



University of California, San Diego
Graduate Student Association

2018-19 Council Meeting #5
Monday, December 3, 2018
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Price Center Forum

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A. [GSA Council Meeting 4 Minutes](#)

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Vote on Finance Bills (Appendix A below) [5 minutes]

V. Appointments (Appendix B below) [5 minutes]

VI. Public Comment and General Announcements [10 minutes]

- A. Public Comment
- B. Upcoming Social Events (VP of Social Affairs) - 12/12

VII. Presentation and Vote on Proposed GSA Fee Referendum (VP Social Affairs) [30 minutes]

- A. [2018-2019 Proposed GSA Fee Referendum Language](#)
- B. [Fee Referendum FAQ](#)
- C. Going over wording on fee increase referendum
- D. Straw poll for approving and disapproving language; 41 approve, 3 not approve, 1 abstain
- E. Motion to add five minutes to time, no one can be added to speakers list
 - 1. Seconded
- F. Dollar amount last year requested and rejected → \$18
- G. Motion: delete “annually according to the CPI (not to exceed 4% annually)” and replace it with “by 1.5% annually to account for inflation”
 - 1. 37 yes, 14 no, 3 abstain
- H. Average CPI increase is around 3%
- I. Motion to increase time

1. Objection raised
 2. Vote: 3 nos; vote does not carry
- J. Vote to approve final language for final vote in April
1. 50 yes; 3 no; 0 abstain

VIII. Discussion of Proposed GSA Staff and supporting Budget (VP Financial Affairs, President) [30 minutes]

- A. FTE Proposal (please note that HR-mandated language is now in red): [GSA Staff Person FTE with HR Highlights](#) (cannot change what is in red; can change what it is in black).
- B. [Vote on Proposed Budget Options for Staff Person at \\$50,000/year](#)
- C. Comments and questions
1. Impacts on the budget for the next few years
 - a) It is feasible for the GSA to take money from reserves to fund 50% of position salary for the next three years; budget outlines found above
 2. No MOU guaranteeing student involvement in hiring committee or financial commitment from UCSD?
 - a) Melissa will be meeting with Patty to go over an MOU; at least 2 GSA members are guaranteed on hiring committee, may be able to get 3
 3. Do GSA Reps or all members of the Grad student body have a say in FTE hiring?
 - a) May have an opportunity for open forum for all grad students, but important for representatives, who have more context, to take the lead on forming position
 - b) Patty Mahaffey serves a supporting rather than guiding role regarding any GSA decisions
 4. 50% funding from UCSD is being offered for 3 years, however negotiations for further financial support and opportunity for feedback on position after 3 years
 5. Example of benefit, given hiring an FTE: Reimbursements for off campus events
 6. FTE, again, to take on liability for potential GSA legal issues
 7. Motion for 5 minute increase
 - a) Seconded
 8. [Council Resolution #3](#)
 - a) Vote: Passes
 9. Strawpoll: Yes - "We're going to have one, and will we discuss what that

will look like on GSA terms”; No - “We do not want to continue this discussion, and disagree with having an FTE”

- a) Cannot guarantee that a strawpoll or vote “no” will lead to not getting an FTE, as it’s being pushed by administration
 - b) Majority “Yes”
- D. Budget meetings will be opened for those who want to talk about finances regarding FTE

IX. Vote on Proposed Changes to Financial Bylaws, VP Financial Affairs [30 mins]

- A. [Proposed Changes to Financial Bylaws](#)
- B. Update, rather than vote
- C. Recommending reps and finance committee takes more time to review bylaw changes, especially regarding probationary period for departments that misuse DPC for 3 consecutive quarters
- D. Motion to table vote until CM #6 (To allow time for finance committee to meet and discuss Wtr. Week 1)
 - 1. Seconded

X. Graduate Student Survey, VP Social Affairs [10 minutes]

- A. [GSA Graduate Student Survey](#)
 - 1. Talk to VP Social about any potential comments or changes to survey
- B. Needs assessment for graduate students
- C. Will be sent to all-grads, recommended for representatives to disseminate survey
- D. Will go over mandates for whether or not GSA can survey about gender identity/sexual orientation
- E. Currently not an anonymous survey, but can separate anonymous and non-anonymous section to preserve privacy but allow names for raffle
- F. Will add “Do not wish to say” option on ethnic identity question

XI. Open Floor and Call for Council Agenda Items [5 minutes]

XII. Adjourn

- A. 8:14 PM

Appendix A

Tabled: APRF 9 Growing up in Science -Jan

1/17/2018 - Attendance: 20; Amount: 100

Faculty meet with grads to share their stories about graduate school and academic life. Series of 1 per month in winter and spring quarter.

Funding will go towards food costs. Amount is within the \$7 per student. Series was funded last spring.

DRF4 "Culture Fusion"

5/16/2019; Attendance 200

Culture Fusion is CSHP's biggest event of the year that aims to celebrate diversity and culture amongst graduate students and faculty at UCSD Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. It is a night full of entertainment where faculty members and students can showcase their talents via singing, dancing, cuisine, fashion, etc. At the event, a portion of the time is also dedicated to educating the audience about CSHP-UCSD's Global Health Education event that was conducted by a group of CSHP members in Spring. The educational event will revolve around raising health awareness to members of an underserved community in San Diego

Costs go towards: Program Printing: \$80; Utensils/Plates/Napkins: \$60; Tech Fee: \$650; Decorations: \$100; Food/Beverages: \$700

This event has been funded in the past. Amount is within the \$7 per student.

GRF5 "Winter Luau"

1/23/18 (tentative, may be moved to a week later); Attendance 300; Amount: 1500

Every year, the Skaggs School of Pharmacy hosts a luau event for all UCSD graduate students. The UCSD Graduate Winter Luau will be a night full of socializing, games, and music! This event is a great opportunity for all graduate students to come together to celebrate the beginning of the Winter quarter and meet other students from other departments. Competitive games with prizes for the winners will be held throughout the event. All graduate students will be invited. Food and beverages (beer, sangria, and non-alcoholic options) will be provided to all attendees.

Costs: Decorations + contest supplies/games: \$180 Non-Alcoholic Drinks: \$120 Hawaiian Food: \$945 (total food cost is estimated to be \$1200) Snacks: \$180 Supplies - cups, napkins, plates,

etc.: \$50 Cleaning Supplies: \$25

Appendix B

- A. Student Affairs Advisory Committee (VP Campus)
 - 1. Valerie Sapp
- B. Parliamentarian (President)
 - 1. Valerie Sapp
- C. Transportation Advisory Committee (VP Campus)
 - 1. Pascal Polonik
- D. Academic Judicial Committee
 - Chair: Thomas Grubb
 - Betty Ramirez
 - Valerie Sapp
- E. Graduate Mentorship Committee
 - Shanna McClain
- F. Finance Committee (VP Finance)
 - Angus Chapman (co-chair)