



University of California, San Diego  
Graduate Student Association

Council Meeting #12  
Monday, April 20, 2015  
6:00pm, Price Center Forum

- I. Call to Order [6:09pm]
- II. Approval of Agenda [5 mins]
  - A. Move to Amend item IX to say “Presentation” instead of “Vote”
    1. Seconded, Approved
  - B. Amend Line XII to add Appointments
    1. Seconded, Approved
  - C. Move to amend Item VIII to say “Presentation of DCR07” to clarify that it’s being presented but wording is not being seen. Change DRC08 to DCR07.
    1. Seconded, Approved
  - D. Motion to Approve Agenda
    1. Seconded, APPROVED
- III. Old Business - Approval of Council Meeting 11 Minutes [5 Minutes]
  - A. Seconded, APPROVED
- IV. Public Comments and Announcements [5 Minutes]
  - A. Travel Grant Awards and Presentations - May 15
  - B. Ph.D. Career Counseling. May 16; Free Books and Signing.
  - C. GSA Community Awards at the Loft, Tomorrow April 21
  - D. Spring Fling this Friday, April 24, from 6-11pm
  - E. Chancellor’s Dissertation Medal Nominations are open.
  - F. Next Thursday, April 30, from 3-6pm Women in STEM talk about Gender Bias. Reception and networking event following talk.
  - G. UCEN Referendum Passed, 60%-40%
  - H. Travel Grant Applicants Notified - All were funded
- V. Presentation on GSA Draft Budget [10 Minutes]
  - A. Presented by VP Finance - Negin Nazarian and Mukanth Vaidyanathan (Elected)
  - B. Draft Budget, will not be voted on today. GSA has two weeks until it is finalized. GSA Budget Committee will meet next week.
  - C. Highlights:
    1. Draft is a collaboration among execs and GSA committee
    2. Referendum passed, so half of 23% of fees will go to GSA

3. More money for Graduate Development
  4. Travel Grants will get renewed for next year
  5. Budget has two lines: one "With Fund Manager" and one "Without Fund Manager". However, a bill was approved to have the fund manager not be paid by GSA, therefore see the "without Fund Manager" line
  6. DPCFs will be put in department's accounts at the start instead of contacting GSA for reimbursements.
  7. Graduate Advantage Program
  8. Increased funding for GSA Events e.g. Free-For-Alls, Happy Mondays
  9. New Outreach Coordinator Line
- D. Motion To Extend by 5 minutes, seconded, APPROVED
1. Lots of Items were kept the same from Appropriations
  2. Salaries: Required from LE National and LE State Positions; New Community Outreach Coordinators
- VI. Presentation from Student Conduct Board on Updates to the Student Conduct Code [ 10 Minutes]
- A. Presented by Cory Stevenson (BioE)
  - B. Email sent to students from Chancellor
  - C. Open public period for two weeks and then it will be sent to UCOP
  - D. Documents what the student is allowed and not allowed to do and who to blame and what happens when one is blamed.
  - E. Highlights;
    1. Changed some definitions like retaliation
    2. Centralized some tasked to the Student Conduct Office
    3. Added "include misuses of prescription medication"
    4. Language regarding student conduct reviews.
    5. Changed the process used by student orgs where the SCO decides the process and the Center of Student Involvement can convict and punish a group.
  - F. Motion to extend by 5 minutes, seconded, approved,
    1. Changed grounds for submitting appeals.
    2. Campus Emergency Policy, grants "Martial-like law" to bypass all this process and punish instantly.
- VII. Discussion on Inclusive Communication within GSA [20 Minutes]
- A. Presented by Amelia Ray and Troy Kokinis
  - B. Representing the Diversity Community
  - C. Within GSA, there have been complaints from lack of transparency, problematic speech and actions toward Underrepresented Minorities (URM) and issues with campaigning.
  - D. Goal: Acknowledge that culture of exclusions and move past it by offering productive, and effective solutions.
  - E. Proposed Solutions
    1. Diversity/Sensitivity training as part of development

2. Overhaul of GSA Representation Training Program: Robert's Rules, GSA by-laws familiarization and clarifications.
  3. Overhaul of by-laws, including GSA Elections by-law and code of conduct, principles of productive, democratic debate and create avenues for reporting and addressing issues.
  4. Overhaul of how reps are selected/appointed.
- F. Questions/Discussions
1. Revision of memento for introduction to Robert's Rules and Responsibility.
  2. Suggestion of buddy/mentor system
  3. Clarify the sexist, gendered language and what constitutes each of those classes.
  4. Who gives the sensitivity training.
- G. Motion to Extend by 5 minutes, seconded, approved
1. Include some of the Student Conduct Issues on this training
- H. Motion to close Speaker Lists, seconded, approved
1. Create a committee which hears the complaints and resolve the issues
- I. Motion to add 1 speaker to list, seconded, approved
1. Diversity Inclusion Program, result from over years.
- VIII. Presentation of DCR08: Support of Expanding Mental Health Services [10 minutes]
- A. Sponsored by Andrew Richards, Maya Sapiurka and Lindsay Freeman
  - B. In the past, UC Budget has cut down on mental health issues and suicides and awareness increased the need for mental health.
  - C. Psychologist and Psychiatrists to student ratio is significantly smaller than the Ivy's
  - D. UCSD grads added a fee to SHIP Premium to increase mental health fees.
  - E. Recommends hiring 2 FTE (Full Time Employees) psychiatrist. Grad SHIP wants to fund 1 FTE for total of 3. After one year, Chancellor would pay salary.
  - F. Meet before meeting 13. Will present DCR and vote on net meeting and then committee will be dissolved
- IX. Call for Committee Membership Addressing DCR08 [10 Minutes]
- A. Evaluate and Refine DCR.
  - B. This helps know how funds are being used and students would get to see financial documents.
  - C. Call for Volunteers
  - D. Motion to approve, seconded
  - E. VOTE: 37-0-0 (Y-N-A)
  - F. Memberships: Andrew Richards - Chair, Maya Sapiurka - Vice Chair
    1. Mukanth Nominated - Accepted
    2. Nick Bernard Nominated - Accepted
    3. Steven Rees - Accepted.
  - G. Motion to Approve, seconded, Approved

- X. Presentation to DCR07: Resolution in Support of Emendations to APM 210-1-d proposed by UCSD Academic Council [10 Minutes]
  - A. Sponsored by Holly Dembinski
  - B. Resolution deals how professors and other staff gets promotions and tenure.
  - C. States that diversity is important and should improve inclusiveness
  - D. Helps Identify groups which can help and understand URM.
  - E. This bill helps backup/support the changes to Help the UC-Wide council; this should be voted in 2 weeks.
  - F. Email Holly before next meeting with comments.
- XI. Funding Bills
  - A. APRF14: Appropriate \$300 to Maya Sapiurka for Medical Education and Telemedicine Building on May 8th. This event features a one day symposium on new tools that can be used for analyzing and sharing data in neuroscience and other biological sciences. The event is organized by the New Media Committee from the Neurosciences Department and 40 graduate students are expected to attend. The funding will be used for food.
    - 1. MOTION TO APPROVE, Seconded, PASSED
  - B. APRF15: Appropriate \$450 to Harrison Carter for Sociology Graduate Student Conference 2015 on May 22nd. This event features a conference themed around youth culture and social movements. The event is organized by the Sociology Department and 80 graduate students are expected to attend. The funding will be used for food, printing and the speaker.
    - 1. MOTION TO APPROVE, seconded, PASSED
  - C. Motion to discuss and approve following bills as slate, seconded, APPROVED
  - D. DRF09 (+DEF): Appropriate \$500 to Darang Candra for Soup Harmony on May 20th. This event focuses on providing a platform for people to share the beauty of their cultures, faiths, and philosophies by showcasing different kind of soups from various cultures. The event is organized by the Harmony Club and 75 graduate students are expected to attend. The funding is for food, drinks, and event materials.
  - E. DRF10: Appropriate \$210 to Erica Pandolfi for Women in Technology and Engineering Panel on May 27th. This event features a panel of professionals to give advice and guidance to graduate students. The event is expecting 20 graduate students to attend. The funding is used for food and event materials.
  - F. GRF14: Appropriate \$210 to Erica Pandolfi for Understanding Startups on April 21st. This event features speakers to discuss startups. The event is expecting 25 graduate students to attend. The funding will be used for food and publicity.
  - G. LIF05: Appropriate \$380 to Josephine Vo for UCSD Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences "Mailroom" Improvement Initiation on April 30th. The "Mailroom" is UCSD School of Pharmacy's communal lounge for the Skaggs student body. About 240 graduate student utilize the lounge. The funding will be used to renovate the communal lounge.
  - H. Motion to Approve as a slate, Seconded, PASSED

- XII. Appointments
  - A. Motion to Approve as a slate, seconded Passed
- XIII. Call for Council Meeting 13 Agenda Items
  - A. None
- XIV. Adjourn
  - A. Seconded, Approved at 8:08 pm