



University of California, San Diego  
Graduate Student Association

Council Meeting #8  
Monday, February 13, 2017  
6:00 pm, Price Center Forum

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of CM #7 (2017) [Minutes](#)
  - A. Vlad move to approve, council member seconds, pass by consensus
- III. Approval of Agenda
  - A. Arnold move to approve, Robert second, pass by consensus
- IV. Public Comments and Announcements [10 minutes]
  - A. Betty- UC Undocumented Legal Services Center response to ICE raids in Southern California.
    1. Please pass along the email sent by the Undocumented Student Services Center to your constituents
  - B. Mel- Roaming Social with Chemistry and Grad Social at Coast Apts.
    1. Friday, Feb 24th in the Natural Sciences Building
  - C. Mid-Year Representative Retreat/Training [Sara R. Rivera]
    1. This Friday! Free food and drinks
  - D. Triton 5K GSA Team
    1. Biggest team gets a prize!
    2. Sign up online
  - E. Tanner
    1. Post cards to advertise the open studios
      - a) Focus is "Rethinking Art History"
  - F. Teaching and Learning Commons Panel--Diversity in Publishing
    1. February 22nd 5pm-7pm
  - G. Martin (VP EDI)
    1. Advertising the Get Down event
    2. Know Your Rights events coming up
  - H. VP Finance
    1. Reminder: Anyone on council can write a resolution and submit it to campus
    2. Execs or Governing Docs can help with language

- I. Vlad
  - 1. Working on a document for reps about how grad students can file taxes, and will be doing a full presentation next meeting
- V. Vote on Finance Bills [10 minutes]
  - A. Sara R. Rivera (Vice President of Financial Affairs)
  - B. Valerie move to approve as a slate, Brian second
  - C. Rob move to approve the slate, Sabrina second, pass by consensus
- VI. Library Graduate Advisory Council [Presentation on Events](#) [15 minutes]
  - A. Catherine Friedman and Jeanelle
    - 1. Purpose of committee: Increase communication between the Library and UCSD students
    - 2. The committee is currently discussing library statistics, best practices for hosting grad student focused events, digital media, and library renovations
    - 3. Library renovations: new elevators, graduate study lounge will be updated this week, bathrooms (adding gender inclusive and ADA compliant restrooms on every floor)
    - 4. Graduate student lounge will be getting new furniture over Spring Break, and a hydration station
    - 5. Geisel 8th floor is also getting new furniture, this coming summer
    - 6. Over the next three years, the 1st and 2nd floors of Geisel will be renovated, but this is still in the planning stages
    - 7. Questions
      - a) Q: Have the chairs already been purchased? Our department has them and really doesn't like them, because they're not conducive for studying. A: I will look into it and find out more. We'll make sure we do an assessment before we buy them
      - b) Q: I would like to extend an opinion. I would love to have a grad student space in Geisel, just for grad students. Also, during renovations, please make sure there are enough outlets. A: Yes, thank you.
- VII. Vote on [proposed changes](#) to Financial Bylaws [10 minutes]
  - A. Sara R. Rivera (Vice President of Financial Affairs)
  - B. Sara reviews changes and solicits questions.
  - C. Rob: motion to approve the changes as a slate, Quint second, pass by consensus
  - D. Rob: move to approve the slate, Chris second, vote: 31-0-1, pass
- VIII. Presentation and Vote on [DRC 04](#) [10 minutes]

- A. Martin L. Boston (Vice President of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion)
- B. Martin: DCR04 is a statement about President Trump's travel ban. This executive order will likely make it all of the way to the Supreme Court, so we want to make a statement. Happy to take questions
- C. Sabrina: F-1 visas are only for students, so I would love to help you add more info about spouses/dependents. Martin: Yes please, this is a collective effort.
- D. Question: Did the campus make official statements about this? Betty: Yes, our department is compiling information about how this order has impacted students
- E. Jacob: Does the university already have this info on file? Martin: Most of the preliminary info (how many visas, how many international students) they have, what they need to collect is people's stories and the impact.
- F. Vlad: Just a comment from me. Some impact won't show up in current university systems (e.g. if a family member is a refugee). Jacob response: How do you know if info you collect is real? Martin: That is a risk with any data collection that happens. But the pursuit of the truth is necessary.
- G. Sabrina: I know that UCSD does collect some data on country of origin, I recommend checking with the International Center
- H. Rob: I added some language regarding constitutionality
- I. Tanner: If we're recommending someone to gather a list about immigration status, I think that needs to be a voluntary list. Martin: For sure.
- J. *Time extended by 10 minutes*
- K. Amending the document
  - 1. Move to amend Whereas 2, second, approved
  - 2. Vlad move to approve amendments on Whereas 4, second, approved
  - 3. Move to include Footnote 6 as an appendix, second, approved
  - 4. Move to amend "Be It Further Resolved 4", second, approved
  - 5. *Time extended by 5 minutes*
  - 6. Move to amend "Be it Further Resolved 5 and 6", second, approved
- L. Is March 1st too early?
  - 1. Month vs two weeks
- M. Motion to extend by 5 mins, second, no objections, approved
- N. Move to amend to March 31st, second, objection
  - 1. Vlad- pass
  - 2. Robert- statistical is unclear, summary instead of statistical
  - 3. Martin- friendly

4. "Release the findings"
  5. Move to approve, second, no objections, approved
- O. Emma- just numbers of people, SIO sent an email of a break-down
1. Martin- but we want to know who is impacted as well
  2. Emma- it's unclear that is what we want in BIFR #4c, add language to clarify this
  3. Martin- friendly to that
  4. New language, "whereas explained in whereas #2"
  5. Christina- too limiting of the language, we want broad stories
  6. Tanner- add a "d" which adds compelling case study
  7. Move to approve all changes, objections- need to include "voluntarily"
  8. Martin- one case study or multiple case studies?
  9. Multiple, to include multiple stories
  10. Move to approve all changes, second, no objections, approve
- P. Call for quorum
1. 24 reps present, need 26 reps

Jeanelle Horcasitas, Literature

Mel Viperman-Cohen, Literature

Josephine Vo, Skaggs

Ryan Geusz, Biomedical sciences

Valerie Sapp, Biomedical sciences

Christina Alarcon, Biomedical sciences

Vladimir Jovanovic, Neurosciences

Jacob Schlach, Physics

Kevin Cremin, Physics

Victoria Holden, GPS

Sabrina Berkamp, Chemistry and Biochemistry

Chris Fisher, Chemistry and Biochemistry

Quint Freuman, Chemistry and Biochemistry

Robert Gougelet, Cognitive science

Giacomo Gaggio, Anthropology

Belinda Ramirez, Anthropology

Adam Morgan, Psychology

Haleh Yaldi, Psychology

Emma Harrison, SIO

Kiefer Forsch, SIO

Frank Beckwith, Structural Engineering

Eamonn Wilson, GPS

Will Fuller, GPS

2. 12 departments present
3. Meeting adjourned

IX. Vote on [proposed changes](#) to Elections Bylaws [10 minutes]

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

X. Call for CM #9 Agenda Items

XI. Adjourn

## V. Finance Bills

Fund	Budget Funds	Funds Remaining	Funds under Request	Funds remaining if requests approved
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	\$6,205	\$1,442	\$4,763
Lounge Improvement Fund	\$3,500	\$2,750	\$700	\$2,050
Diversity Request Fund	\$5,500	\$2,672	\$370	\$2,302
Service Request Fund	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
Family Friendly Fund	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$210	\$990

**APRF16:** Appropriate \$210 for the event “Talk with Professional Engineers” which is organized by WECE on March 10th, 2017 in the EBU-1 Booker Conference Room. Approximately 30 graduate students are expected to attend this event and the funding will be used for food and refreshments.

**APRF17:** Appropriate \$112 for the event “Stable Isotope Group Monthly Meetings” which is organized by the Application of Stable Isotopes in Natural and Social Sciences monthly from March through June, 2017 at both SIO and the Biology Department, alternating locations by meeting. Approximately 16 unique graduate students are expected to attend these events and the funding will be used for food and refreshments.

**APRF18:** Appropriate \$945 for the event “NanoXpo” which is organized by the Graduate Society of NanoEngineers in the NanoEngineering department on February 24th, 2017 in the Structural and Materials Engineering Building, Cymer Conference Room. Approximately 135 graduate students are expected to attend this event and the funding will be used for food, refreshments, and materials.

**APRF19:** Appropriate \$175 for the event “Graduate Student Professional Headshots” which is organized by Grad Life on April 24th, 2017 in the Applied Physics and Mathematics Building. Approximately 50 graduate students are expected to attend this event and the funding will be used for media services.

**LIF2:** Appropriate \$700 for the SIO Lounge Improvement to the Surfside Graduate Lounge. Funding will be used for a new ladder, dolly, storage ottomans, and meditation cushions.

**DRF8:** Appropriate \$20 for the event “STEM Education & Diversity Discussion Group” which is organized by a graduate student in Biological Sciences on April 5th, 2017 in the UCSD Women’s Center. Approximately 4 graduate students are expected to attend this event and the funding will be used for food and refreshments.

**DRF9:** Appropriate \$350 for the event “QuEST Winter Networking Event” which is organized by QuEST on March 16th, 2017 in Surfside at SIO. Approximately 50 graduate students are expected to attend this event and the funding will be used for food, refreshments, and decorations.

**FFF1:** Appropriate \$210 for the event “Craft with GradWise” which is organized by GradWise on March 3rd, 2017 in the Grad Lounge. Approximately 30 graduate students are expected to attend this event and the funding will be used for food, refreshments, and materials.