



University of California, San Diego  
Graduate Student Association

Council Meeting #14  
Monday, May 22, 2017  
6:00 pm, Price Center Forum

1. Call to Order
  - a. 6:00 PM
2. Approval of CM #13 [Minutes](#)
  - a. Move to approve, second: approved
3. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Move to add "Main"
  - b. Move to approve as a slate, objection
  - c. Move to divide the issue, second: approved
  - d. Move to approve everything but moving the election items, approved
  - e. Move to move the election earlier, objection
    - i. Mark - want as many people as possible
    - ii. Sara - will be at sea during the next meeting
    - iii. Mark - would be helpful to the transition, move to VI
    - iv. Vote - approved (moved election to VI)
  - f. Move to approve amended agenda, second: approved
4. Public Comments and Announcements [10 minutes]
  - a. Cultural Events Update
    - i. Bus tickets for brewery trip still on sale (Lynn)
    - ii. Silent Sky Tickets (Lynn)
    - iii. Old Globe tickets for summer- The Imaginary Invalid, King Richard II, Guys & Dolls, and Robin Hood (Lynn)
    - iv. Hillcrest Master Planning Study Focus Group - Need 2 reps (Tatiana)
  - b. Open call for Legislative Liaisons (Mark)
  - c. Quint
    - i. Meeting for Main Gym Visioning
    - ii. Email me if you or your constituents want to voice their opinions
  - d. Sophia
    - i. Need help to house a friend who is a Greek Priest
    - ii. Needs to be close to Thornton Hospital

- iii. If you or someone you know has room for rent, please consider letting him move in
    - iv. Please let me know if you have potential housing for him
  - e. Rep
    - i. 12 lecture course by Rady
    - ii. Application opens at end of this month
    - iii. Please send to your constituents
  - f. Sara
    - i. Phil Jones Dance Company
    - ii. Thursday at 8pm
    - iii. Contact me if you are interested
  - g. Mark
    - i. Final Coffee & Bagels next week
    - ii. Please attend and tell your constituents to attend!
- 5. Vote on Finance Bills [5 minutes]
  - a. Sara Rivera (Vice President of Financial Affairs)
  - b. GRF 11: "Paint Your Research"
    - i. June 8th, 2017 at Pacific Hall
    - ii. Organized by Biological Sciences Department
    - iii. Projected attendance: 30 grads
    - iv. Funding will be used for food, refreshments, and supplies
  - c. GRF 12: "Before the Flood Movie Night"
    - i. June 8th, 2017 at Pacific Hall
    - ii. Organized by Biological Sciences Department
    - iii. Projected attendance: 20 grads
    - iv. Funding will be used for food, refreshment, supplies, and movie rental
  - d. APRF 28: "WMIS Panel" Negotiating Your Salary/Startup Position"
    - i. June 13th, 2017 at Pacific Hall
    - ii. Organized by grad in Scripps Institution of Oceanography Department
    - iii. Projected attendance: 10 grads
    - iv. Funding will be used for food and refreshments
  - e. Move to approve as slate, second: approved
  - f. Move to approve slate, second: approved
- 6. Move to approve 5 minute recess, second, objection
  - a. Vote:
    - i. Yes: 10, No: 9, Abstain: 0
    - ii. Approved
- 7. Elections Procedure [presentation](#) [2 mins]
  - a. Christina Alarcón, Sophia P. Hidakis, and Bryce Thomson

8. [Special Election](#) for VP Campus Affairs [20 mins]
  - a. Candidates
    - i. Betty Ramirez
    - ii. Robert Gougelet
    - iii. Daniel Jacobsen
  - b. Public Endorsements
    - i. Luke Wang, UCAB
      1. I endorse Robert Gougelet
      2. Advocated grad student needs in university centers and restaurants around campus
  - c. Opening Statements (3 minutes)
    - i. Betty Ramirez
      1. Been part of GSA for 3 years
      2. Know external and internal relations with UCSD admin
      3. Main priority: work with transportation, UPass referendum needs improvements
      4. Have been working on negotiations and cost-effective changes to transportation for grads
      5. UCAB/UCEN goals
        - a. Revise MOU on joint programming indexes with UCEN
        - b. ARCHAC, Student Conducts Group, Restorative Justice Committee
      6. Collaborated greatly with The Loft and want to continue collaborating with new venues around campus
      7. Spoke with UCSHIP committee on fee increase this past year
        - a. We worked with the insurance companies to lower back these insurance costs for grads
    - ii. Robert Gougelet
      1. 5<sup>th</sup> year PhD in Cognitive Science department
      2. Main interest is in design
      3. Design requires open mindedness, ambiguity, and learning from mistakes
      4. These are my personal strengths and reflect why I am qualified for VP Campus Affairs
      5. My desire is to unify the grad student community
      6. Will increase grad student participation
      7. Will update GSA website
      8. Increase visibility of GSA resources and impact on grad students

9. Campaigns on mental health, parking, transportation, and grad burnout
  10. I believe that GSA reps want to have impact on greater good of grad student community
  11. Want to flame this passion for all grad students at UCSD
- iii. Daniel Jacobsen
1. 5<sup>th</sup> year PhD in Bioengineering
  2. 4 years of involvement in GSA
  3. Served previously as VP Campus & Social Affairs
  4. Sat on UCAB, Transportation, and Parking Committees
  5. Transportation is our biggest concern for grads
  6. Need referendum to be passed as soon as possible
  7. Language typically takes months to approve
  8. Referendum will start this summer and hope to be finished by fall 2018
  9. Looking forward to collaboration with VP Social Affairs
  10. Improvements to be made on GSA Marketing
  11. GSA Website update will be goal of mine
- d. Q/A Session (10 minutes)
- i. Chris: (for Robert) You mentioned grad student burnout; do you have specific ideas for this campaign?
    1. Robert
      - a. Need to start measuring statistics
      - b. Will work closely with VP Academic and faculty
      - c. Seems that they are a great resource and looking to help
    2. Betty
      - a. Will check in with Christina Lambert and with CAPS to make it easier for grads to schedule appointments to meet and talk about grad mental health
      - b. Will program events too
    3. Dan
      - a. Mesa Nueva West will house CAPS, which will allow centralized place for grad students to meet with counselors
      - b. Will work towards better grad mentorship
  - ii. Quint: Will any of you be leaving before this next year?
    1. Betty
      - a. Will be moving into candidacy next fall (2018)
    2. Robert
      - a. Will defend my dissertation next year

- b. My advisor and I are flexible though
      - c. I am delaying possible internships so that I can be fully committed to this position
    - 3. Dan
      - a. Will graduate in late 2018, should not interfere with this position
  - iii. Nate: If you could host first-time GSA event to bring together campus community, what would it be?
    - 1. Dan
      - a. I would want to host an event similar to Mesa Block Party
      - b. Would be an outlet for grad students to relieve stress
    - 2. Robert
      - a. Combination of “What Can GSA Do for You?” and open dialogue
      - b. Would be open to undergraduates, faculty, and staff to raise awareness of grad student issues
    - 3. Betty
      - a. Informative town hall
      - b. Would work with VP Diversity
      - c. Need more diversity on campus committees
  - iv. Jacob: You all mentioned transportation as a priority, especially parking; what is your specific vision for GSA’s involvement in transportation?
    - 1. Betty
      - a. Use more rotations of campus shuttles
      - b. Light rail will open opportunities for housing and transportation to change
      - c. Could also create social bike share system
    - 2. Move to extend to end of speakers list, second: approved
    - 3. Dan
      - a. Did survey on transportation
      - b. Had a variety of responses
      - c. Each community wants a different transportation vision
      - d. grad students will have new parking structures, light rail will help
    - 4. Robert
      - a. Will require many different ideas
      - b. We can look into technology
      - c. Better keep track of parking spots around campus

- d. Even repainting lines in parking lots
  - v. Sara (for Dan): How aware are you of the GSA fiscal budget for 2017-18?
    - 1. Dan
      - a. I didn't see the final numbers for that budget
  - vi. Mel: What is the greatest challenge that you will face in this new position and how will you solve it?
    - 1. Robert
      - a. See this as a management position
      - b. Make sure committees are staffed and meetings are being attended
      - c. Need to have open communication
      - d. I have experience leading teams as a TA and at NASA, undergrads as well
    - 2. Betty
      - a. Resourceful and initiative
      - b. Need to work with committees
      - c. Want to have proactive instead of reactive attitude as VP Campus Affairs
      - d. Getting reps to join and attend committees
    - 3. Dan
      - a. Management position, cannot attend all committee meetings
      - b. Need to be able to pick good reps
      - c. Need to be adaptable
      - d. Will focus on marketing effectively
  - e. Open Session (10 minutes)
    - i. Emily: GSA reps what has been your experience working with Dan and Betty?
      - 1. Nate
        - a. They were both motivated and worked effectively in their positions
    - ii. Martin
      - 1. Endorsement from Kim
        - a. Betty came to my aid to assist me with reservation system
        - b. She believes in making campus more enjoyable
        - c. She should be supported in continuing this role
    - iii. Sara
      - 1. Good to have new blood on exec board
      - 2. Robert has done great job in getting involved this year

- iv. Mel
  - 1. Both Betty and Robert have shown initiative this year
  - 2. Betty has done a great job of getting into details of the different committees
  - 3. Robert did a great job in Marketing Committee implementing ideas
- v. Nate
  - 1. Betty stands up to grad students
  - 2. Pushes back against UCSD admin
  - 3. She has done great job with these roles
  - 4. Robert helped to collect data and have final Marketing Committee presentation
- vi. Val
  - 1. Betty did a great job delegating tasks among committees
  - 2. I felt supported in my role
  - 3. She was understanding
  - 4. Dan was a driving force behind Summer Pass for last year
- vii. Martin
  - 1. Dan and Robert have done exceptional in their involvement
  - 2. Betty was a member of DAC and other committees
  - 3. She took initiative to join these committees
  - 4. I endorse her
- viii. Nate
  - 1. Robert and I met through GrAdvantage class
  - 2. He has a strong background and is prepared for this role
- f. Concluding Remarks
  - i. Betty
    - 1. Thank you for these endorsements
    - 2. I have helped grad students, execs, and reps anytime that they came to be for help
    - 3. Transportation is vital to grads
    - 4. Will voice our concerns to admin, since GSA has different needs than AS
    - 5. Will see newsletters and other marketing outlets for GSA if I were to be elected
    - 6. Believe that marketing visibility is a requirement
    - 7. Want to bring passion and diversity to the committees around campus
    - 8. Will be resourceful, transparent, and keep reps well-informed
  - ii. Robert
    - 1. Will read my 12 point plan

2. Will work with exec committee on improving details
  3. Ensure every GSA committee is fully staffed next year
  4. Ensure 100% department attendance for every GSA CM
  5. Double GSA attendance to GSA events
  6. Increase visibility for funding opportunities to GSA reps
  7. Underrepresented students and their bigger risk for grad burnout
  8. Will work on mental health and basic needs for grads
- iii. Dan
    1. Believe all three candidates are great
    2. Transportation will be my biggest focus this year
    3. Going to require big push from students
    4. Will always improve GSA Marketing (email digests and other channels)
    5. Look forward to new areas for this new position
    6. Appointing committees will be a focus for me to finish by October 2018
- g. Closed Session (10 minutes)
    - i. Vote
    - ii. Betty
    - iii. Robert
    - iv. Daniel
  - h. Vote:
    - i. First Round
      1. Betty: 13
      2. Rob: 8
      3. Dan: 7
      4. Abstentions: 1
      5. Betty and Rob advance to vote-off
    - ii. Second Round
      1. Betty: 18
      2. Rob: 12
      3. Abstentions: 0
    - iii. Betty Ramirez is new VP Campus Affairs
9. Presentation on UCSA and Vote on UC Grad Summit [10 minutes]
    - a. Mark Derdzinski (Vice President of External Affairs)
      - i. [External Affairs UCSA Report](#)
      - ii. [Resolution funding UC Grad Summit](#)
      - iii. Move to add bylaws changes, second: approved
      - iv. Sophia: Does this leave open the possibility to be in UCSA?



1. Mark: Yes, this would be to discuss the options
  - v. Chris: Membership fee of \$10,000 is not included in this resolution
    1. Mark: True, it's part of the budget, which is the next agenda item
  - vi. Chris: Will the UC Grad Summit discuss UCSA?
    1. Mark: Yes, the \$5,000 estimate was from the SAGE Fall Summit
  - vii. Move to approve, second: approved
  - viii. Hayley: Call for quorum.
  - ix. Quorum not found.
  - x. Mark: can we discuss the 2017-2018 budget (and other agenda items) and take a straw poll? Agreed upon by remaining reps.
10. Vote on the proposed [2017-2018 GSA Budget](#) [10 minutes]
- a. Sara R. Rivera (Vice President of Financial Affairs)
  - b. [Presentation](#) from previous CM meeting
  - c. Straw poll found significant majority would have voted to approve
11. Vote on [Increasing Financial Transparency](#) [10 minutes]
- a. Sara R. Rivera (Vice President of Financial Affairs) & Zihan Xu (VP Finance-elect)
  - b. Straw poll found significant majority would have voted to approve
12. Presentation and vote [Summer 2017 Graduate Recreation Pilot Program](#) [10 minutes]
- a. Quint Frauman (Sports Facilities Advisory Board rep) & Sara R. Rivera (Vice President of Financial Affairs)
  - b. Straw poll found significant majority would have voted to approve
13. Call for CM #15 Agenda Items
14. Adjourn
- a. 8:30 PM