



University of California, San Diego
Graduate Student Association

Council Meeting #6
Monday, January 11, 2016
6:00 pm, Price Center Forum

- I. Call to Order [6:07pm]
- II. Approval of [CM #5](#) (2015) Minutes
 - A. **Move to approve CM#5 minutes (Teresa, Paul)**
 1. **Motion passes**
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - A. **Move to approve (Eric, second)**
 1. **Motion passes**
- IV. Public Comments and Announcements [10 minutes]
 - A. Kim - GSA Lobby Core
 1. Thursday, Jan. 14 at 6pm
 2. tell your constituents
 - B. Juan - Concerns about parking fees
 1. Why wasn't this talked about in council
 - C. Cory - New apartment for single graduate students being built
 - D. Frank - Roaming Socials
 1. Friday, January 29th - Rady & Business
 - E. Betty - Career Night
 - F. Lindsay - GSA Travel Grant, be notified January 25th
- V. Guest Presentation - Chancellor [30 minutes]
 - A. Chancellor (Dr. Pradeep Khosla)
 - B. During the last 2 years made significant investments
 1. Investments in Professional Development
 2. Investments in Travel Grant
 - C. Inability to make stipends go up or housing cost to go down
 1. concerns about housing cost outside of UCSD going up
 2. goal to create a 4 year guarantee for grad students in 5-7 years
 3. investing in infrastructure and the quality of life for students
 4. want this to become a residential institution as much as we can
 - D. Cory - Communication problem with transportation. Why are students not

being consulted about the parking decisions being made?

1. Walking Pedestrian Gilman Bridge
 2. Fees will not increase until you all are consulted
 3. We have spaces for parking in the regents lot where we shuttle people over. Think we have a proximity issue instead of a parking issue
 4. Construction of a parking lot by Gilman
 5. Spaces by gliderport to happen during construction
 6. Parking spaces at the Sanford consortium
 7. New parking structure in May 2016 across from Moores Cancer Center
 8. Parking structure by Med Center
 9. Whole campus is fundamentally going to be changed
- E. Juan - Excited about the 4 year guarantee for grad housing. Will this new housing be available to current grad students?
1. Yes. This is being built because of a waiting list. Grad students would be able to apply there.
- F. Sophia - Shoutout to Mark for putting grad students first. Rita parking is completely ignoring sustainability. Building parking structures to prevent people from using bike lanes.
1. 90% of the energy is renewable
 2. Light rail coming to campus in 2020 to have access to affordable housing
 3. Alternative vehicle program - Promote students to use more electric vehicles
- G. Tara - Is the numbers of new housing and parking considering the increasing amount of students?
1. will have a cap of undergraduates
 2. state is not buying that we need a balance of TAs, grad students and undergraduates
 3. don't know what the final number will be
- H. Teresa - Will there be a summer bus pass that can be subsidized?
1. Working with MTS for a summer pass similar to what we have during the academic year
 2. still negotiating with MTS
- I. Lynn - Don't like that we are barely hearing about these things now. We need a way to foster a 2 way communication. Town hall meeting once a quarter to market to a wider community than just in a committee.
- J. Nate - Been here for 5 years and noticed the organizational culture that

seems to cause a problem within the department. Employees move from department to department and the expertise is being lost within the original department. Is there a plan to mitigate this issue and were you aware of this?

1. Yes I am aware of this
 2. Delicate balance of people wanting money and new experience
 3. Address it once it causes great disfunction
- K. Protection from the weather because of El Nino. Will there be something to help for future storms?
1. Facilities management group has been planning about it. There were sandbags everyone, drained the pipes before and after.
 2. Systems weren't designed for this weather
 3. "See something report it" will be the best way to address issues
- L. Robert - Any discussions about increasing online courses to students?
1. Just established an Office of Technology
 2. Take freshman courses and develop it to online to high school and community college students
 3. Building more courses that students here can take
 4. Jack is working on it
 5. We need to be careful because we don't want to become an online institution
- M. Sara - Planning of UCSD students fees for online courses to be waived if the professor for the course is part of the UCSD institution
1. Issue never brought up. Talk to Jeff about it
- N. Focus on diversity and inclusion and trying to make it a better place
- O. Keep in mind the quality of life, green space for high risers
1. no shrinkage in sports course and open areas
- P. Sophia - Classes keep getting bigger and bigger and we have fewer TAs and professors can't handle the class size and it falls on the TA. Don't see anymore faculty and protection of grad students
1. We are expanding the faculty by 80
 2. Number of money increases and being sent to departments as the class sizes get bigger
- Q. Cory - University if heavily geared to the sciences. Resources allocated to other departments is limited.
1. Talk of changing the admissions for departments but the academic senate is in charge
 2. Aware but we
- R. Tara - Speaking to diversity and education on campus, interested in your

official stance on educating people on the campus about diversity and biases.

1. institutional commitment to diversity specifically in orientation
2. teaching and learning commons - work with faculty & TAs about teaching an inclusive educational community
3. teaching graduation admissions about training of biases
4. every admission committee is given an unconscious and conscious bias tutorial

S. Teresa - What about retention after you recruit them?

1. Inclusive graduate community. Don't have a problem with retention of losing minority students.
2. Don't have a big enough pool applying. Increasing the number of people applying.

T. Resolution about BSU commitments

1. New tenure here, playing catchup
2. Significant progress on points made

VI. Guest Presentation on the Student Advocacy, Governance, and Engagement

Proposal ([SAGE UCSA](#)) [15 minutes]

- A. Chair of UCSA ([Kevin Sabo](#))
- B. Fee increase that can be opt out of
- C. Came earlier
- D. Town Hall on Feb. 11

VII. Guest Presentation - [Research Ethics and Graduate Students](#) [15 minutes]

- A. Prof. [Michael Kalichman](#)
- B. Topic: Research Integrity
- C. Goals
 1. increase awareness of resources towards research integrity
 2. ask your help in getting word out
 3. solicit your advice on issues to be addressed or new resources that would be helpful
- D. Resources
 1. website: ethics.ucsd.edu
 2. courses: ethics.ucsd.edu/courses
 - a) how one survives in academia and the ethical challenges that go with it
 3. by request: seminars, lectures, workshops
- E. April 22nd Workshop: Peer Leadership in Scientific Integrity
- F. Valerie - Any changes in the ethics graduate course, try to segregate based on department?

1. Discipline specific
 2. Diverse classroom from various departments
- G. Sophia - Taken the course, love it. Wish there was more like it. Teaching certificate besides a requirement?
1. idea of giving a certificate in Peer Leadership in Scientific Integrity
- VIII. Presentation of [Inclusivity Board](#) [10 minutes]
- A. Vice President of Diversity, Service, Equity and Inclusion (Tara-Lynne Pixley)
 - B. presenting an inclusivity charge that will be added to council bylaws, be voting on next council meeting
 - C. need to vote on language today since it is being added to the bylaws
 - D. create this board who would monitor the GSA council in accordance to the GSA student conduct that was passed last quarter
 - E. Vlad - What do you mean by “safe” in point 1?
 1. friendly to changing the word “safe” to confidential in point 1
 - F. Sophia - Question about how the chair and members are selected?
 1. oversight and need to be addressed
 2. don't want it to be diversity council, want representation who aren't GSA rep
 3. Lindsay - suggestion of having the diversity council appoint them board
 4. Cory - a chair isn't necessary
 - G. Sophia - co-chair of GSA and nonGSA member
 - H. Amelia - not to have a chair, to not give any member power
 - I. Kim - consider a rotating chair
 - J. Robert - leadership problem of organization, certain number of meetings to have every quarter that way emphasis to do it
 - K. Add language “Voting members will be appointed by the Diversity Advisory Council and approved by Council by a majority vote” to member composition
 - L. Look into creating co-chairs who were ex GSA members
 - M. Charge to come to a vote at the next council meeting, any minor changes to the language that is in the spirit of the document please use the suggestion feature
- IX. Presentation of amendments to the [Financial Bylaws](#) [10 minutes]
- A. Governing Documents Maintenance Committee (Mukanth Vaidyanathan and Cory Stevenson)
 - B. Financial bylaws easier to understand
 - C. Issues of how the funding is to be requested has been resolved

- D. Issues about reimbursement → penalties to be decided by Finance Committee instead of the Finance Exec
- E. Problems with the GSA Role account
 - 1. money taken by university or not knowing where the money went
 - 2. unspent money sent to role to handle accounts that are negative, excess sent to reserves
- F. Diversity Event Fund
 - 1. request usually done through email after the event
 - 2. order form the VP Diversity has to submit 14 days before the date of event and submitted to the account manager
 - 3. same event can't get double funding to ensure everyone gets equal share
- G. Being knowledgeable about all university funding has been revoked
- X. Presentation and Vote on DCR05: [University of California \(UC\) Divestment from Prisons](#) [20 minutes]
 - A. Troy Kokinis
 - B. Presented by Tara and Teresa
 - C. Background: University has a massive endowment that they use to invest in various things to generate revenue that goes to pensions. Recently, they stopped investing in the prison system and this DCR is saying good job on the stopping the investment.
 - 1. Also includes to invest in oppressive items
 - D. Investment to fulfill social and environmental responsibility
 - E. In CA, prison industrial complex is the biggest competitor with education for state dollars
 - F. Regents in charge of the endowment investments
 - G. Move to change title to “Commendation of the University of California's Divestment from Private Prisons” (Cory, Vlad)**
 - 1. *Motion passes*
 - H. Move to change the fourth whereas by eliminating “as it represents one of the many ways the University of California maintains and reproduces structural racism” (Tara, Vlad)**
 - 1. *Motion passes*
 - I. Move to the United States prison system is an institution that profits from punishment, especially of racialized people[1] (Christina, Sophia)**
 - 1. Christina - Haven't extensively researched this topic. The wording of it is very polarized

2. Tara - Want more clarification about what part of the original is polarized
3. Christina - "structural racism"
4. Vlad - Divestment from private prison system instead of public prison system.
5. Jasmine - think the whole document needs to be looked at again
6. Nate - not changing the system but making a statement
7. **Move to extend time by 10 minutes, second**
8. Kim - Concerned about the idea that talking about racism and structural racism is polarizing. This is saying this is something that happened.

9. **Move to withdraw amendment**

J. Move to add language "BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be published with the counts of the votes to approve the resolution and distributed to UC San Diego CFO, the UC San Diego Chancellor, the Board of Regents and the University of California CFO", second

K. Motion to approve the document (Sophia, Robert) objected by Cory

1. Cory - Worry about this document. It can get heated very fast. I like GSA who talk about divisive issues
2. **Move to extend time by 5 minutes, second**
3. Juan - my department cares about these things
4. Tara - know people who care about these things on this campus, frustrating that we can't talk about this because it is not
5. Sophia - people who are not in the social sciences who care about this, it's important to talk about this
6. Vlad - I want to wait until next council meeting to talk about this with my department
7. Motion withdrawn by Sophia & Robert

L. Motion to table this document to next meeting (Sarah, Vlad) objected by Juan, Kim, Tara

1. Sarah - I don't know what my department thinks about this, discussion within department to see how people are feeling
2. Tara - that is why we send this out in the agenda so that it can be sent out to departments, seems like people are not into self educating it before this moment

3. **Move to extend time by 5 minutes (Juan, Kim) objected by Sophia [12-19-3]**

a) **Motion does not pass**

4. Motion passes [21-12-2]

- XI. Presentation on the Election Process [10 minutes]
 - A. Election Committee (Jeanelle Horcasitas, Steven Rees, Nathaniel Wood-Cohan)
 - B. Second to last winter meeting: call for nominations
 - 1. same week: candidate-rep mixer
 - C. Last Winter Meeting: EC presents current nominees, election procedure
 - D. First Spring; Elections! Run by EC, chaired by Nate
 - E. Third Spring Meeting: Present recommended amendments
- XII. Presentation on DCR06: [Dependent Health Insurance Reform for 2016-17](#) [20 minutes]
 - A. Andrew Richards
 - B. resolutions can be presented and voted on the same meeting but for this case just presenting
 - C. talk to your departments about this
 - D. how much we want to subsidize for dependents
 - E. health fee has been increasing
 - F. Vlad - be it resolved about the press release
 - G. Don was one of first people to be working on these issues
 - H. Cory - dependent not limited to children but also partners and spouses
- XIII. Call for CM #7 Agenda Items
- XIV. Adjourn
 - A. **Move to adjourn meeting at 8:28pm (Dan, Mukanth)**
 - 1. **Motion passes**