University of California, San Diego
Graduate Student Association

Council Meeting #2
Monday, October 17, 2016
6:00 pm, Price Center Forum

I. Call to Order
   A. 6:11 PM
II. Approval of CM#1 (2016) Minutes
   A. Move to approve: Hayley
   B. Second: Sara R.
   C. No objections
III. Approval of Agenda
   A. Move to amend agenda: Mark
   B. Second: Hayley
   C. No objections
IV. Public Comments and Announcements [10 minutes]
   A. Holly E. Dembinski, Smarter Tutoring
      1. Involved with GSA
      2. Started this company, recruiting you all to tutor San Diego students
      3. Have flyers for you + to hand out to your friends
      4. Man: Age groups?
      5. Holly: middle school + high school, occasionally elementary
      6. Raul: pay scale?
      7. Holly: depends on degree earned, $35 - $60 an hour (unofficial)
      8. Betty: hours per week?
      9. Holly: 1-5 hours per week
      10. Sophia: background checks?
      11. Holly: yes, part of minimal qualifications.
   B. Sara R.
      1. DPC reimbursements 2015-16 closed
      2. DPC amounts for 2016-17 will be emailed soon, waiting on official enrollment counts from UCSD
         a) Based on enrollment from week 3
      3. Open seats on Sports Facilities Advisory Board (meets bi weekly

on Thursday at 3:30-4:30pm)

    4. Thanks for bringing your reusable cup + we have salads

    5. Vlad: DPC email said that by October 30th, process receipt reimbursements

    6. Sara: anything processed after this date will be put on new DPC allotment; if negative balance, we will take out this $ unless aid received from your respective department

V. Vote on Finance Bills [10 minutes]

    A. <u>Sara R. Rivera</u> (Vice President of Financial Affairs)

        1. 4 finance bills:

            a) San Diego Microbiology Group

            b) STEM Education & Diversity Discussion Group

            c) Graduate Student Professional Headshots

            d) Breakfast with Industry (Bioengineering Graduate Society)

        2. Sophia: who is requesting for 3 and 4?

        3. Sara: 4 is Grad Life, 3 is Bioengineering Graduate Society

        4. Move to approve finance bills as slate: Sophia

        5. Second: Robert G.

        6. Move to approve slate: Sophia

        7. Second: Cory

VI. Presidential Election ('16-'17) [40 minutes]

    A. <u>Election Committee</u> (<u>Jeanelle Horcasitas</u>, <u>Steven Rees</u>, <u>Nathaniel Wood-Cohan</u>)

        1. Public endorsements were submitted by Oct. 12th

        2. 3 min per candidate for platform

        3. 10 min Q/A

        4. 10 min open session

        5. 5 min closed session

        6. Voting (closed session, secret ballot): Yes, No/none, other

        7. Candidates return

        8. Mark: candidates allowed to speak during open session?

        9. Nate: originally designed for no, but time at end to address other remarks

        10. Brian T: procedure for voting by proxy?

        11. Cory: should have sent email to Chief of Staff (Hayley), needs to be in same department or alternate

12. Sophia: q/a vs. open session?
13. Nate: open session is general discussion among reps, q/a is discussion with candidates
14. Nate: Daniel Jacobsen or Tatiana Zavodny will go first?
15. Nate: candidates platform: Daniel Jacobsen
    a) 2 year bioeng rep, 1 year social coordinator
    b) Served within GSA and other committees (housing, transportation, UCAB, Internal (finance, others)
    c) Planned mesa block party: few hundred people (400 or 500) attended, he was in charge of this event
    d) Planned free for alls, managed social + cultural coordinator
    e) Plans as prez: lot of reg grad students (TA numbers, talking with chancellors) lot of international grad students (IC needs to grow to meet this demand, IC assists these students with cultural integration)
    f) GSPS: all aspects of graduate student life, UCSD can get feel of grad student experience
16. Nate: candidates platform: Tatiana Zavodny
    a) Believe grad students have obstacles
    b) Issues that matter most are the ones the matter to all students
    c) Would be oversimplification to list off bullet points
    d) Increase in grad student admission -> less housing + other resources + food insecurity
    e) I will provide forum to make personal relationships with all council members
    f) Transferred in 2006, volunteered as english language tutor, majored in Italian Studies, president of Math Club
    g) Served on finance committee, VP Academic since spring
    h) Understand demands of this position because currently serve as interim prez
    i) Will advocate for our needs + make sure grad students are heard in administrative policies

17. Nate: 10 min q/a session
    a) Sophia: why do you want this position? How will you ensure transparency between us and administration?
        (1) Daniel: seen issues over summer + last few weeks, transparency worked with Lindsay last year
        (2) Tatiana: want to advocate for our needs, lots of issues over last few years (IC, student health, etc.), want transparency within GSA (committees, responsibilities), streamline this information to GSA reps
    b) Martin: what issues have you taken up that address underrepresented students on campus? What issues do you see coming up?
        (1) Tatiana: diversity is big issue on campus, UCSD has history of negative events, in ARCHAC we went over appeals for domestic assault + hate crimes, personally served as English language tutor
        (2) Daniel: served on Che Cafe committee, came up with metrics to re engage with students, planned mesa block party tailored towards family friendly environment, plan to collaborate with you for future concerns
    c) Davide: preserving cultural spaces on campus (art gallery, che cafe, porter's pub), how to do this by promoting spirit of creativity?
        (1) Daniel: with co-ops on campus, msa is being renegotiated and I will work with co-ops and administration, should have new craft center with Housing in undergrad housing
        (2) Tatiana: need to maintain cultural integrity, met with AVC Van Bruggen, need to maintain integrity of IC
    d) Sara: what would you do differently from previous GSA prez?

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Tatiana: more information for reps on committees, streamline information + current events, take strong stance on IC because it is central issue
Daniel: I will step back and delegate, this issue faced last prez. Lindsay, continue with transparency because past transparency was an issue

e) Motion to approve to end of speakers list: Sophia

f) Second: Sara

g) No objections

h) Mark: 1) role of executive board within GSA? 2) your experience dealing with UCSD admin?

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Daniel: exec board listens to council, we carry out desires of GSA council, want to get council's feedback, 2) worked with other administrators, both pos. + neg experiences, not burn bridges
Tatiana: 1) listen to council's issues from their departments, pass resolutions, make changes 2) worked on ARCHAC which had admins, advised on grad housing handbook, interned off-campus

i) Robert: specific improvements for reps + constituents relationships?

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Tatiana: advertise to our reps the different funds that are available, foster community in grad departments (for instance, grad student lounges), make personal connections
Daniel: did survey about grad students + parking, want to do surveys, want to advertise GSA funds

j) Valerie: to Dan: what changed between now and spring? To Tatiana: how to swing undecided voters?

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Daniel: had not advanced to candidacy in spring, did work over summer, did not have time to commit to prez, have time now
Tatiana: prepped for internship in summer, was going

to be away, urge that extra election not be motivating factor, already been interim prez for 2 months

    k) Monica: to Dan: what steps can you take to change TA:student ratio?

        (1) Daniel: grad division + chancellor talk to them during prez, previous funding for transportation + personal development, we will show that we have an issue and he will be receptive

        (2) Tatiana: revise survey about grad students, will get hard data to present to administration

18. Nate: 10 min open session

    a) 30 sec maximum

    b) Sophia: originally excited for Daniel to run, however there was a list of 20 page long grievances submitted to Dan from outgoing VP EDI, which he did not sign

    c) Davide: UCAB meetings with Daniel, was unhappy with his dismissiveness during these meetings, not swayed by others

    d) Betty: worked with both, followed in footsteps of Dan, feel more comfortable collaborating with Tatiana than Dan

    e) Vlad: from Dan: he did get a lot done and worked with admin, from Tatiana: kept us afloat for last 2 months

    f) Sophia: Dan helped with personal issue last year, same credit to Tatiana and she helped with this, worked more extensively with Tatiana

    g) Mark: both candidates are qualified, worried about institutional memory of office, will be disruptive to hold another election, Dan does have lot of experience

    h) Sophia: Tatiana hasn't served on exec board, Dan would have upper hand in this regard

    i) Sabrina: Tatiana emailed me with suggestions to join committees to help me as international student

    j) Betty: Tatiana has already been serving as interim prez, been talking to VCs, Mark's issue should not be big

k) Victoria: not satisfied with EDI answers during q/a? Anyone have experiences

l) Sophia: race, immigration, family status; tense issues brought up last year, many open convos with Tatiana about these issues

m) Mark: being on exec board is helpful, this year transition has been jarring, worked with Dan and he has successfully navigated this board

n) Sara: worked with Tatiana, lot of stuff not communicated to exec board, agree it has been jarring, however not her fault because previous prez did a lot herself

o) Betty: both candidates have served in same committees in the last year, both have modern experience

p) Hayley: Tatiana has been supportive as supervisor, humble, and supported student experience, tough job, lot of hours

q) Mark: agree that both candidates have intimate knowledge of GSA, Daniel has experience working with UCSD admin and he knows them by name

r) Sophia: transparency is a central issue in this prez election, we need someone who communicates with us and not just in pocket of administration

19. Concluding remarks:

a) Tatiana: thank you for comments and feedback, hold exec board and me accountable, we will deal with health, housing, student needs issues this year and I am the candidate to address these issues holistically, took over sept. 1 and been managing both positions successfully

b) Daniel: neither I nor VP Finance signed the 20-page list of grievances bcus we had a few concerns, how many concerns to disagree with before not signing

20. Voting:

a) Prez. election: 34 (Tatiana), 17 (Dan)

b) Winner: Tatiana Z.

21. Nate: Thanks for the past experiences leading voting sessions

VII. Call for Nominations for Election Committee [10 minutes]
   A. Nate: Running for this precludes you from running, please nominate now, will be running for VP Academic (nominations are open)
   B. Sophia: nominate myself for VP Academic Affairs
   C. Vlad: nominate myself for VP Academic Affairs
   D. Nate: relinquish my job as chair and turn it over to new prez.
   E. Steven: give us feedback on the open session, which was new

VIII. Presentation and Vote on Transportation Referendum Feasibility Report Committee (TRFRC) [10 minutes]
   A. Daniel Jacobsen and Tatiana Zavodny
   B. Tatiana: turn over to Hayley
   C. Daniel: agreement with MTS
   D. Dan: in 2014, we had referendum for $49 student fee per quarter, $36+29% Return to Aid allow students to ride any bus/trolley except premium lines
   E. Dan: Sunset clause causes fee ending in 2019, in time for trolley
   F. Dan: in 2019, we will need new referendum, 2021 expectation for light rail
   G. Dan: Additional bus line requests (new areas of service), additional buses/hours in current routes, media usage, summer solutions (currently $36 for summer pass, could integrate with other student fees during school year, price point
   H. Tatiana: 2016-2017 Transportation Survey
      1. Purpose: get student input on current levels of trans service and areas of improv
      2. Composition: 3 grads, 3 undergrads
      3. Committee charge: craft questions related to referendum
   I. Betty: what is the difference between STAC and TRFRC?
      1. Daniel: STAC doesn't really exist, this has grad student reps
      2. Tatiana: timeline too short
      3. Daniel: STAC has 6 positions that need to be submitted, which takes at least 1-2 months
   J. Robert: what happens if can't find reps for STAC?
      1. Tatiana: prez told me undergrad cochair and undergrad reps will be found, positions can be appointed instead of elected
   K. Christina: 20% of student body needs to vote on survey, can you clarify?
      1. Daniel: sum of grad + undergrad
   L. Cory: motion to amend agenda
   M. Second: Brian

N. No objections

O. Valerie: move to approve charge

P. Second: Brian

Q. No objections

IX. Vote on Appointments

    A. Move to approve appointments as slate: Betty

    B. Second: Martin

    C. No objections

    D. Move to approve slate: Vlad

    E. Second: Betty

    F. No objections

    G. Move to add election committee nominations: Sara

    H. Second: Mark

    I. No objections

    J. VP Academic Affairs

        1. Academic and Judicial Committee

            a) Sabrina Berkamp

    K. Chief of Staff

        1. Basic Needs Committee

            a) Hayley Weddle

    L. VP Campus

        1. WCSAB

            a) Jeanelle Horcasitas

        2. Social Coordinator

            a) Micheal Metke

        3. ARCHAC

            a) Cory Stevenson (co-chair)

            b) Anindita Bhattacharya

    M. VP Finance

        1. Finance Committee

            a) Lynn Waterhouse

        2. Sports Facilities Advisory Board (SFAB)

            a) Raul Herrera

        3. Student Fees Advisory Committee (SFAC)

            a) Raul Herrera

X. Election Committee Noms

    A. Steven: nominate Christina Alarcon for election committee

XI. Call for CM #3 Agenda Items

    A. Vlad: admin presenter with someone from IC demo

XII.   Adjourn
   A. Move to adjourn meeting: Robert
   B. Second: Brian
   C. No objections
   D. Meeting adjourns: 7:52pm

V. Finance Bills

Fund	Budget Funds	Funds Remaining	Funds under Request	Funds remaining if requests approved
Early Request Fund	2500	230	0	230
General Request Fund	11000	11000	0	11000
Academic and Professional Request Fund	11000	10600	1500	9100
Lounge Improvement Fund	3500	3500	0	3500
Diversity Request Fund	5500	3810	0	3810
Service Request Fund	1000	1000	0	1000
Family Friendly Fund	1200	1200	0	1200

APRF2: Appropriate $280 for the event "San Diego Microbiology Group Fall 2016 Seminars" which is organized by the San Diego Microbiology Group (SDMG) and meets November 10 and December 8, 2016 at Hubbs Hall 4500 at SIO. Approximately 40 graduate students are expected to attend this event and the funding will be used to provide refreshments and food.

APRF3: Appropriate $30 for the event "STEM Education & Diversity Discussion Group" which is organized by a Biological Sciences graduate student on December 7, 2016 at the UCSD Women's Center. Approximately 5 graduate students are expected to attend this event and the funding will be used to provide refreshments and food.

APRF4: Appropriate $350 for the event "Graduate Student Professional Headshots" which is organized by Grad Life on January 23, 2017 at Mathematics Building, Studio B. Approximately 50 graduate students are expected to attend this event and funding will be used for the photographer and equipment rental.

APRF5: Appropriate $700 for the event "Breakfast with Industry" which is organized by the Bioengineering Graduate Society (BEGS) on November 10, 2016 at Price Center East Ballroom. Approximately 100 graduate students are expected to attend this event and funding will be used for printing, refreshments, and food.