



University of California, San Diego  
Graduate Student Association

Council Meeting #13  
Monday, May 2nd, 2016  
6:00 pm, Price Center Forum

- I. Call to Order [6:06PM]
- II. Approval of [CM #12 \(2016\) Minutes](#)
  - A. **Move to approve CM#12 (Teresa, Paul)**
    1. **Motion passes by unanimous consent**
- III. Approval of Agenda
  - A. **Move to item about amendments to the election bylaws to item IX (Steven, Maya)**
    1. **Motion passes by unanimous consent**
  - B. **Move to add presentation about Mentorship Resolution by Sophia (Cory, Nate)**
    1. **Motion passes by unanimous consent**
  - C. **Move to approve CM#13 agenda (Bryan, Steven)**
    1. **Motion passes by unanimous consent**
- IV. Public Comments and Announcements [10 minutes]
  - A. Bryan - Thank you to everyone for filling out the Round Table Pizza survey. Half of you were split on renewing the leasing.
  - B. Frank - 2 Roaming Social. One this Friday and next Friday at Porter's Pub, going to have Green Flash, pizza and corn dogs
  - C. Steven - Micro BA starting this summer. Check out your email
  - D. Daniela - This Friday is the Laso Fest, starts at 4pm going to be lots of food.
  - E. Dan - Board and Brew at the Loft this Wednesday 7pm-10pm with happy hours on the beer and appetizers.
  - F. Betty - Career Night is next Wednesday with a presentation about pursuing a career outside of academia. Career Center from 5pm-7pm.
  - G. Lindsay - Last council meeting is May 31st
- V. Guest Presentation - Chair of Graduate Council [10 minutes]
  - A. [Prof. David Salmon](#)
- VI. Guest Presentation - Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs [20 minutes]
  - A. [Dr. Juan Gonzalez](#)
  - B. Nate - Could you name 2 things you are most excited about to improve graduate life on campus?
    1. Looking more into fellowships and endowments
    2. Increasing housing
  - C. Teresa - Can you speak more about fellowships and endowments?

1. Allocated through the department level
- D. Traded emails with Mark Cunningham about housing, increasing bed number and the ultimate long term goal is to house 50% of graduate students on campus
- E. Nate - Get paired with a mentor who. Pushes to get graduate students at these fundraising events
  1. Great idea
  2. Students working with the student foundation and completed dedicated to working with alumni association and raising oney for scholarships
- F. Robert - Do you believe the communication channels between the graduate students and administration provides adequate needs for opinions to be expressed? Is there something that needs to be approved?
  1. Executive team in communication with Dean Barrett
  2. Multi-component channel, recreation/housing and dining report to me
- G. Andrew - Speaking of RIMAC and the gym, how long will it be until we have summer access?
  1. \$36 is much better than it was last summer
  2. Entity that is subsidized by student fees with a policy
  3. Students pay more during the year to restructure the
- H. Troy - Feedback on comment between grad students and executive officers. Problematic with administration response to hate speech on campus. Departments produced a documents that basically called the administration to make comments about how the hate speech harms the UCSD community
  1. This institution will support free speech regardless of how hurtful it may be
  2. Can't create a bubble to guarantee to protect you from getting hurt by free speech
- I. Bryan - Rimac and gyms is to have clean towel facilities, pre-clean towel to have
- J. Mark - yield to Claire
  1. Claire - What was the administration point of condemning the Koala versus the chalking?
    - a) Dimension of Trump supporter
    - b) Koala was sexist, racist
- K. Sabrina - Heard the international center is closing and parts moving to other parts of resources?
  1. Yes
  2. Gateway Student Services Building, 3-5 years down the line for a new facility
  3. New space demanded by the international house staff, 3 different sites to be relocated this summer
- L. Robert - Affecting the public image we have with regards to politics
  1. Yes

VII. Vote on Finance Bills [10 minutes]

- A. Mukanth Vaidyanathan (Vice President of Financial Affairs)
- B. Move to approve as a slate (Teresa, Nate)**

1. **Motion to approve**
2. **Objected by Troy**
3. Teresa - The Finance Committee went through these to make sure they are okay. Would be faster to approve as a slate.
4. Troy - Concerns with DRF11. Asking where is this coming from.
5. Nate - What problem do you see arising?
6. Troy - Might be problems with an institution bringing about talks about diversity. Sensitive issues that I don't know how are going to be facilitated
7. **Motion withdrawn (Teresa, Nate)**

**C. Move to approve APRF20 and DRF10 as a slate (Teresa, Valerie)**

1. **Motion passes**

**D. Move to approve the slate (Andrew, Paul)**

1. **Motion passes**

**E. Move to table DRF10 to May 16 (Nate, Steven)**

1. **Objected by Cory**
2. Nate - Issue that can be a contention, want the people here to fully
3. Cory - Don't think tabling it to the finance committee will help since they are there to make sure the funding request meets all requirements
4. Valerie - Can we just table this to later in the meeting until someone from SIO is here to explain
5. Nate and Steven withdraw motion

**F. Move to table DRF10 to table until after Item XII (Cory, Steven)**

1. **Motion passes**

VIII. Vote on [University Centers Advisory Board \(UCAB\) Charge](#) [15 minutes]

A. Claire Maniti (UCAB Chair)

**B. Move to change language to "one graduate student member-at-large selected through a process developed and approved by the Board and (Cory, Teresa)**

1. **Object by Bryan**
2. Cory - GSA is the student government that represents all graduates. GSA duty is to get all things represented equally and fair. Don't think having just UCAB select one graduate student member-at-large
3. Bryan - Amendment suggested and done by the GSA reps on UCAB in order to have more grad representation with a different group. Give more voice outside of GSA. Increasing GSA mower power will be rejected
4. Teresa - GSA is the only government body on campus
5. Claire - Member at large become appointed by GSA then it becomes an appointed member. Only opening another door that aren't from GSA to have their chance to voice their opinion
6. Eric - Like the amendment by Cory, there is a current limit number of GSA to make sure choosing the rep that will represent graduate opinion
7. Cory - Only student government for grad students, there are no appointing bodies formed from the

8. Bryan - This opening could be a GSA person. UCAB is an independent board separate from the communities GSA appoints to. Good independent voice not associated to GSA. One board having a lot of power of who is on the board
9. Paul - Diversity of voices. Undergrad vs grad. There isn't this war coming between them, come together as a committee. Diversity of voice and having a voice approved from GSA is necessarily a bad thing.
10. Dan - Change brought to me a couple of months okay. Body like this is a singular body and make singular decisions. As a GSA we tend to vote as a block. As a unique
11. Cory - All members of any committee has an opinion. As far as I know, GSA hasn't . UCAB is not independent committee and derives its authority from GSA, VCSA and AS.
12. Bryan - UCAB can go forward without GSA and make decisions without us. Independent voice is provided. Avoiding having one group have a large presence.

**13. Move to call to question (Teresa, John)**

a) *Motion passes*

**14. Move to add language "one graduate student member-at-large selected through a process developed and approved by the Board and submitted to GSA for approval" [11-17-3]**

a) *Motion does not pass*

**C. Move to approve document as a whole (Bryan, John) [23-5-1]**

1. *Objected by Cory*

2. *Move to extend time by 10 minutes (Mignon, Paul)*

a) *Objected by Valerie*

b) *Motion does not pass*

3. *Motion passes*

IX. Presentation on [amendments to the Election Bylaws](#) [15 minutes]

A. Election Committee (Jeanelle Horcasitas, Steven Rees, Nathaniel Wood-Cohan)

B. What Was Not Changed

1. "Times can be changed at discretion of Chair," Points of Information and responses do Not count towards debate time, but NOT to be abused," "Differential time for platform discussion based on # nominations"
  - a) Council approves alterations, procedure set by EC
2. All-grad election instead of reps-based
  - a) More a general body question than EC-specific
3. Elimination of closed session
  - a) Open session built in for discussions, with candidate questions directed by chair
  - b) 5-minute closed session with 30 second talking points
  - c) Promotes values of open session (accountability) and closed (private discussion)

### C. Changes to Be Made

1. Add "The Election Committee will host a candidate mixer at the time nominations open. GSA executives will present on the duties and responsibilities of the respective positions before this event"
2. Replace vote with entering closes session to vote for"
3. Add "must be Arial and at least 11-pt font with at least 0.5-inch margins on all sides"
4. Add "Council representatives are responsible for disseminating platforms approved by the Election Committee to their departments at that time"
5. Add "Council members present at the start of elections may leave a written vote submission for any election for which they will be absent for voting. This submission must be given to an Election Committee member before leaving, and will be nullified in the event of a successive election for that position. While a written submission is active, any proxy for the absent Council member will be invalid, nor may an alternate representative vote in their place."
6. Add "Ballot slips will be counted pre-voting to ensure proper vote counts during each election"
7. Change successive votes to "Successive votes shall be taken until one candidate receives a majority. In successive votes for positions with three or more eligible candidates, the candidate receiving the fewest votes shall be eliminated before the next voting round"
8. Add "If there are two remaining candidates and neither achieves a majority after one vote, the Elections Committee may decide to return to Council deliberations before the subsequent vote. This process continues until a single candidate achieves majority, or the Elections Committee proposes and Council confirms that the election for that position be postponed. In this case the position will be considered vacant, nominations reopened, and the election proceeds to the next position."
9. Add "Winning an election requires a simple majority of present voting members, including approved proxy and written submissions. In the event of successive voting rounds when a candidate is removed, written submissions will no longer be counted for its vote or towards the present majority."
10. Add "Election-specific public endorsements may be read aloud for a total of 3 minutes. No questions will be fielded during this time. All speakers in this session must submit any endorsements to the Elections Committee no later than one week before the election for approval. The order of speakers endorsing candidates will be rotated as determined by the Elections Committee to most balance candidate support."
11. Add " and order of candidate response will be rotated by the Election Committee. Each questions and answers will be limited to 1 minute each."
12. Add "If the position is contested, Candidates will be asked to step outside

while Council will proceed to deliberates in open/closed session, followed by closed session. If the position is uncontested, Council will proceed directly to closed deliberations. During deliberations:

- a) Discussion time for each candidate will be balanced as reasonably as possible by the chair.
  - b) GSA resources and materials cannot be used to favor one candidate over another.
  - c) GSA executives may not use privileged information to favor one candidate over another but they may speak as an individual.”
13. Add “To ensure the fairness and openness of the discussion, the Election Committee may propose to return the election process to a specified earlier stage. Upon Council approval, the election process will then continue starting from the specified point and following the procedures in normal sequence. If nominations are closed, then they may be reopened at this time. Open session debate will be limited to 10 minutes, with individual speaker times of 1 minute each. Candidates may not participate, except to answer clarifying questions asked to them by the chair. Discussion time for each candidate will be balanced as reasonably as possible by the chair.”
  14. Add “Candidates will then each have one minute for concluding remarks, in reverse order of platform presentation.”
  15. Add “Council will then continue deliberation in closed session during which the candidates will be asked to leave the room. Closed debate will be limited to 5 min, with each speaker time limited to 30 seconds.”
  16. Change “Closed session deliberations will be immediately followed by voting shall be done via secret ballot, and ballots counted by the Election Committee.”
  17. Add “on which a special election for that office shall take place.”
- D. John - Candidates will read their endorsements themselves?
    1. Yes
  - E. Valerie - Reps can yield to to public during open session?
    1. Yes
  - F. Cory - Only have to yield time to undergraduate and administration
- X. Presentation on [C4 Committee Report](#) and Vote on [DCR11: Report from the C4 Committee](#) [15 minutes]
- A. [Troy Araiza Kokinis](#)
  - B. Metrics set by one resolution for this year. New metrics for the new lease
  - C. Upgrade cost not coming from student fees
  - D. Mediators are there to make sure no party gets their entire way to mediate a result that is a compromise
  - E. Andrew - Has the CHE Collective gotten tax exempt status?
    1. Yes
  - F. Sophia - What is the collective’s intention with the space?

1. Changes every time. It is based on who makes up that group of people
- G. Mark yields to Claire - Group needs to vacate when new sprinklers need to be installed. When construction happens and when the group needs to vacate, less likely to vacate if lease isn't there
- H. Robert - Administration agreed to do upgrades. What is the concern?
  1. Nothing in writing to let the Che come back
- I. Move to extend by 5 minutes (Cory, Sophia)**
- J. Christina - Che there in the holdover period
  1. Che is no longer part of the holdover period
- K. Cory - Does UCAB have any opinions?
  1. Want a lease with all the co-ops and the Che as soon as possible, before the end of the year because current leadership helping them are all terming out
  2. Unlikely new leadership willing to seek this through
- L. Andrew - First be it resolved enforceable?
- M. Sophia - Point of Privilege, lease should be negotiated, EDI of GSA
- N. Move to table until after item XII (Valeria, Sophia)**
  1. **Objected by Daniel**
  2. **Motion passes**
- XI. Vote on [amendments to the Officer Bylaws \(Council Parliamentarian Position\)](#) [15 minutes]
  - A. Nathaniel Wood-Cohan and Cory Stevenson
  - B. Bryan - Will they get paid?
    1. No requirement for this position to get paid
    2. Don't have money to fund
  - C. Move to add to bylaws (Cory, Valerie)**
    1. **Objected by Dan**
    2. Cory - What is the objection for?
    3. Dan - In principle don't know why is this even being pushed for?
    4. Tatiana - Necessity to the position. What kind of authority will they bring to council. Structure might break down
    5. Nate - Council members who is very versed in. Institutional knowledge be lost. Position would be to check the president
    6. Tatiana - Who appoints to this position?
      - a) Cory - Currently chief of staff and if we go with the changes, VP Internal
    7. Teresa - Academic has a parliamentarian position, helps with the working of the meeting
    8. Sophia - As someone who has been by the position,
    9. Cory - Parliamentary not running the meeting, the chair is still running the meeting, position to check the chair
    10. Nate - Not going to be the chair, just giving guidance to how the meeting should be run and to make sure robert's rule is being followed.

11. Tatiana - Why can't this responsibility be absorbed by someone?
  - a) Nate - make sure this document lives and if no one is appointed to the position, it will be absorbed by the Chief of Staff
12. Jasmine - Why does this position need to be paid?
13. Betty - Where will the funds be coming from?
14. Mukanth - If the chair who is the president, get the final say don't see why we need to have
15. Sophia - If this person going to get paid, is someone is
16. Cory - Don't think we should have this position based on a salary. If we decide if this position is a good idea, then we can decide if we should have this position be paid?
17. Nate - No language is included about the position being paid; Looked into parliamentary certification and it's to make sure you know how to chair a meeting and this position is a lessen version of what the certification calls for
- 18. Move to extend time to the end of the speaker's list (Sophia, Valerie)**
  - a) **Motion passes**
- 19. Call to question (Valerie)**

XII. Presentation on [amendments to the Officer Bylaws \(Chief of Staff Position\)](#) [10 minutes]

- A. Cory Stevenson and Matthew Cohen
- B. Transferring the Chief of Staff to an elected position
- C. VP Internal Existed 2 years ago
- D. **Abstract of Changes:** There are three potential scenarios:
  1. Stay the same
  2. Change Chief of Staff to VP Internal and allocate more responsibilities to VP Internal (make elected position, increase salary by \$2000, reduce student worker salary by \$2000)
  3. Add Marketing and Communications Coordinator to allocate marketing responsibilities away from Chief of Staff and VP Campus (make appointed position under VP Campus, add salary of \$2000, reduce student worker salary by \$2000)
- E. Responsibilities:
  1. Make sure reps are showing up
  2. Help with training
  3. Help with GSA promotion
- F. Option 2: Take everything that Matt does, add rep training, oversee the Graduate Community Awards and GPSA
- G. Option 3: Dedicated marketing position
- H. Christina - Current position in this position, how that distribution works?
- I. Sophia - Why was this position not happening?
  1. Social Coordinator and Community outreach Coordinator
- J. Sophia -
- K. Tatiana - Chief of Staff change to VP internal in previous document



L. Roert - Chief of Staff wouldn't exist if VP Internal

**M. Move to selection VP Internal (Cory, Maya) [7-11-7]**

**1. Objected by Sophia**

2. Cory - 2 year of Chief of Staff to see how the moving of duties worked out, think VP Internal was better, this is about the internal marketing

3. Sophia - Chief of Staff has already so many duties, and just make it into an elected position, still like marketing position because GSA just knows about beer

4. Nate - current marketing and outreach is made through 2 chief of staff is hard to balance, can find at 2 different positions; don't see the advantage of paying someone double in the hopes of doing best

**5. Move extend time by 5 minutes (Cory, Mukanth)**

6. Mukanth - Distributed the execs right now know who the reps are on specific committees

7. Valerie - Marketing position because we get an influx of emails to format a digest

8. Matt - Marketing position as well, arguments against it creates a bottleneck and would take the same amount of time to communicate them, communication as they are needed and easier to communication to create a flow

9. Sophia - I think the group's idea about marketing position is incorrect.

10. Cory - Have a marketing intern who was an employee who was fired from the job because wasn't doing well, managed by Chief of Staff and President

**11. Move to extend time to the end of speaker's list (Bryan, Maya) [15-7-2] Motion passes**

**a) Objected by Valerie**

12. Cory - Chief of Staff can form a marketing committee

13. Valerie - Might be too much power for one person can be elected to, theory great in practice but might not be great in practice, while it has a good position, more of a potential to be a drawback

14. Betty - Take into an account to be another election, Christina has asked about redistribution

a) Matt - Sophia's argument about double the pay does not double pay; the needs of good marketing because it is more practical

b) Teresa - getting rid of orientation which makes the load lighter on the summer cause didn't know I would be starting on July 1st, make the transition easier

c) Dan - 2 hours of quarter, Community Award takes 20-40 hours total over the course of the year, overseeing the planning of graduation appreciation week is hosting events

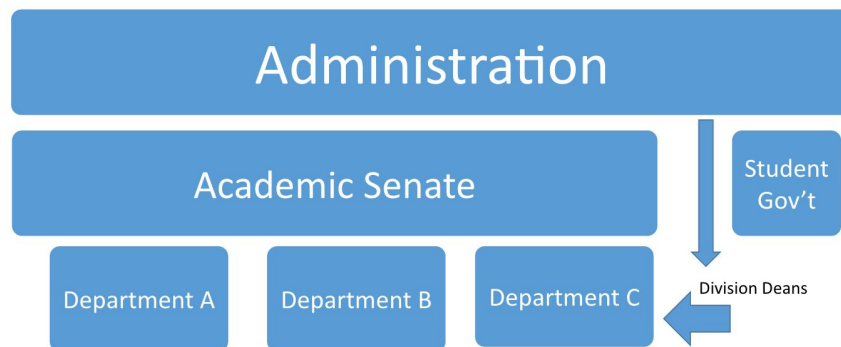
15. Jasmine - both of the choices are interesting and ideologies on whether you each of our responsibility to market GSA correctly

- a) Cory - manae that the marketing is geting
- 16. Sophia - Chief of Staff does not have anymore time, giving more time and responsibility, don't see it as undergrad who didn;t see its value

**17. Does not pass**

- N. Voting on marketing position
- XIII. Presentation on the [Winter TA & GSR Survey Report](#) [10 minutes]
  - A. Teresa Zimmerman-Liu (Vice President of Academic Affairs)
  - B. Follow up on winter survey
  - C. Biggest factor in TA & GSR Issues
    - 1. Faculty
    - 2. Presented to leaders of Academic Sentae
  - D. UCSD Power Structure

**UCSD Power Structure**



- 1. Departments ignoring
- 2. Student rep on faculty meeting, more transparency on funding
- 3. Active in our departments

**E. Move to break (Valerie, Sophia)**

- XIV. Continued Discussion on Resolution
  - A. **Move to add "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that GSAUCSD calls the cooperation of the CHE Cafe Collective with all the terms outlined in the new MSA agreement so as to maintain operations as a student organization." Motion does not pass(Sophia, Teresa)
    - 1. Objected by Cory
    - 2. Sophia - Che Collective supported as a student organization and do what they need to do
    - 3. Cory - That the first be it resolved is adequate to
    - 4. Valerie - Support what cory says
    - 5. Troy - Do you want it to be recognized as a student org?
    - 6. Sophia - since it is, then why shouldn't we
      - a) Troy - vital member
    - 7. Mark - yield to claire
      - a) Whether or not because the requirements separate facility and

che collective

8. Call to question (Cory, Teresea)
  - a) Objected by Sophia
  - b) Motion passes

**B. Move to approve (Cory, valerie) [19-0-2]**

**1. Motion passes**

XV. Conitnued discussion about DRF 11

- A. Troy - Where is this coming from? DEI, students from the department? Who are this people and what is their relationship within the department who work with diversity?
- B. Mukanth - SIO feel disconnected to the rest of campus. Want to address issues that people are having
- C. Jasmine - Lynn and Sara are behind this. At Scripps decreasing number of urms, scripps have their own issues and people
- D. Robert - Event advertised to all graduate students
- E. Sophia - 23 graduate students approved

**F. Move to approve DRF 11 (Teresa, Sophia)**

**1. Motion passes by unanimous consent**

XVI. Presentation on the [2016-2017 Financial Budget](#) [10 minutes]

- A. Mukanth Vaidyanathan (Vice President of Financial Affairs)
- B. 2015-2016 budget
  1. Does not look nice to have negative balance from Office Budget
  2. Increase in Social Activities
  3. OGS to \$7000 to support more incoming graduate students
  4. Increase GRF and APRF because more
  5. FFF decrease because for the past 5 years we have been spending a maximum of \$1000
  6. SRF just received one in 9 years
- C. Sophia - Reducing the Family Friendly Fun by more than half?
  1. Yes
- D. Troy - What is the service request fund?
  - 1.
- E. Valerie - Slowly moving it?
  1. Yes, fade it out
  2. Outreach events likely to fall under APRF
- F. Sophia - How much money been allocating historically?
  1. 2010 - \$500, \$400, \$0, \$250, \$0, \$0
- G. Joe - If there is one request?
  1. Somehow get outreach events through it
- H. Robert - What was the change in budget?
  1. Same amount of money
- I. Robert - It's just reallocating funds?
  1. Yes

- J. Jasmine - FFF whats the use, cultural coordinator use by
  - 1. Don't want to get rid of it because deny it because we don't have an index, don't go by the laws of \$7 per student
- XVII. Presentation on Mentorship Resolution
  - A. Bring to the table reason for the faculty to be checked, solve retention problem specifically to under represented minorities
  - B. UC Regents
  - C. UCSD
  - D. Departments - not held accountable for retention and recruitment
  - E. Faculty - have all these privileges but aren't doing things that are beneficial to graduate student development, faculty that aren't doing their job and need to be held accountable
  - F. Send your ideas to [sophie@ucsd.edu](mailto:sophie@ucsd.edu) and [vpdiversity@gsa.ucsd.edu](mailto:vpdiversity@gsa.ucsd.edu)
- XVIII. Appointments
  - A. President
    - 1. Outstanding Senior and Graduate Student Award Selection Committee - Kim Clark
  - B. Vice President of Student & Campus Affairs
    - 1. Campus/Community Planning Committee - Sophia Hirkakis
  - C. Vice President of Academic Affairs Elect
    - 1. Professional Development Coordinator '16-'17 - Sophia Hirkakis
  - D. Move to approve Kim Clark (Cory, Sophia)**
    - 1. Motion**
  - E. Move to postpone Professional Development Coordinator (Cory, Sophia)**
    - 1. Motion passes**
  - F. Move to approve Campus. (teresa, sophia)**
    - 1. Motion passes**
- XIX. Call for CM #14 Agenda Items
  - A. Presentation of GSA Honor Code
  - B. Presentation of Mentorship Resolution
- XX. Adjourn (9:11pm) (Teresa, Andrew)

**VII. Finance Bills**

Fund	Budget Funds	Funds Remaining	Funds under Request	Funds remaining if requests approved
Early Request Fund	\$2500	\$60	0	\$60
General Request Fund	\$10000	\$1670	0	\$1670

Academic and Professional Request Fund	\$10000	\$2800	\$500	\$2300
Lounge Improvement Fund	\$3500	\$2040	0	\$2040
Diversity Request Fund	\$5000	\$1585	\$1060	\$525
Service Request Fund	\$1500	\$1500	0	\$1500
Family Friendly Fund	\$2500	\$2500	0	\$2500

**Finance Bills:**

**APRF 20:** Appropriate \$500 for event titled, “JIPS 2016 Edition Launch Event” on May 19th, 2016 at GPS Courtyard at 5pm. Approximately 80 graduate students are expected to attend this event. The funds will be used for food and refreshments.

**DRF10:** Appropriate \$700 for event titled, “ASL Musical” on May 20th, 2016 to May 22nd, 2016 at Price Center Theater. Approximately 200 graduate students are expected to attend this event. The funds will be used for food and AV tech

**DRF11:** Appropriate \$360 for a series of events titled, “Pro-Diversity Gathering/Discussions” starting on May 18th, 2016 until September 30th, 2016 at SIO. Approximately 23 graduate students are expected to attend each event. The funds will be used for refreshments and food.