



University of California, San Diego
Graduate Student Association

Council Meeting #9
Monday, February 22, 2016
6:00 pm, Price Center Forum

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of [CM #8 \(2016\) Minutes](#)
 - A. **Move to approve CM#8 Minutes (Sara, Paul)**
 1. **Motion passes by unanimous consent**
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - A. **Move to nominate Chandler Puritty to Diversity Advisory Council (Tara, Nate)**
 1. **Motion passes by unanimous consent**
 - B. **Move to change Item 11 on “Presentation and Vote on [International Graduate Student Workgroup Charge](#)” to Item 9**
 - C. **Move to approve agenda (Bryan, Sara)**
- IV. Public Comments and Announcements [10 minutes]
 - A. Bryan - Received the result from the survey for the UCAB vendor, received your comments and shall make
 - B. Frank
 1. Roaming Social this Friday 5pm-8pm Porter’s Pub
 2. Roamin Social next Friday
 - C. Nate - Election Committee Hosting a Social on Wednesday evening at Porter’s Pub
 - D. Cory - Following up on presentation from last meeting, got comment back in emails and they were helpful. Reconstituted the housing GSA email account.
 - E. Sara - Winter Brew Bus on March 12th
 - F. Viktoria - Need water filter in your areas please email her
 - G. Mukanth - DPC for 2015-2016: 6 departments haven’t taken their department yet. You can only use it up to October 15th, 2016.
 - H. Lindsay - Virtual Career Conference on March 2nd, please forward to your constituents
- V. Guest Presentation - Director of Transportation Services [20 minutes]

- A. Charles Kindred II
- B. Challenges facing that we didn't foresee: construction of UTC, construction of La Jolla Plaza and the low gas prices
- C. adding spaces on various parts of campus (identified 500 potential spaces)
- D. looking at modifying our shuttle services: need to do a better job at shuttling people from regents parking to campus
- E. way to change staff scheduling so more people park in the evening than the day
- F. looking into policy changes, what other UCs are doing
- G. parking structures being planned
- H. current permits for specific parking structures
- I. so many groups to satisfy
- J. Sara - Is something being done about the commuting at SIO?
 - 1. looking into a parking structure there but the question is where
 - 2. working with the new director to come up with solutions
- K. Bryan - Is there a way to improve the 30 bus from PB to School and vice versa?
 - 1. Email Kerk who is in charge of Community Solutions
- L. Vlad - 2 short parking spots like 15 minutes, loading zones near McGill
- M. Sara - Posting what the schedule of when the shuttle should be coming for Mesa and other shuttle drivers.
- N. Cory - The phone app isn't working well because only 1 shuttle is appearing. The bus pass for grad students for summer is expensive. What is going to be done about the price for bus pass during summer?
 - 1. Only thing we can do is negotiate with MTS
- O. Jasmine - Is there a more direct way to interface with Transportation and Parking Services?
 - 1. February 25th - have a meeting
 - 2. breaking it up into groups for meetings
 - 3. doors are open, transportation committee
- P. Vlad - Now that we have the MTS passes. Redoing the Arriba/Noble shuttle stops.
 - 1. looking into that
 - 2. it makes no sense for our shuttles to chase after MTS buses
- Q. Cory - One of the problems of communication with TPC. What are you going to do about this?
 - 1. having a meeting with TPC is in progress
- R. Sara - When the buses are full, they are just skipping stops. Wonder if

there will be additional shuttles for impacted times.

1. buses trying to do is fill up only a certain amount for
2. Tuesday and Thursday 10am-2pm are heavy times
3. ordering 5 additional buses, some buses offline
4. challenges with trying to find student drivers
5. Mesa in the morning, Arriba line
6. one tendency we see is people ignore the MTS to take the MTS

S. Move to extend time to the end of the speaker's list (Sara, Bryan)

T. Garrett - Plan to provide extra supply for what is expected extra growth UCSD is experiencing.

1. Challenge is we aren't able to get the numbers until later
2. 5 additional buses
3. entice MTS to play a bigger role on campus
4. after it is here we have to react

VI. Guest Presentation - International Student Center [10 minutes]

A. Gabriela Hoffman

B. comprised of 3 offices: study abroad, international faculty, international student affairs

1. service population of 6500 international students
2. help guide them through the visa process
3. pre-arrival seminars
4. in-person orientation
5. many workshops and resource presentations as we can through the year

C. Grad Student Population

1. just 45% of grad students are international students
2. see concentration in Rady's and engineering department

D. Services for International Grad Students

1. conducted an extensive research on international students
 - a) resources are hard to find
 - b) support programs only in a few units, not a real distribution across campus
 - c) saw overlaps in programming and a lot of redundancy
 - d) saw a one size fit all approach in the programming
 - e) no comprehensive campus wide need assessment that has been done

E. Recommendations

1. creating a task force to being in Spring 2016
2. a single online portal of resources for international students

- 3. development of strategic plan to address the needs from the results of a campus wide comprehensive survey of international student needs
- F. See this as a collaborative process with various groups on campus
- G. Cory - Make sure there are graduate students involve
- H. Amelia - International students not getting paid as a TA while on their fellowship, many don't know how to face this problem or address it too late. TA union would like to work with you and would like to have someone to go to before submitting the paperwork
- I. *Move to extend the time to the end of the speaker's list (Cory, Maya)***
- J. Garrett - Resources available or legal consultation that we can forward to visa holders whose dependents can't get work
 - 1. we have workshops every month
- K. Juan - When international students make the decision about coming UCSD, don't know about the out of state fees and would have preferred to come here if they actually knew about the fee situation.
 - 1. one of the items on the task force list
 - 2. in terms of resources, come by and talk to us but our resources are still limited
 - 3. something we want on our portal
- VII. Guest Presentation - University Centers Advisory Board (UCAB) [10 minutes]
 - A. UCAB Chair (Claire Maniti)
 - B. 2 million cost over the next few years
 - C. Stage Room Reservations
 - 1. stage room available up to summer
 - 2. renovation during the summer and end at the beginning of fall
 - D. Tenant Process
 - 1. March 2016-March 2017 - Tenant Recruitment and Opening
 - 2. April 2016 - deadline for prospective tenants to submit RFP
 - 3. March of next year new tenant
 - E. Pub Facility Renovation
 - 1. July 2015-September 2015 - Rub Planning and Construction
 - 2. Early September 2015 - Cost Analysis/ Basic Drawings
 - 3. Early-mid October 2015-
 - F. Nate - Could be the opportunity for one of our local brewers here in SD to be the new tenant, would love have that
 - 1. specific license for food
 - G. Cory - Why are we wasting our time requiring food? People went their for alcohol and drinks. That's why there is a problem with Loft cause the food

is expensive.

1. UCAB has hard restrictions on how much liquor we can serve

H. Tara - How extensive is the marketing to attract a food and beer vendor?

1. processes for advertising to vendors
2. Student Satisfaction Surveys - any vendor suggested we contact
3. Public Quorums that we have to adhere to
4. it's not like some administrator is bringing their

I. Move to extend time to the end of the speaker's list (Jasmine, Tara)

J. Sabrina - Renovation will end around September. Why is this taking so long?

1. 2 different venues: there's the pub and stage room
2. stage room is open during renovation
3. a lot of pressure for the Pub to get finished
4. Taco Villa is opening in the summer

VIII. Presentation on [DCR08: Campus Pub Investment](#)

A. Vice President of Student and Campus Affairs ([Daniel Jacobsen](#)) and Vice President of Financial Affairs ([Mukanth Vaidyanathan](#))

B. Process of getting a new vendor for the pub

C. Background:

1. UCAB voted not to renew Porter's lease in Winter 2015
2. Porter's held the lowest in vendor sales

D. Reserves

1. shall serve as resource for minimum expenditure for GSA
2. Recurring \$5000 deposit (~\$1/Grad Student)
3. Current Balance: \$283,000
4. Balance 2014-2015: \$199,000
5. Balance in 2011-2012: \$175,500
6. Only org in UCSD with reserves credit

E. Problem

1. Porter's did not listen to feedback from students and staff that led to a decline in sales and campus use of the space
2. GSA has excess money which will be lost if we do not use it for the expenditures
 - a) with all the money we will start becoming tax

F. Proposal

1. GSA use money from its reserves to attract a better vendor. Money come back as a form of income
2. GSA use \$100K to invest in the pub
3. Money will be used by the vendor for vendor selected

improvements

a) get vendor excited to work with students

4. Money will be returned to GSA as \$20K per year for 5 years

G. Jasmine - What is the benefit to grad students for investing in the pub?

1. getting the money back in the years

2. biggest thing is to attract a better vendor

3. income we get won't be from student fees so we have more freedom on how to use that money

4. stipulations: can't use money for travel, can't use for scholarships

H. Robert - Sounds like there are no risks. What other opportunities are there for investing in this?

1. For investing, not a lot we can't do

2. Expenditures is really small

3. unlimited control on the money

I. Move to extend by 5 minutes (Cory, Garrett)

J. Juan - If possible, a guideline or restriction that exist for our expenditures be sent over the listserve. Seem like we our rushing to use this money.

1. Mukanth found the glitch

2. Can do with whatever you want for the money that is returned

K. Vlad - An advisory committee in the resolution is the idea of the GSA giving direct recommendation.

1. Pub Advisory Committee is closer to UC Irvine, which is advising the vendor should be selling in terms of alcohol, food and what the space should look like and how the vendor should be engaged on campus

IX. Presentation and Vote on [International Graduate Student Workgroup Charge](#)

A. Juan Carmona Zabala, Celia Symons and Tara-Lynne Pixley (Vice President of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Affairs)

B. No student representation on the work group

C. Valerie - Include the visiting international scholars and they end up having similar situations

1. Want to take everyone we can

D. Vlad - Is there a particular reason why we need to vote on this right now?

1. A lot of affecting international student right now so better to ahve this sooner

2. Why wait

E. Vlad - Are all international students facing the same issues? Or is it individualized based on region?

1. Enough commonalities of what was being said to us during the

townhall

- F. Move to approve grammatical changes made by Andrew Richards (Cory, Steven)**
 - 1. Motion passes**
 - G. Move to add “culminating in a GSA resolution proposal to implement these solutions” to item 2 (Cory, Vlad)**
 - 1. Motion passes**
 - H. Move to extend time by 5 minutes (Vlad, Paul)**
 - I. Move to change chair to be co-chairs by 2 grad students of different nationalities (Vlad, no second)**
 - 1. Motion fails**
 - J. Move to add “only if a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority for a decision is unable to be reached and these votes would pass this threshold” (Cory, Sara)**
 - 1. Motion passes**
 - K. Move to approve (Cory, Jasmine) [37-2-0]**
 - 1. Motion passes**
- X. Finance Bills [10 minutes]
- A. Vice President of Financial Affairs (Mukanth Vaidyanathan)
 - B. Move to vote as a slate (Jasmine, Sara)**
 - C. Move to approve funding bills (Sara, Jasmine)**
- XI. Vote on DCR07: [UC Investment in Fossil Fuel Equities](#)
- A. Vice President of Academic Affairs (Teresa Zimmerman-Liu)
 - B. Move to strike the last be it further resolved about transparency (Steven, Vlad)**
 - C. Move to approve (Omar, Nate) [17-6-7] passes**
 - 1. Objected by Vlad**
 - D. Omar - Many of have used the divestment tool in my field
 - E. Vlad - Chief Investment Officer seemed like they took out of coal because it is a failing industry. Make it seem we are against all fossil fuel companies. Companies Don't think we should be weighing on this
 - F. Nate - Think we should go to a voting procedure
 - G. Steven - Found this report from 2013 from Oxford about the Smith School, every institution divestment campaign worked because it was followed by a phase of stigmatizing, Problem with fossil fuel . Divestment act itself will have little impact. Only way we can do something is if we have the phase
 - H. Juan - The point of the resolution isn't to sink the oil industry. Stop thinking if something has a practical immediate effect.
 - I. Vlad - Don't like symbolic gestures. Think we should be moving more towards investing in renewable energy

- J. Monica - Need to start somewhere
- K. Tara - Need to make a stance
- L. Jasmine - Need to make a stance somewhere. Students in the CSA department from northern
- M. Steve - Remember, this isn't the same as Dafar or South Africa. Still using the fossil fuels
- N. Nate - Should stand up against world issues to start creating bits of change
- O. Move to add "be it resolved about investing in renewable energy" [20-2-9] motion passes**
 - 1. Sara - objected because of the wording of it but agree with the overall
 - 2. Monica - include a deadline instead of leaving it hanging
- P. Move to add Academic Senate to the list people to add it to (Cory, Steven)**
- Q. Move to extend time by 5 minutes, second**
- R. Vlad - Push for rapid reduction of animal industry for food products without worrying running short on plastics
- S. Move to call to question (Sara, Vlad) [26-3-1]**
- XII. Call for Nominations for April 4th GSA Elections
 - A. Election Committee
 - B. Bryan nominates Dan Jacobsen for president, declined
 - C. Mukanth nominates Sara for VP Finance, accepted
 - D. Omar nominates Tara for President, declined
 - E. Tara nominates Frank for VP Campus, declined
 - F. Steven nominates Vlad for President, accepted
 - G. Mukanth nominates Jasmine for VP Diversity, declined
- XIII. Appointments
 - A. Chief of Staff
 - 1. Betty Ramirez, Community Standards Board
 - 2. Vice President of Equity Diversity and Inclusion Affairs
 - a) Chandler Puritty, Diversity Advisory Council (DAC)
 - B. Move to approve nominations as a slate (Vlad, Nate)**
 - C. Move to approve nominations (Vlad, Bryan)**
- XIV. Call for CM #10 Agenda Items
- XV. Adjourn
 - A. Move to adjourn (Mukanth, Steven)**

IX. Finance Bills

Fund	Budget Funds	Funds Remaining	Funds under Request	Funds remaining if requests approved
Early Request Fund	\$2,500.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
General Request Fund	\$10,000.00	\$3,370.00	\$750.00	\$2620.00
Academic and Professional Request Fund	\$10,000.00	\$4,135.00	\$0.00	\$4,135.00
Lounge Improvement Fund	\$3,500.00	\$2,040.00	\$0.00	\$2,040.00
Diversity Request Fund	\$5,000.00	\$1,210.00	\$0.00	\$1,210.00
Service Request Fund	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Family Friendly Fund	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00

Finance Bills:

GRF 12: Appropriate \$375 for Seratones for their event titled, Seratones Charity Event on 29th March 2016 at PC east ballroom at 6pm. Approximately 145 graduate students are expected to attend this event. The funding would be used for the refreshments and AV tech.

GRF 13: Appropriate \$375 for Spicmacay for their event titled, Diversity Discovery Series on 10th April 2016 at PC theatre at noon. Approximately 50 graduate students are expected to attend this event. The funding would be used for the honorarium and AV tech.