored and how they feel about other students in their program
- b) Staff are one of the underrepresented people. Like to see more student interaction with other communities on campus. How you are going to interface with communities like that?

(1) Martin

- (a) Utilizing the student union
- (b) A lot of the stuff is happening but goes a lot of unnoticed
- (c) Opportunity to bridge those gaps and think about staff and other communities we have on campus

(2) Sophia

- (a) Get more collaboration with the resource centers
 - (i) Getting students involved in those platforms
 - (ii) Ability to sit down and collaborate at these resource centers
- (b) Experience with being involved
- c) Started off as competitive edge who felt forced out of that program. What are your general ideas about retention?

(1) Martin

- (a) Being involved with those communities
- (b) Departmental review process
- (c) Town hall discussions in my platform
- (d) Listserve that already exist and get an idea of

(2) Sophia

- (a) Diversity Advisory Council is not being used to its full advantage
- (b) Open forum that is styled of a discussion to create a collaborative space

- (c) Down the ground and talk on a one on one basis
- d) Directed to Sophia: A lot of the work came out of the union for diversity and your name isn't on any of them.
 - (1) Unaware of them
 - (2) GSA collective is that a lot of the stuff doesn't get passed around
 - (3) GSA Blog or diversity blog
 - (4) Not opposed just don't genuinely know about them
- e) Directed to Martin: You said you were a rep before. How involved were you?
How do you see your involvement with GSA this year?
 - (1) Martin
 - (a) Department rep is only one year and is mostly for a first year
 - (b) Still a member of the diversity committee up until 2015
 - (c) Never left working with underrepresented students
 - (2) Sophia
 - (a) Not going to get rid of me
- f) Directed to Sophia: A lot of your involvement speaks to the VP Campus position. Why are you running for the VP Diversity position?
 - (1) A lot of the stuff is narrative base
 - (2) Feels this is the position that I can make the most impact
- g) The GSA is not very diverse. One is because we don't communicate enough and certain groups of people don't believe. When one organization does not have enough of a group, you have to ask what kind of organization. What should the organization look like?
 - (1) Martin

- (a) Think about how this position is elected
- (b) Where is the voice of the underrepresented student is when picking the VP DEI
- (c) Making sure undergraduates have a voice

(2) Sophia

- (a) Having events that aren't just beer
- (b) Bringing attention to what GSA is doing well
- (c) Diversity of thought on this committee
- (d) Major issue is the diversity of thought

h) Something that got pushed aside is OSD has the lowest rating on campus. What is your interaction with them? What you like to deal

(1) Sophia

- (a) Being a person who went to OSD with my own concerns, the office sucks
- (b) 3 meetings in total with the Director of OSD and advised her to making sure there is a graduate student

(2) Martin

- (a) Only experience with OSD is my own students
- (b) Interested in hearing the concerns and getting the help of

i) This position is a mirror of the entire graduate student body and any issue that one might have as well as educating administrators about those problems and those communities. Directed to Martin: Been on the ground working with students, you haven't talked about what you would do to push for those students by talking to the higher ups

(1) Martin

- (a) VC DEI and other committees on campus so those would be the spaces you would advocate and talk to those higher ups

(b) Things I will be interested in are the Department Review process, campaign for diversity and know what the principles of community are

(2) Sophia

(a) Been the privilege of working with the VC and other administrators and telling the narratives of my constituents and will continue to do it in a way that will give me power

4. VP Diversity Count #1: Sophia: 16, Martin: 20, No: 5, Abs: 0, Total: 41

5. VP Diversity Count #1: Sophia: 15, Martin: 16, No: 3, Abs: 0, Total: 34

6. Election for VP DEI will be repeated for the April 18th meeting

X. Updates on Student Conduct Standards Board [15 minutes]

A. Cory Stevenson

B. Need people's input because need to know if this is worth being to fight for

C. Betty - What is at stake here?

1. The nature of student organization

2. The sentiments behind those changes

D. Wesley - When do you need a response by?

1. A Week from Thursday on the 14th, which is 5 days before the next council meeting

E. Sophia - Set an informal time where people who are interested can get involved and talk about this

XI. Call for CM #12 Agenda Items

A. UCAB Proposal

XII. Adjourn

A. Motion to adjourn [10:38pm] (Vlad, Teresa)

V. 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	\$3620.00	\$1450.00	\$2170.00
Academic and Professional Request Fund	\$10,000.00	\$4135.00	\$910.00	\$3225.00
Lounge Improvement Fund	\$3,500.00	\$2,040.00	\$0.00	\$2,040.00
Diversity Request Fund	\$5,000.00	\$2310.00	\$000.00	\$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:

GRF14: Appropriate \$1200 for event titled, "LASO Fest 2016" on May 6th, 2016 at GPS Courtyard at 4pm. Approximately 200 graduate students are expected to attend this event. The funding will be used towards refreshments and food.

GRF15: Appropriate \$250 for event titled, "Yolanda Terán Maigua: Indigenous Women's Political Organizing in the Andes" on April 14th, 2016 at Cross Cultural Center at 1:30pm. Approximately 30 graduate students are expected to attend this event.

APRF16: Appropriate \$250 for event titled, Being a STEM Academic (and a Woman) on April 21st, 2016 at the Women's Center at 12pm. Approximately 30 graduate students are expected to attend this event. The funding shall be used to purchase refreshments and food.

APRF17: Appropriate \$210 for event titled, "Left Spaces in Latin America" Symposium on April 24th, 2016 at the Deutz Room, Institute of the Americas at 9am. Approximately 30 graduate students are expected to attend this event. The funding will be used to purchase food.

APRF18: Appropriate \$450 for event titled, Sociology Graduate Student

Conference 2016 on May 20th, 2016 at SSB 101 at 9:30am. Approximately 65 graduate students are expected to attend this event. The funding shall be used to purchase food.