



University of California, San Diego
Graduate Student Association

Council Meeting #15
Tuesday, May 31st, 2016
6:00 pm, Price Center Forum

- I. Call to Order [6:01PM]
- II. Approval of [CM #14 \(2016\) Minutes](#)
 - A. **Move to approve CM#14 (Jasmine, Sara)**
 1. **Motion passes by unanimous consent**
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - A. **Move to add item VI Fair Trade Committee [2.5 minutes] (Jasmine, Sophia)**
 1. **Objected by Bryan**
 2. Special guest for UCAB report item VII, should do the presentation after
 3. **Motion withdrawn (Jasmine, Sara)**
 - B. **Move to add item VIII Fair Trade Committee [2.5 minutes] (Jasmine, Sophia)**
 1. **Motion passes by unanimous consent**
 - C. **Move to change Marketing Committee Charge from item XII to item XI (Cory, Sophia)**
 1. **Motion passes by unanimous consent**
 - D. **Move to change DCR15 from item XVII to item XIII**
 1. **Motion passes by unanimous consent**
 - E. **Move to change EDI Report and DCR 14 from item XVI and XVII to item XI and XII (Sophia, Tara)**
 1. **Objected by Cory**
 2. Sophia - yield to Cory
 3. Cory - historically diversity discussion takes a long time
 4. Tara - it won't take long, but if it does, it is important and we need it done for the last meeting
 5. Sara - everything on the agenda is important, this is the most time so we should wait
 6. **Motion fails [9-13-12]**

F. Move to change DCR13 from item XIV to item X (Betty, Sophia)

1. Objected by Cory

2. Betty - move the resolution to before the constitution, it won't take a lot of time
3. Cory - this resolution will take a long time
4. Juan - considering nature of issues, we must act fast
5. Sophia - this is cancer, time is of the essence
6. Tara - cancer and sexual harassment is underneath @ucsd.edu email resolution
7. Sara - we are wasting a lot of time

G. Call the question on approving the agenda (Sophia, Cory)

1. Motion passes by unanimous consent

IV. Public Comments and Announcements [10 minutes]

- A. Sophia - thank you Lindsay for being an awesome president
- B. Maya - thank you Lindsay
- C. Betty - applications are still open for social and cultural
- D. Mark - applications are also still open for legislative liaison positions
- E. Sophia - are there meetings in the summer?
 1. Lindsay - no, but special meetings can be called, the next meeting is October 3rd
- F. Lindsay - appreciation banquet is June 2nd on pub patio with food and drinks

V. Guest Presentation - Director of Teaching & Learning Commons [20 minutes]

- A. Prof. Gabriele Wienhasuen
- B. Teaching & Learning Commons combines the center for teaching and learning
- C. Currently located in Center Hall and will be moving to the library
- D. CTD will cease to exist and TLC will take over
 1. TLC will also include ELP II international teachers development
- E. Looking to hire associate directors
- F. Workshops will be offered - courses in teaching college, supported graduate teaching scholars program
- G. TA / Faculty advisor is a position all departments should have
- H. TLC is working with Graduate Division to make sure the position is filled
- I. Andy - teaching class wasn't great, what type of change can we expect

1. The GSA TA report has been shared with department heads
 2. Having adequate TA training is going to be part of Academic Senate review
- J. Sophia - how are you interfacing with OSD and creating curricula for the disabled?
1. Everyone should be helped
 2. This is on the agenda but not done
- K. Vlad - TA evaluations are not helpful and can be biased
1. CAPES are not evaluations, just data points
 2. We need to assess qualities of syllabus
- L. Cory - Gabriele Wienhausen is a great administrator
- VI. Guest Presentation - Associate Vice Chancellor of Innovation & Technology Commercialization [10 minutes]
- A. Dr. Paul Roben
- B. Our office is new on campus and has been around 8 months
- C. We take tech ideas and help them become a reality
- D. We want innovation and diversity of thought
- E. Our mission is to build a culture of awareness around innovation
- F. Have many programs such as Von Leibeig center and a lot of mentors
- G. Website will be up this summer
- H. Vlad - is UCSD going to own all the IP?
1. If you made it at the university, UCSD will own a portion of the IP
 2. If not, the university does not have a claim (like GoPro)
- I. Sara - this is great for SIO
- J. Wesley - if it is kind of related to my research but is done outside, does UCSD own the IP?
1. We will help you whether or not we own the IP
- VII. UCAB End of the Year Update [15 minutes]
- A. Bryan Arias, Megan Chu, and Sharon Van Bruggen (Director of University Centers)
- B. UCAB and UCEN are different things; UCAB is the advisory board for UCEN
- C. We selected many vendors (Lemongrass, Starbucks), renewed leases (Rubios, Jamba Juice), and didn't extend one (Round Table)
- D. Taco Villa is slated to open this summer
- E. Campus pub renovations are occurring soon; the patio will be extended, ADA compliance will be met

- F. Campus pub lease negotiations are beginning
- G. Valerie - can you guys disclose anything about the RFP?
 - 1. No because we need leverage in negotiations
- H. Tara - why is it taking so long to open the pub?
 - 1. We went back and forth with cost estimates that took a while
- I. Sophia - is there a showcase for potential vendors?
 - 1. Already occurred as a subcommittee of UCAB
- J. Cory - we need to be aware of entrances and making sure the flow is good
 - 1. Yes we are doing it
- K. Move to extend to end of speakers list (Jasmine, Maya)**
 - 1. Motion passes by unanimous consent**
- L. Tara - what is going on with the MSA?
 - 1. We are still far apart from agreeing on terms
- M. Cory - who is negotiating on MSA?
 - 1. UCEN, AS, GSA, UCAB, legal, real estate, co-ops
- VIII. Fair Trade Committee [2.5 minutes]
 - A. Jasmine Roberts and Whitney Russell
 - B. Fair trade committee has not met enough
 - C. We need more representation next year
- IX. Vote on Appointments
 - A. Chief of Staff
 - 1. Community Standards Board ('16-'17) - Sabrina Berkamp, Will Chapman, Michelle Lee, Kris Nelson, Mike Sierks, and Hayley Weddle
 - B. Move to approve appointments to Community Standards Board (Sophia, Paul)**
 - 1. Motion passes by unanimous consent**
- X. Vote on [amendments to the Constitution](#) (2nd vote) [15 minutes]
 - A. Governing Documents Maintenance Committee (Matthew Cohen and Cory Stevenson)
 - B. Lindsay - previously voted to approve 38-0-2 during CM #14
 - C. Sophia - can we clarify the changes?
 - 1. Cory - Grammatical changes, officer time limit changed to end on June 30th, adding additional quorum requirement of 25% warm bodies
 - D. Move to approve amendments to the Constitution for the second consecutive council meeting (Cory, Omar)**
 - 1. Motion passes [38-0-1]**

XI. Vote on [Marketing Committee Charge](#) [10 minutes]

- A. Matthew Cohen and Cory Stevenson
- B. Cory - this is Governing Documents response to Marketing Coordinator and feel it is a better option
- C. Valerie - will they do a weekly digest?
 - 1. If they want to
- D. Vlad - why is this happening?
 - 1. Council voted to look at a marketing position instead of bringing back VP Internal, our discussion led to this committee charge as a better option
- E. Move to add item 10 "Research and catalogue to what extent, and how, department representatives communicate with their constituencies with regards to:**

a) General Council business;

b) Use of Department per Capita funds;

c) UCSDGSA's executive elections, with the ultimate purpose of identifying, and fostering, best practices among department representatives.

(Juan, Sophia)

1. Objected by Vlad

- 2. Juan - committee could be good at seeing how people interact with departments
- 3. Vlad - does not belong in marketing because this is about advertising
- 4. Sophia - we shouldn't limit the capacity to participate
- 5. Move to approve time by 5 minutes (Robert, Sophia)**
 - a) Motion passes by unanimous consent**
- 6. Mukanth - DPC is already clearly state, this committee oversees marketing and not how to do DPC
- 7. Val - this is integral to how GSA functions and we need to know how people are communicating
- 8. Cory - we want this to be flexible
- 9. Juan - this committee only researches how communicate happens
- 10. Lynn - how would this be enforced

11. Motion to add item 10 passes [17-9-10]

F. Move to extend time by 5 minutes (Vlad, Matt)

- 1. Objected by Sophia**
- 2. Motion fails [18-16-1]**

G. Move to approve Marketing Committee Charge (Cory, Matt)

1. Motion passes [25-5-5]

XII. Vote on [amendments to the Officer Bylaws \(Marketing and Communications Coordinator\)](#) [15 minutes]

A. Matthew Cohen and Cory Stevenson

B. This has previously been presented, so now we vote and need 2/3rd majority to include in the bylaws

C. Sophia - why is VP finance appointing to this?

1. VP finance sees all the events through fund requests and also currently appoints to no one

D. Vlad - how will this interface with the committee?

1. Committee is independent and is there to help this position

E. Vlad - what if we wait until next year?

1. The position, if approved in the fall, could start in winter

F. Move to table amendments to the Officer Bylaws (Marketing Coordinator) indefinitely (Vlad, Sara)

1. Objected by Sophia

2. Vlad - committee charge is enough to do this job

3. Sophia - GSA is only known as pizza and beer, we need better marketing

4. Sara - doesn't make sense to pay someone \$2000 to do what we should all be doing

5. Jasmine - it's our jobs as reps to promote

6. Vlad - this is an issue of how reps communication

7. Mukanth - we already promote a lot on facebook, emails, listserves, all of which our public, we don't want to bombard people

8. Tara - we suck at marketing and need to do better

9. Sophia - it's not my job to re-brand GSA and send stuff to my reps

10. Juan - this is the duty of the reps to do a good job

11. Motion to table amendments to the Officer Bylaws indefinitely passes [26-3-2]

XIII. Vote on [DCR15: Supporting UCSD Student Email Account Preservation](#) [10 minutes]

A. Cory Stevenson

B. After graduation, you lose your email address

C. Most UCs have converted to lifelong UC email address

D. Currently we only get alumni email addresses, but it would be

better to get to keep ours

E. We've already had discussions with the admins and they are receptive

F. Vlad - do we pay for an alumni email?

1. No

G. Move to pass DCR15 (Vlad, Cory)

1. Motion passes [30-1-0]

XIV. Vote on [DCR13: Literature Building Campus Cluster Petition](#) [15 minutes]

A. Troy Kokinis (Community Outreach Coordinator), Beatriz Ramirez (Professional Development Coordinator), and Jeanelle Horcasitas

B. This petition has been circulating regarding high rates of cancer in the literature building

C. We want transparency about the building with a timeline of imminent solutions

D. Reports only looked at carcinogenic materials, but we are worried about others

E. Lynn - how is cancer cluster defined?

1. Garland report

2. Not clear if the rates are consistent with CDC's definition of cancer cluster

F. Sara - UCSD already has a website devoted to this that has been recently updated, what specific transparency is needed?

1. University has not responded in a timely manner

2. Lindsay - Has EHS been contacted? What specific administration unit has not responded?

a) Unsure

G. Vlad - what is the concern? Do we want to hold UCSD accountable or are we upset about the information not getting relayed?

1. We want to hold the administration accountable for reports and administration

H. Juan - we are not saying a cancer cluster actually exists, but there is something going on

I. Tara - is the language used in the document reflective of CDC describing cluster?

1. Yes

J. Lynn - can you link to the Garland report?

K. Vlad - the comments I made on the document have been deleted

1. We made a new document

L. Move to remove the clause “the demands made by the Literature Department to be relocated to a new facility” (Vlad, Sophia)

1. Objected by Daniel

2. Vlad - we don't have the jurisdiction to demand a department to be re-located

3. Daniel - I agree but I think we should work to provide some relief to their problem, such as asking the administration to look for office space

4. Move to amend the phrase by adding “the consideration to provide temporary space to the faculty of the Literature department” (Daniel, Cory)

a) Lynn - if this is causing psychological stress, then the department should be moved

b) Tara - they do not want to be in the building and we need to address this problem

c) Betty - we just want a timeline

d) Call the question on debating the amendments (Cory)

(1) Motion passes by unanimous consent

e) **Motion to amend the amendment by adding “the consideration to provide temporary space to the faculty of the Literature department” passes [17-5-5]**

5. Motion to strike the clause “the demands made by the Literature Department to be relocated to a new facility” passes by unanimous consent

M. Move to amend the phrase “cancer cluster” to “apparent cancer cluster” (Lynn, Sophia)

1. Motion passes by unanimous consent

N. Move to strike “and sentiments” (Cory, Valerie)

1. Objected by Vlad

2. Cory - I am fine with the word concerns but not sentiments

3. Vlad - maybe it's the way I'm defining sentiments

4. Valerie - [reads definition of sentiments]

5. Vlad - I changed my mind

6. Motion passes by unanimous consent

O. Move to change “all communications” to “major communications” (Sara, second)

1. **Motion passes by unanimous consent**
- P. Move to strike “including tests for PCBs (Polychlorinated biphenyls) and endocrine disruptors” (Cory, Lynn)**
1. **Objected by Tara**
 2. Cory - we don't want to be too specific and restrictive when we say what to test for
 3. Tara - we should reword this to any and all carcinogenic materials
 4. Amelia - if we leave restrictive language, they will only test for those
 5. Valerie - can we amend the amendment to what Tara was saying for it being friendly
 6. Amelia - stating things limits and ties hands
 7. Sara - no one knows the causes of cancer clusters
 8. **Move to amend the amendment by adding “and the presence of carcinogenic factors” (Tara, Sophia)**
 - a) **Objected by Amelia**
 - b) Amelia - stating things limits and ties hands
 - c) Sara - no one knows the causes of cancer clusters
 - d) **Motion to amend the amendment by adding the line “and the presence of carcinogenic factors” passes [19-3-7]**
 9. **Motion to strike “including tests for PCBs (Polychlorinated biphenyls) and endocrine disruptors” passes by unanimous consent**
- Q. Move to approve DCR13 (Betty, Sophia)**
1. **Motion passes [24-1-4]**
- XV. Presentation on the [Equity, Diversity and Inclusion State of the Campus Report](#) [10 minutes]
- A. [Sophia Hirakis](#) and [Tara-Lynne Pixley](#) (Vice President of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Affairs)
 - B. The Diversity Advisory Council wrote this report after town halls and surveys
- XVI. Vote on [DCR14: Equity, Diversity and Inclusion State of the Campus](#) [15 minutes]
- A. The resolution asks that the report be ratified through GSA such that administrators read it
 - B. GSA does not have to agree with the report, but it needs to acknowledge the report

- C. Sophia - this report has good comments and recommendations
 - D. Lindsay - is it expected for all of those administrators to meet in a single meeting or in several separate meetings?
 - 1. Many meetings
 - E. Cory - are certain administrators a higher priority?
 - 1. Yes, we could cut the list down
 - F. Move to amend “a meeting” to “meetings” (Sophia, Cory)**
 - 1. Motion passes by unanimous consent**
 - G. Move to strike “As this newly-formed group seeks institutional change regarding discrimination of all kinds at UCSD, they should have a seat at the table of that discussion for planned action if they wish to engage through those channels.” from footnote number 2 (Cory, Sophia)**
 - 1. Motion passes by unanimous consent**
 - H. Move to amend “September 1st” to “the beginning of Fall quarter” (Sophia, Dan)**
 - 1. Objected by Tara**
 - 2. Sophia - gives them more time to respond to the report
 - 3. Tara - needs to be before graduate student orientation
 - 4. Sara - solid dates are better than liquid dates
 - 5. Motion and second withdrawn by Sophia and Dan**
 - I. Lynn - when will reports be sent?
 - 1. By first week of July
 - J. Vlad - it is really hard to get diversity info for grad students
 - 1. Sophia - there are some diversity widgets online
 - K. Move to approve DCR14 (Tara, Sophia)**
 - 1. Objected by Sara**
 - 2. Motion passes [25-0-1]**
- XVII. Vote on [International Student Workgroup Charge](#) [10 minutes]
- A. Juan Carmona Zabala
 - B. Have identified areas of action to be taken
 - C. This will be extending the workgroup charge we previously approved
 - D. We’ve added some more tasks
 - E. Move to approve grammatical changes (Cory, Sophia)**
 - 1. Motion passes by unanimous consent**
 - F. Move to approve International Student Workgroup Charge (Juan, Cory)**
 - 1. Motion passes [26-0-0]**

XVIII. Call for CM #1 ('16-'17) Agenda Items

XIX. Adjourn [9:05pm]