



University of California, San Diego  
Graduate Student Association

Council Meeting #7  
Monday, January 30, 2017  
6:00 pm, Price Center Forum

- I. Call to Order:
  - A. Prez: 6:05pm
- II. Approval of CM #6 (2017) [Minutes](#)
  - A. Move to approve minutes
  - B. Second
  - C. No objections, passes
- III. Approval of Agenda
  - A. Move to approve changes as slate: Sophia
  - B. Second: Vlad
  - C. No objections, passes
  - D. Move to approve slate: Sara
  - E. Second: Vlad
  - F. No objections, passes
- IV. Public Comments and Announcements [10 minutes]
  - A. Mid year rep retreat: Feb 17th from 5-8pm at Home Plate [Sara R. Rivera]
    1. Will be food and alcohol, budget TBD
    2. Only open to GSA reps and exec
  - B. Swirl and Taste Event on 02/02 [Mel C.]
    1. The Loft at 5pm
    2. Wine tasting event, sponsored by UCEN and GSA
    3. Capped at 200 students, 40 spots remaining
    4. You must RSVP ASAP!
    5. Feel free to email me with q's, come through!
  - C. Family Friendly Fund and Service Request Fund [Sara R. Rivera]
    1. Apply for funding if your event meets these criteria
    2. Cannot be fundraiser, must be on campus
    3. Please apply since we a lot of remaining \$, last year: \$1100 remaining in these funds
  - D. Triton 5k Team "Graduate Student Association" [Tatiana Z.]

1. GSA will have team, April 9th
2. Funding goes to research, look up on their website
3. If you plan on running, register with the GSA team!

E. Marketing Survey Announcement (Sophia)

1. We sent out email, please take this survey, takes a few minutes
2. We want to find out communication with student

F. Udit: we and IC are having “know your rights” event on Feb. 24th

1. Awareness of resources to all international students

G. Vlad

1. Starting group to help address student health insurance
2. Please email me if you are interested

H. Martin

1. I support Udit’s event on Feb. 24th
2. Been planning this event for months
3. Please spread the word to your constituents
4. Another event on Feb. 22nd, “Get down with black studies”
5. In performance arts building, speaker will be out shortly
6. Bringing in guest speaker about Netflix film

I. Cory

1. OMS and mesa parking policy changes
2. Have been complaints about these changes, just let me know your concerns
3. Sophia (poi): Parking committee only contacted after these changes were made, so we were not informed, could not influence these decisions, several changes in parking restrictions + registrations + parking patrol + shuttle differences

V. Vote on Finance Bills [10 minutes]

A. Sara R. Rivera (Vice President of Financial Affairs)

1. Service request fund and family friendly fund have had no requests
2. Please apply for these funds, remainder will go to GSA reserves
3. APRF13: “rethinking art history”
  - a) Budget of \$490, attendance of 70 students
  - b) Food and drinks
4. APRF 14: “stable isotope group meeting #3”
  - a) Budget of \$50, attendance of 18 graduate students
5. APRF 15: “bioengineering day”
  - a) Budget of \$700, attendance of 100 graduate students
6. Move to approve as slate: Sophia
7. Second: Vlad

8. No objections, passes
9. Move to approve slate: Sophia
10. Second: Vlad
11. No objections, passes

VI. Presentation: Update on International Center and [MOU](#) [10 minutes]

A. Sophia P. Hirakis and Vladimir Jovanovic [Legislative Liaison for State and Local Affairs]

1. Vlad: brief history of IC, branches are Friends of IC and Oceanids
2. Sophia: demolition of IC was planned by UCSD admin, not right because it would displace IC workers, MOU was drafted and agreed upon by UCSD GSA, Academic Senate, VCSA Juan Gonzalez, VC Resource Management & Planning C. Matthews, Dean of IC Kirk Simmons
3. Vlad: we wanted adequate and appropriate graduate student representation and advisement
4. Sophia: most of the needs for international students and IC workers have been met
5. Sophia: we worked to get recentralization of IC, however there are some obstacles in terms of resources that need to happen first, no time commitment because flux in campus construction plans
6. Vlad: IC may be located in the Gateway building
7. Sophia: We did it, thank you for your support, getting people to sign the petition, this success is an example of the power of petitioning in GSA

VII. Presentation on Proposed Changes to the Elections Bylaws [Elections Bylaws](#) [10 minutes]

A. Elections Committee (Christina Alarcón, Sophia P. Hirakis, and Bryce Thomson)

1. Christina: we run elections, want to propose changes to elections bylaws, if passed these changes will take effect in spring
2. Christina: Want to increase transparency and public engagement, host an electronic forum that allows student public to anonymously offer q's and comments about current candidates, under discretion of Election Committee
3. Tanner: will record be kept of these questions?
  - a) Christina: Kept anonymously in Google Docs by Election Committee, not sure about long term, more about helping candidates in short-term
4. Sara: why anonymously?

- a) Sophia: want to give people the chance to talk about sensitive topics without fear of repercussions, want these q's and comments to be done ahead of time
- 5. Sara: will these q's be asked during candidate's speeches?
  - a) Sophia: want candidates to have opportunity to address these comments prior to election night
- 6. Steve: anonymity could provide good incentive for reps to ask questions
- 7. Martin: will these q's be vetted first?
  - a) Christina: yes, only helpful q's will be sent to the candidates
- 8. Vlad: we need to check that the q's that are being deleted as inappropriate meet the criteria
  - a) Christina: Google survey will be used to obtain these q's, will be accessible only to us
- 9. Sara: why is this addition in section II of the bylaws?
  - a) Christina: didn't want to create new section for this amendment, open to changing to new section
- 10. Chris: could move this amendment into section iv of the bylaws
- 11. Sara (poi): parliamentary how do bylaws work for these election bylaws?
  - a) Cory: any amendment to bylaws has to be approved by  $\frac{2}{3}$ , unless it is minor (changing words, etc.)
  - b) Steven: can you only make changes in spring and fall?
  - c) Christina: no, we can make changes at any time with  $\frac{2}{3}$  consensus
  - d) Sophia: trying to remedy problems seen in special elections
- 12. Christina: at least 2 Election Committee members must be present in order for elections to proceed, these members must have been approved by council at a previous regularly scheduled council meeting
  - a) Move to extend by 5 minutes: Frank
  - b) Second: Mel
  - c) No objections, passes
  - d) Chris: concern that pushing back special elections by 2 weeks if not at least 2 election committee members get elected
    - (1) Christina: this year was a special circumstance, we would have pushed back the special election this year had this amendment been made, however, quorum

should not be an issue moving forward because  
election committee members will be elected early on

13. Christina: candidates will each have 3 minutes for concluding remarks, in reverse order of platform presentation, want to give candidates enough time to address all q's during election night
  - a) Sara: concerned about how long this change will make election night, last spring we had very long election night
  - b) Steven: the voting and other issues were the root causes for the long length of that election night, not related to this amendment
  - c) Christina: want to respect people's time on GSA
14. Christina: thank you, email me with any of your concerns, major issue will be to release or not release anonymous comments to GSA
  - a) Cory: often helpful to have candidates know the general q's being asked
  - b) Move to approve to end of Cory's comment: Sophia
  - c) Second: Vlad
  - d) No objections
  - e) Cory: council should know the q's (general topics) that candidates did not answer from anonymous survey

VIII. [Presentation](#) on Proposed Changes to the Financial Bylaws [10 minutes]

A. Sara R. Rivera (Vice President of Financial Affairs)

1. Vast majority of changes are for formatting and clarity
2. Please read through the financial bylaws, if you haven't already!
3. To be voted upon next council meeting in 2 weeks
4. Summary of changes:
  - a) Deadline changed to June 10th for funds (before end of fiscal year)
  - b) Sophia: what was the date deadline shift?
  - c) Sara: from June 30th to June 10th
  - d) Sara: no changes to Article 1, 2, 7
  - e) Sara: article 3: establishment of finance committee
    - (1) Removed: UC advisory board and co-ops advisory committee as VP finance does not appoint or oversee these
    - (2) Details of how meetings are run for clarity
    - (3) Disclose any conflicts of interest
    - (4) Sophia: who appointed to UCAB?

- (a) Hayley: VP Campus
- (5) Sophia: is this appointment in our bylaws?
  - (a) Cory: yes, brief history of the reasoning behind this appointment
- f) Sara: article 4: allocation procedures
  - (1) Sec 1 (previously sec 5): Appropriation funds
    - (a) DPC (Department per capita)- rewritten to scale with # of grads with clarification on timeline and restrictions
    - (b) LIF (Lounge improvement fund)- clarify this fund not limited to the per student funding, but is limited by total funding per department
    - (c) FFF (Family friendly fund)- removed text of being open and free to all grads
    - (d) June 10th deadline added for all funds except DPC and ERF
    - (e) Move to extend by 2 minutes: Cory
    - (f) Second
    - (g) No objections, passes
    - (h) Sara: cap is \$2000 for any department in perpetuity
  - (2) Sec 2: submission of funding requests
    - (a) No double dipping, new section, derived from existing procedure, existing bylaws regulation
  - (3) Sec 3: criteria for awarding funds
    - (a) Removal of rosenberger vs. the university of virginia
  - (4) Sec 4: funding bills
    - (a) Minor language revisions
  - (5) Sec 5: acknowledgement of funds received
    - (a) Reformatted for clarity
  - (6) Sec 6: reimbursements
    - (a) Improved clarity of language
    - (b) Move to extend by 3 minutes: Sophia
    - (c) Second: Vlad
    - (d) No objections, passes
  - (7) Sec 7: appeals
    - (a) Moved for clarity
  - (8) Sec 4 (removed):

(a) Incorporated into other sections for clarity,  
changed date from June 30th to June 10th

g) Sara: article 5 budget

(1) Lots of formatting

(2) Sec 2: removed diversity event fund language

(3) Sec 2: removed “these may include, but are not limited to, happy hours at Porter’s pub, the diversity events fund, the cultural coordinator fund, and the Phd career conference”

h) Sara: article 6

(1) Lots of formatting, no big changes

B. Links: [Current Financial Bylaws](#), [Proposed Financial Bylaws](#)

#### IX. Vote on Appointments

A. Building Advisory Committee

1. Cory Stevenson
2. Ian Hamilton
3. Jacob Schalch

B. Move to approve as slate: Vlad

C. Second: Sara

D. No objections, passes

E. Move to approve slate: Sophia

F. Second: Vlad

G. No objections, passes

#### X. Call for CM #8 Agenda Items

A. Vote on proposed changes to Financial Bylaws [Sara R. Rivera]

B. Vote on proposed changes to Elections Bylaws [Elections Committee]

C. Feel free to email presenters your questions

#### XI. Adjourn

A. Motion to adjourn: Sophia

B. Second: Vlad

C. No objections, passes

D. Adjourned at 7:01pm

## V. Finance Bills

Fund	Budget Funds	Funds Remaining	Funds under Request	Funds remaining if requests approved
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Early Request Fund	\$2,500	\$230	\$0	\$230
General Request Fund	\$11,000	\$7,865	\$0	\$7,865
Academic and Professional Request Fund	\$11,000	\$7,445	\$1,240	\$6,205
Lounge Improvement Fund	\$3,500	\$2,750	\$0	\$2,750
Diversity Request Fund	\$5,500	\$2,672	\$0	\$2,672
Service Request Fund	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
Family Friendly Fund	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0	\$1,200

**APRF13:** Appropriate \$490 for the event “Rethinking Art History: Center and Periphery. 10th Annual PhD Symposium” which is organized by a the Visual Arts department on March 3-4, 2017 in the Structural and Materials Engineering Building. Approximately 70 graduate students are expected to attend this event and the funding will be used for food, refreshments, and printing.

**APRF14:** Appropriate \$50 for the event “Stable Isotope Group Meeting #3” which is organized by the Application of Stable Isotopes in Natural and Social Sciences group on February 9th, 2017 in Vaughan Hall room 300. Approximately 18 graduate students are expected to attend this event and the funding will be used to provide refreshments and food.

**APRF15:** Appropriate \$700 for the event “Bioengineering Day” which is organized by the Bioengineering department on April 21st, 2017 in the Telemedicine Building. Approximately 100 graduate students are expected to attend this event and the funding will be used to provide refreshments, food, and printing.