



University of California, San Diego  
Graduate Student Association

Council Meeting #9  
Monday, February 23, 2015  
6:00pm, Price Center Forum

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda [5 mins]
- III. Old Business - Approval of Council Meeting 8 [Minutes](#) [5 mins]
- IV. Public Comments and Announcements [5 mins]
  - A. One Stop Button - invaluable resource to record/review your presentation skills by having yourself recorded
  - B. Interdisciplinary Research Awards Ceremony tomorrow at the Loft!
  - C. Cultural Events
    1. March 8th: Quarterly Brew Bus, tickets on sale tomorrow
  - D. Finance Hosting Event on February 25: Bagels and Coffee Time for information of funding request
- V. Special Presentation on Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) [25 mins]
  - A. SFAC Representative Mukanth Vaidyanathan and SFAC Chair Paul Tchir (Presentation on how student fees are spent)
  - B. SFAC oversees the use of Student Services Fees (currently \$972 per student per year, giving us more financial oversight)
  - C. Purpose of SFAC
    1. assess the contribution of the student services
    2. oversee the use & implementation of the funds
  - D. Implied Purpose
    1. become experts on the student fee and all units that utilize it in order to understand their functioning and needs
  - E. Actual Purpose
    1. In the past
      - a) SFAC: an allocated body to provide a certain dollar amount, reviewed proposals and made funding recommendations
      - b) but seen as the bad guy in the late 2000s
    2. In the present
      - a) SFAC was no longer needed to make difficult decisions on cuts
      - b) now without having allocations, this idea of looking at proposals does not make much sense, so what are we doing now?

- c) What is going on now? SFAC wanting to transition from having direct control over a small portion of funds to influence over everything
  - (1) Units-the bodies on campus that receive the most in terms of Student Fee funds
- d) What is going on now pt 2
  - (1) we've been given less than 2 weeks to figure out what to do
  - (2) The problem
    - (a) decentralization-only UC campus unable to send a campus wide email
    - (b) come from council to council in order to get student voice which makes the process 10 times longer
- e) What is going on now pt 3
  - (1) SFAC needs input and there are too many questions to ask to get everyone's input
    - (a) we have been getting less and less input
  - (2) GSA and AS
    - (a) they are going to keep accepting proposals from GSA and AS
    - (b) final report will emphasize that our recommendations reflect a desire for those units to use their resources to support these particular initiatives
  - (3) All they need is some input from GSA

VI. [DCR04](#): Developing and Implementing a One-Card Campus ID System

A. sponsored by [Lindsay Freeman](#), Dan Jacobsen and Alex Georges

B. Background

1. no single card ID system on the UCSD campus
2. access to grad lounge, departmental lounge
3. majority of campuses have a single ID system
4. expand into MTS: track who is using the buses so that we can draft resolutions/fees that are appropriate
5. divisions on campus have different systems, faculty/staff have different cards from us

C. Good feedback from administrators → formed a committee

D. Make sure student voices are being heard & push for this project

E. Resolution will hold people accountable → history for people to go back

F. 1 grad & 1 undergraduate to be appointed to the committee

G. Comments/Questions

1. Problem with faculty was that they got kicked to the campus card and that was no longer part of their benefit. How will this new system address
  - a) we have the party who we have a contract with to pay for this service
2. Starting a pilot program that would eliminate the sticker if you want to participate please let Alex Georges know
  - a) additional card in conjunction with your ID to smooth out bugs
3. How confident are you with MTS being put on the ID or phone instead of it being another swipe?
  - a) have to start with campus card cause still working out the kinks
  - b) bare in mind not everyone will have a smart phone
4. Why so late?
  - a) faculty said I don't want to get a new ID card
  - b) costs
  - c) time to analyze costs & budget
5. Health Sciences uses a different system so if you want to include it
  - a) **Move to amend resolution by adding the language to the first clause "UC San Diego Health Sciences uses the HID", second [pass]**
6. ACAP has there own system
7. would there be an issue to security?
  - a) they have 3 years to test things out before implementing

**H. Move to approve resolution as amended, second (44-0-0) [passes]**

VII. [DCR05](#): Equitable Rights Directive for Graduate Fellows

- A. sponsored by [Don Johnson](#), Amelia Ray, Tara-lyne Pixley, Brandon Stephens, and Jasmine A. Roberts
- B. Childcare Benefits
- C. TA Contracts not getting their benefits
  1. cases have been from people of minorities (African American,
  2. ongoing pattern of students bringing fellowship money that are not getting their benefits
  3. emphasize that people doing the same work should get the same benefits
  4. problem is students coming with a full ride fellowship
- D. Comments/Questions
  1. Alan Houston is no longer the VCSA. It is now Juan Gonzalez.
    - a) Not directing anything to Alan Houston. Directing this to Kim Barrett
    - b) It's going to take multiple chancellors involved
  2. Title is very general and overly dramatic. Why not make the title be more specific to what we are trying to accomplish with the resolution?
    - a) document either turn into a more general statement or break

- these up for specific individual issues
- b) brought up 2 cases: child care & benefits for fellowships but added language to include other issues that could happen and for issues that we may not have enough detail and information about
- c) suggested new titles Childcare Subsidy and Teaching Assistant Compensation for Graduate Fellows
- 3. Not going to be effective enough to get what we are trying to do because seems we are trying to combine 2 different issues
  - a) Clause about what is a child care subsidy
  - b) fellows not clearly defined here
  - c) all the other offices & departments that need to address this problem
- 4. important issues that need to be resolved
  - a) had a meeting with Kim Barrett last week about these issues
- 5. **Move to table resolution to next council meeting, second (objected)**
  - a) division amongst execs, some execs are not for this and they would like to see a water down version of this
  - b) delaying would be a made choice, we can call to question to see if it passes
  - c) writing 2 different ones would be best
  - d) against the language of the resolution: what is the childcare subsidy, who is a graduate fellow
  - e) not as effective, wording should be changed so that it is more effective, resolution doesn't address
  - f) benefits of the TA and expanded to GRs, Kim Barrett will be here and talk to her to get some questions answered
  - g) If UCSD only allows issu getting paid by fellowship comes down to where pots of money are, general tand is not paying students is not paying TAs
  - h) concerned to table next week, someone to mediate conversation between Kim & council, an outside person
  - i) tabling
    - (1) advantage: Kim to answer our questions but she is good at dancing around questions that she does not want to answer
  - j) can amend resolution right now, right here; graduate dean on the ropes no choice to bring this up during next council meeting; make a challenge to execs to come up with something better than this
- 6. **Call to question motion to table, second (35-2-8)**
- 7. **Motion to table, (22-17-6)**

VIII. Consideration of Finance Bills

- A. APRF10: Appropriate \$1300 to Sara Hariri for BE Day 2015. This event will be hosted on April 18th and the organizer are expecting to have approximate 250 graduate students. The funding will be used for poster boards, refreshments, and publicity.
- B. APRF11: Appropriate \$150 to Michael Tait for Food for Thought Seminars @ Applied Math and Physics Building. This event will be hosted on March 26th and the organizer is expecting to have approximate 20 graduate students. The funding will be used for refreshments and publicity.
- C. APRF12: Appropriate \$1000 to Amy Reid for UCSD Open Studios @ VAF Building. This event will be hosted on March 7th and the organizer is expecting to have approximate 1000 graduate students. The funding will be used for refreshments, miscellaneous items, and publicity.
- D. DRF04: Appropriate \$255 to Amelia Ray for Graduate Women in STEM Social Hour @ NSB Atrium. This event will be hosted on March 5th and the organizer is expecting to have approximate 80 to 100 graduate students. The funding will be used for refreshments, food, and publicity.
- E. GRF09: Appropriate \$800 to Johnny Zhou for Skaggs ASP Luau @ the Skaggs School of Pharmacy. This event will be hosted on April 9th and the organizer are expecting to have approximate 200 graduate students. The funding will be used for refreshments, food, decorations, and publicity.
- F. LIF04: Appropriate \$450 to Leroy Arciniega from Department of Sociology for their lounge improvement. The funding will be used for replacing a broken couch and armchair at the Social Sciences Building

**G. Move to amend date & number of graduate students of APRF12**

**H. Move to approve finance bills as slate, second**

IX. Appointments

- A. VP Campus - Jasmine Roberts, ARCHAC

**B. Move to approve appointment, second**

X. Call for Council Meeting 10 Agenda Items

XI. Adjourn

**A. Move to adjourn, second**