

University of California, San Diego Graduate Student Association

Council Meeting #11 Monday, April 10th, 2017 6:00 pm, Price Center Forum

- I. Call to Order
 - A. 6:09 PM
- II. Approval of CM #10 (2017) Minutes
 - A. Move to approve, second: approved
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - A. Move to amend: Cory (under Section VI appoint Zihan Xu to ARCHAC)
 - B. Move to amend: Betty (under Section VI appoint Will S. to UCAB)
 - C. Move to approve amendments, second: approved
- IV. Public Comments and Announcements [10 minutes]
 - A. April 29 Family Friendly "The Raptor Institute Event" in Mesa Housing (FREE) (Lynn)
 - 1. 10am noon: there will be a bunch of birds, education session and arts and crafts
 - B. May 6 Winery tour (Lynn)
 - 1. Tix announcement coming soon; check your email
 - 2. Location: Temecula
 - C. Robert
 - 1. UCAB looking for graduate representative at large
 - 2. Rep would work with Price Center and Old Student Center (student association offices, restaurants, etc.)
 - 3. Talk to Rob if you have objections to Outback Surfshop closing at end of May
 - D. Sophia
 - 1. Divertsity Advisory Symposium coming soon!
 - 2. Will be in The Forum from 2pm-4pm
 - 3. Panelists will talk about various diversity initiatives around campus
 - 4. Martin, VP EDI: will be this Friday, please tell your constituents

- 5. Symposium will bring various campus committees to talk about their diversity-related initiatives
- 6. Please attend and ask questions!
- 7. We will gather responses from surveys post-event to present to AVC EDI
- 8. At 4pm, we will have our keynote speaker, Dr. Shirley Webber

E. Betty, VP Campus:

- 1. Library Social, this Friday in Geisel
- 2. You can tour cool places like Digital Media Lab, meet librarians
- 3. Food and drinks like burritos, cupcakes, wine, and more
- 4. Please attend!
- 5. Please nominate for Community Awards, either yourself or another deserving grad
- 6. We are down to 2 final candidates for AVC Student Life, they will come to campus soon, they will work on UCAB related matters
- 7. Good to show up as grads and get idea of how this person will work with grads
- 8. Please pass on to your constituents and attend their visit

F. Sara, VP Finance:

- 1. Extra ArtPower tixs, we have a bunch
- 2. Will be this Thursday at 8pm, please see me if you want tix
- 3. Not accepting more lounge improvement funds, used up whole fund this year

G. Tara:

1. I would like to withdraw my name from VP EDI

H. Cory:

1. Talk with me about temporary ARCHAC position opening, if you are interested in grad housing

I. Sophia:

- 1. Talk with me about a variety of campus committees to join, they do important work and need strong grad student voice
- 2. Email me at sophia@ucsd.edu

V. Vote on Finance Bills [10 minutes]

- A. <u>Sara Rivera</u> (Vice President of Financial Affairs)
 - 1. No more \$ left for lounge improvement funds
 - 2. Plenty \$ left for general fund (\$5500)
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- B. Martin: for LIF4, \$500 seems expensive for coffee maker and coffee
 - 1. Sara: this \$ is only for this year, they cannot request a lounge improvement fund next year, finance committee gives leeway because these requests are only every 2 years
- C. Robert: can these groups spend \$ on something other than they request?
 - 1. Sara: No, it has to be approved and on-list

- D. Move to approve finance bills as slate, second: approved
- E. Move to approve slate of finance bills, second: approved

VI. Vote on Appointments

- A. Finance Committee
 - 1. Roisul Galib
- B. All Campus Commencement Ceremony student speaker selection committee
 - 1. Tatiana Zavodny
- C. ARCHAC
 - 1. Zihan Xu
- D. UCAB
 - 1. Will S.
- E. Move to approve appointments as slate, second: approved
- F. Move to approve slate of appointments, second: approved
- VII. Elections procedure presentation [5 mins]
 - A. Christina Alarcón, Sophia P. Hirakis, and Bryce Thomson
 - Procedure
 - a) Final call for nominations
 - b) Public endorsements- no q's
 - c) 3 minutes per candidate for platform no q's
 - d) 10 minute q/a (1 min: q, 1 min: a)
 - e) 10 min: open session, 3 minute concluding remarks
 - f) 5 min closed session
 - g) Voting: positive, negative, abstention
 - h) Candidates return, winner announced
 - 2. GSA Executive Elections ('17-'18)
 - B. <u>Election Committee</u>. Chair: Bryce Thomson
 - 1. President
 - 2. VP Academic Affairs
 - 3. VP External Affairs
 - 4. VP Financial Affairs
 - 5. VP Student and Campus Affairs
 - 6. VP Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Affairs
 - 7. President
 - a) Mark Derdzinski
 - (1) No nominations
 - (2) Public endorsement: Kim McCabe
 - (a) Mark consistently goes above and beyond

- (b) He passionately argued for immigration reform, grad student healthcare, and other important issues with Congress
- (c) He will keep the best interests of GSA at forefront
- (d) Mark organized national grad student conference
- (e) He has been heavily involved with UCSA, even though he is not a member
- (3) Public endorsement: Nate, VP Academic
 - (a) Mark has been extremely engaged in structural reform for GSA
 - (b) In process of forming UC system-wide student organization for grads
- b) Opening statement
 - (1) Thank you for the kind comments
 - (2) I have seen the GSA from rep and exec members
 - (3) I see a lot of reform opportunities for GSA to make decision-making process quicker for grad students
 - (4) Ultimately, I want to make reps accountable for their positions
- c) Q/a
 - (1) Jacob: what do you see as primary goals (personal, etc.) as GSA President?
 - (a) I want to help reps implement their ideas instead of just come up with ideas
 - (b) Also, I will focus on adivsor-advisee relationships
 - (c) We need reform at UC system-wide level, need best practices to be established at systemwide academic senate
 - (d) I have collaborated with other GSA members to start an initiative this year on this issue
 - (2) Cory: will your academic duties impede your ability to be President?
 - (a) No, i just had my last research trip to CERN, should not be an issue
 - (3) Sara: what would you add to budget?
 - (a) I would add a full-time staff member for GSA,

- need to trace thread of long-term initiatives as GSA reps turnover year-after-year
- (b) UCs that have this staff member have efficient GSAs,
- (c) Resources to help address food insecurity and alternative academic career planning
- (4) Tara: how will you bring these reforms without them being in budget?
 - (a) Some people are already working on these issues, will present to council soon
 - (b) I want to field your policy initiatives
- (5) Martin: what EDI issues do you forsee? Or issues that currently need to be addressed?
 - (a) Important to respond to national issues
 - (b) Getting people to spearhead these EDI issues, want to bring issues to GSA council
 - (c) Want to make council more equitable to reps
- (6) Beverly: what GSAs do you see as role model for our GSA?
 - (a) Not a single GSA that is role model
 - (b) I collect best practices from multiple GSAs
 - (c) For example, rep-incentive programs are good to focus on, again full-time staff member is necessary
- (7) Tanner: how willing are you to pressure admin to get GSA demands met?
 - (a) I am well versed in having difficult conversations
 - (b) My role has required going to hostile environments to lobby for grad student rights
 - (c) Have energy to get things done, willing to get in face of admin
- (8) Move to extend by 5 minutes, second, objection
- (9) Move to extend to end of speakers list, second: approved
- (10) Kim: what initiatives will you carry out for diversity-related issues and underrepresented communities?
 - (a) Townhall structures and other ways for grads

- to directly get involved
- (b) We have gap and need to hold reps accountable for their departments
- (c) I will also field concerns individually
- (11) Robert: what is your opinion on ethical use of power?
 - (a) manage execs, facilitate council, be face of council when necessary
 - (b) President has to remain neutral
 - (c) In past, GSA has been executive driven, have over-stepped our power
 - (d) I want to return power to GSA reps
- d) Closed session
- e) Vote: 41 for, approved
- f) Mark Derdzinski is the new GSA President
- 8. VP Academic Affairs
 - a) Vladimir Jovanovic
 - (1) I am the current Legislative Liason for GSA
 - (2) Want to protect grad student body
 - (3) Mentorship system is not very effective at UCSD
 - (4) Plan to attack through advocacy by council resolutions
 - (5) Want to increase TAships, current system is outdated
 - (6) Want to advocate for number of TAships and the funding for TAs
 - (7) Want to have system for feedback from grads to their academic mentors
 - (8) Want to institute code of conduct
 - (9) Have worked on new stipend levels for TAs that are currently being instituted
 - b) Madhura Som
 - (1) Focus on two areas: resources and relationships
 - (2) How relationships play into grad student success
 - (3) Relationship to department (TAships) and mentor-mentee relationships
 - (4) Want to create crowd-sourced platform like ratemyprofessor
 - (5) Want campus-wide reform to have better grad-mentor relationships

- (6) Many classes do not have enough TAs, prohibitive and leads to more years to graduate
- (7) Want to develop career services center and other resources to help grads develop their career
- (8) Need to strengthen alumni pipeline from UCSD
- c) Q/a
 - (1) Kim: how will you smooth compensation between STEM majors and social sciences?
 - (a) Vlad: hard to do, compensation based on federal funding, push for TAships that have higher pay, need to unify GSRs and TAships
 - (b) Madhura: reinforce availability of TAships across departments, would work on this if elected, STEM related fields do get a lot of funding through many resources
 - (2) Mel: biggest challenge you would face as VP Academic?
 - (a) Madhura: get issues that grads are facing, there are many surveys, but we need to talk more to departments
 - (b) Vlad: developing better grad-mentee relationships will be the biggest challenge that I would face
 - (3) Tara: Vlad can you elaborate on your campaign to unify GSRs?
 - (a) Vlad: in state legislature, would allow GSRs to unionize, have to elaborate on what we want as GSRs (stipends, guaranteed funding, etc.), I will advocate for these issues
 - (4) Mark: advisor-advisee relationships, what is a long-term and short-term goal for you?
 - (a) Madhura: short-term: start anonymous reviews like rate my professor, long-term: rights and responsibilities between students and professors to hold advisors accountable
 - (b) Vlad: short-term: get more resources for students, develop peer advisor network for each department, long-term: standards for professors' behavior towards students

- (5) Sara: what idea would you bring to grad division to benefit students that wouldn't cost GSA?
 - (a) Vlad: will bring it up in closing statement
 - (b) Madhura: need an online platform like career development week/GSA Social hour for people in industry to interface with grads, can have for each department
- (6) Move to extend to end of speaker's list, second: approved
- (7) Tanner: how will you better serve arts and humanities community, which is severely underserved?
 - (a) Madhura: we can have more conversations between STEM and non-STEM fields, space issue is a problem for many grad departments due to increase in grad enrollment
 - (b) Vlad: VP Academic meets with Grad Dean, ridiculous that grads have to write in STEM-manner for thesis, will bring this issue up in these meetings
- (8) Valerie: how to build system to incentivize departments to improve grad life?
 - (a) Madhura: faculty department awards, department recognition for departments that have done well, need to start conversations between grads and departments, bring up stats about grad student happiness and # of grads leaving
 - (b) Vlad: want to publish grad student happiness to prospective grads, departments need to realize what other departments are doing well and emulate those behaviors
- d) Open Session
- e) Vote: Vlad Jovanovic wins VP Academic
- 9. VP External Affairs
 - a) Vote: Kim McCabe wins
- 10. VP Finance
 - a) Raul Herrera
 - (1) This is my first year in GSA
 - (2) Wanted to get more involved with UCSD admin

- (3) Been an active member in SFAB and SFAC
- (4) SFAC deals with biggest student fee (\$300/quarter) with tens of millions in budget, spent time reviewing budget
- (5) Want to push important student services
- (6) Deal with numbers every day, pay attention to detail
- (7) Experience with SFAC will serve me well as VP Finance
- (8) Have worked with finance committee and Sara, VP Finance
- b) Zihan Xu
 - (1) I have been on Finance Committee since last year
 - (2) I took more finance classes
 - (3) I have attention to detail and will get all departments their funds
 - (4) Have clear picture of how budget for GSA works
 - (5) Will adjust DPC based on GSA attendance
 - (6) Want to negotiate with UCSD admin for better finance budget for GSA
- c) Q/a
 - (1) Sara: how are you with budget, emails, and telling people no?
 - (a) Zihan: courses that i have taken in management will come in handy to manage the GSA budget, I respond to emails promptly every hour, I encourage my friends to request \$ from GSA
 - (b) Raul: I have experience going over budget with SFAC this year, I don't have a problem sending emails, I don't have a problem saying "no"
 - (2) Martin: what parts of GSA have you interacted with?
 - (a) Raul: I was on DAC, transportation committee, and SFAC, student affairs has connections to many organizations on campus, i have good idea of connections between these organizations
 - (b) Zihan: I was on the academic committee that had a PhD conference, I was on finance committee and know the events that GSA

funds throughout the year

- (3) Jacob: what do you see as appropriate items for GSA to spend budget on?
 - (a) Zihan: finance committee approves almost every proposal, i want to have more restrictions on proposals for lounge improvement fund requests
 - (b) Raul: want to get input from students about events they want to see, want to have access to funds for events that promote diversity and inclusion
- (4) Kim: Zihan, can you elaborate on financial courses that you have taken?
 - (a) Zihan: I took Lab 2 Market with several MBA students, taught me how to work with many different students, I know how to negotiate with people from this training
 - (b) Raul: My training was from SFAC, I know how to create and review a budget
- (5) Sabrina: what would you spend \$5000 if provided by UCSD admin?
 - (a) Raul: I would spend on socials, important part of grad happiness, also would spend on mental health and other health resources
 - (b) Zihan: \$2000 for lounge improvement and other tech improvements
- (6) Move to extend of end of speaker's list, second: approved
- d) Mark: is there any part of the GSA budget that you think needs improvement?
 - (1) Zihan: Free for alls have had less events but have big budget, may need a reduction
 - (2) Raul: GSA retreat budget was wasted, not used correctly, think about revising these moving forward
- e) Ian: what are your thoughts on funding off-campus events for GSA members?
 - (1) Raul: we should do more external events, like events in Hillcrest
 - (2) Zihan: need to get more input from students for

- external events, then we can decide on events off-campus, need more funding from students for these types of events, want to get a sponsor for GSA
- f) Betty: what issues have you seen with grad students and the sports facilities? since you would appoint members to SFAB
 - (1) Zihan: want to get grad students more access during summer to sports facilities
 - (2) Raul: issue with grad students using field, issue with summer recreation fee
- g) Robert: how and why did you decide to run for VP Finance coming from engineering background?
 - (1) Raul: background from planning budgets in SFAC, want to take on challenge of managing GSA budget, as physicist deal alot with numbers and calculations, want to have finance as way to impact grad students
 - (2) Zihan: i have had mentors who inspired me to get into finance

11. Open Session

- Nate: Zihan laid out a great plan during elections mixer, endorse Raul and believe he has the skills and competencies to do well at this job
- b) Rep: i am a member on SFAC, Raul did a great job of communicating to SFAC reps
- Sara: Raul told me ahead of time that he might have schedule conflict, i nominated both candidates and believe in both of them

12. Concluding Statements

- a) Zihan: i will make sure departments get their \$ on time, will have small amount for lounge improvement funds, will give better DPC based on different requirements, negotiate with UCSD admin to get better grad sports facility access, will promote more family friendly events, Raul is a great candidate
- b) Raul: i have the skills and experience for this role, i also have the research skills to look up finance policies, i would continue with SFAC and my other committees if i'm not elected, Zihan is a great candidate

13. Vote:

a) Zihan Xu is the winner of VP Finance

14. VP Student and Campus Affairs

- a) Mel: 3rd year PhD student in Literature, served as elective rep for 1 year, current social coordinator, social coordinator for my theatre during undergrad, served on exec committee for my sorority, reinvigorating community, great opportunity to get grads involved in student life, been advocate for interdisciplinary research and friendships, want to carry out interdepartmental olympics, want to be advocate with housing, dining, UCEN, and other UCSD admin, serve on English department committee
- b) Betty: been in GSA for 3 years, first interested as grad climate intern, been inspired to run for this position 3 times, been working towards diverse themes, i think that a candidate needs at least 2 years of experience to be effective, important to get GSA reps involved in committees, sat in on AVC Student Life interviews, UCSD admin do not think about grad student life enough, will emphasize grad student needs

15. Q/a

- a) Sara: if you had to cut a social event and institute a new event what would it be?
 - (1) Mel: would create interdepartmental olympics, take spring social into winter, have friendly competition
 - (2) Betty: Pub is coming online soon, Porter's Pub has a different vibe, want to bring these artists back to create a great new event
- b) Valerie: how would you promote grad student committes during social events?
 - (1) Betty: will go to campus organizations and have them attend our socials to spread the word about grad committees
 - (2) Mel: want to communicate better with grad students, stronger themes during socials
- c) Rep: what is the non-social side of VP Campus?
 - (1) Mel: if council said they wanted less socials, i would be receptive to that, i would make sure everyone's voice is heard, have office hours
 - (2) Betty: couldn't get social coordinator when i first got appointed, had to work with other GSA members to

- pitch GSA committee openings, will focus on pushing GSA reps to fill GSA committees early
- d) Michael: what are your themes for reaching out to different department around campus about GSA?
 - (1) Mel: focus is on reinvigorating grad life, going in-person to different departments to get feedback on student issues
 - (2) Betty: we do grad orientation, we started Ideawave to spread awareness of GSA around campus, want to find ways to reform ideas about GSA and not just have it be beer and pizza
- e) Tara: what issues that affect students have you worked on?
 - (1) Betty: mentorship is a big issue for me, i have 2 committees working on this right now
 - (2) Mel: parking and transportation is terrible here, I have gotten 6 parking tixs just for not being able to find parking as a TA, will work on fixing parking and transportation
- f) Hannah: how will you make events more inclusive (especially for undocumented students)?
 - (1) Mel: focus on wording for flyers, promote all of our events as inclusive to all students
 - (2) Betty: focus on themes for social events, first Loft event had many international students with Bollywood music, had event with ECE that also can tap into international students
- g) Jacob: what is biggest failing of campus affairs?
 - (1) Betty: brought diversity to our roaming socials this year, still need to push policy with UCSD admin and GSA council
 - (2) Mel: planning events in a timely fashion is an issue, I would focus on planning events for GSA long in advance for marketing and to get grads excited
- h) Robert: how do you advocate mental health for grad students?
 - (1) Mel: want to help students overcome their mental health
 - (2) Betty: last year, we pushed for grad student counselor for mental health, want to continue mindfulness

workshops

- i) Sophia: how will you build community outside of social drinking?
 - (1) Betty: held group conversations with small groups to share advice on advisors, mental health, and other important issues, we can collaborate with climate interns
 - (2) Mel: want to bring more music to grad students, bring grad student music groups, wouldn't just need alcohol
- j) Sara: would you be more focused on student life or student affairs work as VP Campus?
 - (1) Mel: in interest of constituents, I would focus on working with UCSD admin to improve grad student life
 - (2) Betty: I have shifted my foucs towards more grad advocacy with UCSD admin
- k) Valerie: would you take a backseat with your appointees to GSA committees?
 - (1) Betty: this year, i took a backseat, if elected again i would make sure to stay on my toes more with appointees
 - (2) Mel: i would take active role to have appointees fill me in on their work
- I) Tara: as GSA works on GSR, how will you inform grads about this campaign?
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16. Open Session

 Nate: I belive that both candidates are equally qualified for this position

17. Concluding Remarks

- a) Betty: my academic life will no longer be an obstacle since I have qualified for my PhD last November
- b) Mel: feel honored to run for this position, will serve in GSA regardless, good luck in making your decision, will be a great VP Student and Campus Affairs

18. Closed Session

19. Vote: Mel wins as VP Student and Campus Affairs

20. VP EDI

- a) Osinachi Ajoku: 3rd year PhD student at Scripps, had experience with racial discrimination my 1st year, helped task inclusion committee for members, been involved with DAC at SIO, worked to hire diversity staff member, been involved with DAC at GSA, been in environmental justice collective at SIO
- b) Q/a
 - (1) Robert: how do you emphasize with people who have vested interest in status quo?
 - (a) don't blame these people because they are benefitting from how the system is currently set up, wouldn't have any drastic changes as VP EDI, would try to have all parties benefit through any new measures
 - (2) Raul: what would you do to keep SIO involved with issues at UCSD campus at large?
 - (a) I would keep in contact with people i know who on campus who know these issues intimately
 - (3) Sara: if you had \$2000 to spend on diversity issues, what event would you have?
 - (a) I would have event for different cultures to present cultural traditions, sharing culture would help break cultural stereotypes
 - (4) Jacob: how do you balance people with differing political beliefs feeling free to share their beliefs?
 - (a) every person is affected by EDI issues, i don't focus on one side over the over, i want to make people a little happier, would take time
 - (5) Vlad: what are your thoughts on bringing in more diverse people for LGBT events?
 - (a) want to help spread event awareness, want to help these populations feel comfortable, would reach out to LGBT community to get them interested in attending such events
 - (6) Kim: what are your thoughts on spreading awareness about being vegan?
 - (a) as a vegan, I want to spread awareness about the vegan diet, maybe have a vegan group on

campus

- (7) Tara: how will you balance your pet project with the duites as VP EDI?
 - (a) UCSD grads drop out at high rate, want to find out how to better retain grads, would also hold more diversity-related workshops
- (8) Ian: what is your motto to how you work?
 - (a) my background taught me to be a great listener, my life experiences and friendships have helped me be diverse
- c) Closed Session
- d) Vote: Osinachi wins as the new VP EDI

VIII. Call for CM #12 Agenda Items

IX. Adjourn

A. 10:15 PM

V. Finance Bills

Fund	Budget Funds	Funds Remaining	Funds under Request	Funds remaining if requests approved
Early Request Fund	\$2,500	\$230	\$0	\$230
General Request Fund	\$11,000	\$5,965	\$210	\$5755
Academic and Professional Request Fund	\$11,000	\$3,853	\$145	\$3,708
Lounge Improvement Fund	\$3,500	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$0
Diversity Request Fund	\$5,500	\$2,193	\$400	\$1,793
Service Request Fund	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
Family Friendly Fund	\$1,200	\$990	\$500	\$490

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