



University of California, San Diego
Graduate Student Association

Council Meeting #7
Monday, January 25, 2016
6:00 pm, Price Center Forum

- I. Call to Order [6:04pm]
- II. Approval of [CM #6](#) (2016) Minutes
 - A. **Move to approve CM#6 Minutes (Sophia, Eric)**
 1. **Motion passes by unanimous consent**
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - A. **Move to approve agenda for CM#7 (Sophia, Vlad)**
 1. **Motion passes by unanimous consent**
- IV. Public Comments and Announcements [10 minutes]
 - A. Teresa - Next week is week 5. Sending out survey on TA & GSR resources. Last quarter surveys were really great for administrators to use. More people who answer next week's survey the more weight it holds.
 - B. Sophia - Hellenic Student Association brings 5 students from Greece from various majors. Partner with an organization from Greece who sponsor these students. Asking for labs/departments to open up and host an international student for an hour or so let him know. Asking for private labs & events to share with these students
 - C. Jasmine - Thank Precious for the food
 - D. Lindsay -
 1. Snow Goddess (free for all) on Feb. 5th with free pizza, beer & games.
 2. Midyear rep training Feb. 3rd at Faculty Club with free food to show how to debate with Robert's Rule and how to draft/vote on resolution.
 3. Student Regents coming on Thursday and spending the whole day with GSA. 12pm-1pm on Thursday for an Open Forum.
 - E. Sophia - Student Resident Advisory Council Committee. Brought up the CA (commuter assistant) position and want your opinion for changes to the position. Email Sophia or Cory if you want to help.
- V. Guest Presentation - Dean of Graduate Division [30 minutes]

- A. Dean of Graduate Division (Dr. Kim Barrett)
- B. Gradvantage Program
 - 1. Career Nights
 - 2. Workshops such as the communication workshop hosted by 2 faculty members from various departments
 - 3. Certificate in Leadership and Teamwork in collaboration with Extension
 - 4. Career Services to provide more services for grad students
 - 5. Teaching & Learning Commons - center for engaged teaching & engaged learning
 - 6. working with Writing Center to do pilot programs with dissertation workshops, publishing workshops
- C. Want to hear from you, please let her know because she wants to help with your professional development
- D. State Budget
 - 1. State has been doing better in comparison to previous years
 - 2. Budget increase with UC however there are strings attached to that such as accepting more resident undergraduate students
 - 3. Next few years UCSD is going to have to accept more students
 - 4. Office of UC tried to make the argument with the office of governor about an increase in grad budget because we would need them for TAs → didn't go well
 - 5. no tuition increase for the current year; however, non-resident tuition will increase for undergraduate but the graduate resident/non-resident tuition will stay flat
 - 6. 5% increase to student services fee
- E. New housing under construction and the housing in the plans will make UCSD offer the most housing for graduate students
- F. Encourage students, particularly in the arts & humanities, to sign up in the Grand Slam, a 3 minute public speaking competition in April
- G. Sophia - Is the prize money taxable?
 - 1. Yes.
- H. Sophia - Whether gradvantage would be interested in setting up a group of peers who can talk about alternative careers and their issues with pursuing things outside of academia?
 - 1. Needs assessment to see if they are needed.
 - 2. Lindsay - Question Career Transition group hosted by groups and something similar in the career center.
- I. Juan - Can you go into more depth of how the increase of undergraduate

is problematic for the campus?

1. Not enough teaching space. There is a discussion of Saturday classes. Not enough faculty to teach.
2. More undergraduate housing is on the rise.

J. Tara - Can you speak ways in how the graduate division is funding graduate students who already here? What about the students in departments who are struggling with funding and the means to survive?

1. Fellowship funding as a recruitment incentive
2. Making effort to raise money through philanthropy and fundraising efforts
3. Working with departments to better package their grad support

K. Kim - Why are graduate students getting a cap on funding?

1. Fellowship - best kind of graduate support because the only thing you have to do
2. Real problem is how the IRS considers those string of money
3. Down to have a conversation offline

L. Omar - More about the

1. Difference in recruiting from minority programs and minority students.
2. Can't use university money to recruit minority people

M. Troy - Clarification on distribution of scholarship money.

1. We don't have any department exceeding the national benchmark
2. EDC is eager in investing in departments that have further to go.
3. Competition is with a nomination from department and the 2 essays candidates have to write

N. Teresa - What happens to the funds when someone doesn't finish?

1. Funds go back to the fellowship competition for the next year
2. Can't be given to the department because they are given to specific students

O. Move to extend by 2 minutes (Sophia, Eric)

1. Motion passes by unanimous consent

P. Sophia - What about changing the SHORE program (guarantee housing) to change it into a retention program?

1. Effective recruitment tool
2. Such demand for housing
3. Still not at the point of 2 year guarantee for all grad students
4. once we have the new housing in place, can be interested in Shore program as a retention tool

VI. Guest Presentation on the [Sports Division I Fee Referendum](#) [15 minutes]

- A. Sports Facilities Advisory Board (SFAB - Wendy Taylor May)
- B. Talking about the D-I fee referendum, only apply to undergraduate but many people on campus who are interested in it
- C. The Case for Non Football D-I Athletics
 - 1. Difference between division is the amount of scholarships
 - 2. Extend UCSD's Culture of Excellence
 - 3. Enhances Student Social Environment
 - a) provides highly inclusive, on-campus activities
 - b) unifies our extended campus community
 - c) supports UCSD's diversity imperative
 - d) sense of pride across the institution as a whole
 - 4. Amplifies Engagement & Participation Strengthens Alumni Connection
 - 5. Timing is better now
 - 6. Looking at things and doing it the right way
- D. The Financial Model
 - 1. similar to the Big West Conference
 - 2. 9.9 million dollar increase over a gradual period
- E. Cory - Move to D-I has been bounced around over the years and rejected profoundly over the years. Why do you think it will be different?
 - 1. Timing is there
 - 2. Dragging an anchor when our school is playing against schools no one has ever heard of
- F. *Move to extend time by 10 minutes (Sophia, Juan)***
 - 1. *Motion passes by unanimous consent***
- G. William - Supportive of the potential growth this university has. What is the athletics plan to make students believe this is what they need now?
 - 1. Educational campaign
 - 2. Talk about the long term vision of the future of the university
 - 3. D-I will bring in students who will bring down the academic reputation
 - 4. D-I has stricter academic requirements
- H. Mikayla - Will there be cuts if this doesn't pass?
 - 1. Haven't discussed what cuts will take place
- I. Sophia - Low ranking D-I school and had athletes/students leave the program for bigger D-I schools. Concerned UCSD will be the bottom feeders of D-I. Is it going to really propel us?
 - 1. Transitions between divisions and the success we had
 - 2. Infrastructure we have here to be high level when we switch to D-I

- J. Move to extend by 5 minutes (Vlad, Sophia) [18-22-0]**
 - 1. Objected by Cory**
 - 2. Motion fails**
- K. Follow up questions please email Wendy
- VII. Finance Bills [10 minutes]
 - A. Vice President of Financial Affairs (Mukanth Vaidyanathan)
 - B. Sophia - For GRF11, how did they get the number of \$1300?
 - 1. \$7 per student, historically had more than 200 grad students attend the event
 - C. Move to vote finance bills as a slate (Cory, Sophia)**
 - 1. Motion passes by unanimous consent**
 - D. Move to approve as a slate (Sophia, Bryan)**
 - 1. Motion passes by unanimous consent**
- VIII. Vote on DCR06: [Dependent Health Insurance Reform for 2016-17](#) [15 minutes]
 - A. Andrew Richards
 - B. Changed the estimates of \$3 per quarter increase per grad student
 - C. reduce dependent premium of \$281
 - D. 50 dependents we have: half child and half spouse
 - E. not a mandatory fee, it's a premium
 - F. We are asking for an additional \$3 increase for whatever increase we will get
 - G. Sophia - 1 or more people from department saying that people want this
 - H. Special group of students who want this: students who don't want a PPO and undocumented students
 - I. Other schools aren't subsidizing for grad dependents
 - J. Move to approve the document (Cory, Maya) [33-0-2]**
 - 1. Motion passes**
- IX. Vote on [Inclusivity Board Charge](#) [15 minutes]
 - A. Vice President of Diversity, Service, Equity and Inclusion (Tara-Lynne Pixley)
 - B. This will not determine how you conduct yourself at Whole Foods or outside, just applies within Council talking about issues.
 - C. Addressed concerns about how seats will be advertised, appointed, and confirmed. Addition passed by unanimous consent.
 - D. Motion to change to GSAUCSD**
 - 1. Motion passes by unanimous consent**
 - E. Move to approve charge into bylaws (Maya, Sophia) [36-0-0]**
 - 1. Motion passes**

- X. Vote on amendments to the [Financial Bylaws](#) [15 minutes]
- A. Governing Documents Maintenance Committee (Mukanth Vaidyanathan and Cory Stevenson)
 - B. Move to change first council meeting to first GSA council meeting (Cory, Sophia)**
 - 1. **Motion passes**
 - C. Move to approve bylaws (Vlad, Sara) [36-0-0]**
 - 1. **Motion passes**
- XI. Vote on DCR05: [Commendation of the University of California's Divestment from Private Prisons](#) [15 minutes]
- A. Troy Kokinis and Tara-Lynne Pixley
 - B. Move to approve "WHEREAS the Office of the Chief Investment Officer of the Regents (OCIO) is guided by sustainability and integrates "environmental sustainability, social responsibility and prudent governance" in their evaluation process[3];" (Sara, Vlad)**
 - C. Mukanth - How does this affect grad students?
 - 1. Let the administration know that grad students are paying attention to what they are investing in
 - D. Vlad - Does not seem to be reflected in your be it resolved. Do you want it to be included?
 - 1. part of the "looks forward..."
 - E. Sara - Second link provided in the whereas that talks about voting. Wanted to know if it was a UC wide voting or if it was just the black student union?
 - 1. It was all the UC BSU
 - F. Move to approve all grammatical changes in document (Cory, Kim)**
 - 1. **Motion passes by unanimous consent**
 - G. Move to approve document (Sophia, Juan) [7-8-13]**
 - 1. **Objected by Jasmine**
 - 2. Jasmine - This document, while it is done with good intent, kind of insulting to the people who have been working on this. People who wrote this document who didn't collaborate with the people involved in the issue except for today. Think this is more of a pat on the back and isn't something GSA should get involved.
 - 3. Vlad - Idea of GSA getting into other divestment because these are very polarizing issues through grad students. This can quickly get out of hand.
 - 4. Kim - Social issues to exist outside of humanity and those who you represent here. Agree with Jasmine that this is a gesture of a pat

on the back for the administration. This is a good political move.

5. Juan - If there is any topic, that people don't want to talk about because we have a great parliamentary system where we can kill documents or not show up. However, we are to represent people who are interested in these issues and our departments. We had the chance to talk to our constituents about this issue.
6. Jasmine - We didn't do anything. It was the BSU and the Students Against Mass Incarceration. Don't think anyone in this room had a say in this
7. Sophia - See this document to approve of decisions and as a pathway to be part of the discussion in the future.
8. **Move to extend time by 2 minutes (Sophia, Eric)**
 - a) **Motion passes**
9. Tara - Really appreciate the debate. Understand the concern about how this might open the gates for future talks of divestment. That is going to happen regardless. BSU UC Wide recognized this was happening and appreciating them.
10. **Move to extend to the end of the speaker list (Sophia, Eric)**
[23-3-4]
 - a) **Objected**
 - b) **Motion passes**
11. Eric - the intention is this is very good, the way we pat people is good and don't know if we should pat people in this manner
12. **Motion fails**

- XII. Appointments
 - A. Vice President of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
 1. Diversity Advisory Council - Kim Clark and Juan Carmona Zabala
 - B. Move to approve (Mukanth, Sophia)**
- XIII. Call for CM #8 Agenda Items
- XIV. Adjourn
 - A. Move to adjourn at 8:03pm (Mukanth, Sophia)**

VII. Finance Bills

FUND	Budget Funds	Funds Remaining	Funds Under Request	Funds Remaining If the Requests Approve
Early Request Fund	\$2,500.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00

General Request Fund	\$10,000.00	\$7,520.00 0	\$2,150.00	\$5,370.00
Academic and Professional request fun	\$10,000.00	\$7,590.00 0	\$3,155.00	\$4,435.00
Lounge Improvement Fund	\$3,500.00	\$2,800.00 0	\$760.00	\$2,040.00
Diversity Request Fund	\$5,000.00	\$3,760.00 0	\$650.00	\$3,110.00
Service Request Fund	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00 0	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Family Friendly Fund	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00 0	\$0.00	\$2,500.00

APRF09: Appropriate \$700 for the event "Local Revolutions: 9th Annual Visual Arts PhD Symposium" which is organized by the Visual Arts Department for March 5th at SME Performance Space & Canyon Hall. Approximately 100 graduate students are expected to attend this event.

APRF10: Appropriate \$425 for the event "QuEST Winter Networking event" which is organized by the Neurosciences Department for February 9th at Surfside in SIO. Approximately 85 graduate students are expected to attend this event.

APRF11: Appropriate \$480 for the event "Linguistics Brownbag" which is organized by the Linguistics Department for an event each week starting February 5th at AP&M4301. Approximately 10 graduate students are expected to attend each event.

APRF12: Appropriate \$1000 for the event "Springfest 2016" which is organized by the Music Department for April 10th-April 16th at Conrad Prebys Music Center, the Loft and Birch Aquarium. Approximately 350 graduate students are expected to attend this event.

APRF13: Appropriate \$550 for the event "APhA/CPhA presents Mr. Pharmacy" which is organized by the APhA_ASP at UCSD SSPPS for April 7th at PC East Ballroom. Approximately 75 graduate students are expected to attend this event.

DRF06: Appropriate \$650 for the event "Culture Fusion" which is organized by the California Society of Health-System for May 12th at PC Ballroom East. Approximately 180 graduate students are expected to attend this event.

GRF10: Appropriate \$850 for the event "Skaggs ASP Luau" which is organized by ASP for April 7th at School of Pharmacy. Approximately 250 graduate students are expected to attend this event.

GRF11: Appropriate \$1300 for the event "Open Studios" which is organized by the Visual Arts Department for March 5th at Visual Arts Facility. Approximately 100 graduate students are expected to attend this event.

LIF03: Appropriate \$760 for the lounge improvement for the Physics Department. The facility will be furnished with new appliance and furnitures like sofas, Toaster ovens, Microwave oven etc.