University of California, San Diego
Graduate Student Association

Council Meeting #9
Monday, February 27, 2017
6:00 pm, Price Center Forum

I. Call to Order
   A. Nate (Acting President): 6:05 PM
II. Approval of CM #8 (2017) Minutes
   A. Move to approve: Sophia
   B. Second: Robert
   C. Approved
III. Approval of Agenda
   A. Move to approve amendments as slate: Sophia
   B. Second: Cory
   C. Approved
   D. Move to approve slate: Sophia
   E. Second: Robert
   F. Approved
IV. Public Comments and Announcements [10 minutes]
   A. Tickets on sale for Beer tour and The Blameless (Lynn)
      1. Password: Triton
   B. Free tickets for Dublin Quartet (Lynn)
      1. Tomorrow, 2/28, at 9:30am
   C. Elections Committee (Sophia)
      1. Mixer upcoming, meet and greet current VPs, on March 24th, announcements forthcoming
   D. Craft with Grad Wives (Sophia)
      1. This Friday, 3/3, announcement will be through GSA listserv
   E. Taxation document (Vlad)
      1. Executives looked over this, will let you know more information later

V. and Update on Nuevo East and Mesa Neighborhood Planning [10 minutes]
   A. Mark Cunningham (Executive Director of Housing and Dining)
      1. Demand for Campus Housing
         a) Been around 2000 grads on waitlist for several years
         b) Benefits: below market rates, enhances student experience, enhances living learn environment, encourages collaboration, supports academic success, builds community, safe and convenient, reduces demand on limited private sector housing
         c) Chancellor is strongest supporter for grad students at every level, his goal is to provide 4 years of guaranteed housing
      2. UC Housing initiative
         a) Systemwide goal: increase affordable housing units UC system-wide by 14,000 beds by Fall 2020
         b) Chancellor's goal: acceleration of planned housing projects to deliver 4 year guarantee of housing
      3. Plan to support housing initiative
         a) 5,000 beds by 2020
         b) Mesa Nueva: 1,355 beds (opens summer 2017-18), pool, 2 jacuzzis, pop up pub, etc.
         c) Nuevo West: 800 beds (open 2019-20),
         d) Nuevo East: 1,500 beds (2020 soft deadline)
         e) North Torrey Pines Living and Learning neighborhood: 2,000 beds, undergraduate housing (open 2020-21)
      4. Nuevo West housing project
         a) Mesa ped/bike connector bridge project
         b) 10 minutes walking, 7 minutes biking to center of campus
      5. Move to extend by 5 minutes: Sophia
         a) Second: Rep
         b) Approved
      6. Mesa housing redevelopment
         a) Program: 1,355 beds, 800 beds, 1,100 (now 1,500) beds, parking (400 spots), completion: mid 2017 - 2020
         b) Connections: bike and pedestrian bridge (Sept 2018), internal road (Sept 2017)
         c) Biggest construction project in UCSD history
         d) About 54% sold out so far

e) Looking into having CAPS, GSA offices in new housing area

f) Want to see student art, other touches to make it personal

g) $600k annual cost for shuttles, try to cut down this cost

h) Looking for carbon neutral proposal in new development

7. Q&A

   a) Move to fill speaker's list: Robert

   b) Second: Sophia

   c) Approved

   d) Vlad: any plans for flooding?

      (1) Yes, but the stormwater has to stay on site. No water can leave the Mesa Housing redevelopment site. Wetland that we need to take care of. Idea is to hold all rainwater on site to reuse in smart ways.

   e) Vlad: high rise luxury apartments on campus?

      (1) Bit of a rub with neighbors about these apartments. Concern about density on regents road. Positive, but challenging project.

   f) Sophia: approximate start dates/goal dates for 3 projects?

      (1) Late june: Mesa Nueva

      (2) November: Nuevo West (still needs to get approval from board of regents)

      (3) January-March 2018: Nuevo East

   g) Cory (POI): Contact people in ARCHAC with your housing questions

VI. Vote on Finance Bills [10 minutes]

A. <u>Finance Committee member</u>

B. APRF 20: Icon Consulting Information Session

   1. Request: $315 for food and refreshments

   2. March 30, 2017 with exp. turnout of 45 students

   3. Location: Bonner Hall 2130

C. DRF10: STEM Education and Diversity Discussion Group

   1. Request: $49 for food and refreshments

   2. May 3rd, June 7th, and July 5th with exp. total turnout of 21 students

   3. Location: UCSD Women's Center

D. LIF3: Communication Department Grad Lounge Improvements

   1. Reuqest: $650 for couches/chairs, coffee table, curtains/curtain rod, Mini fridge, print/media, subscriptions, printer/printer paper, and reusable utensils

E. Sophia: seems like DRF10 is only for biology students?
1. Hoping that this event is open to all students
2. Lynn: all their articles are online, the event is definitely open to all students
F. Move to approve as slate: Sophia
G. Second: Robert
H. Approved
I. Move to approve slate: Sophia
J. Second: Robert
K. Approved

VII. [Presentation](#)on Constitutional Amendments for Meeting Cancellations [5 min]
A. Cory Stevenson (Parliamentarian)
1. Meeting was cancelled, reviewed all documents at GSA disposal
2. Want to add amendment to be able to cancel council meetings based on extraordinary events
3. Rep: where did you come up with 2 hour limit to cancel/reschedule meeting?
a) Gives council enough time to respond to cancellation/reschedule request, was thinking about 24 hours, but it seemed too long in advance
4. Sophia: what does the ⅔ majority mean at regularly scheduled meeting?
a) This allows us to move a scheduled meeting or special meeting
5. Move to extend to end of speakers list: Valerie
6. Second: Rep
7. Approved
8. Cory: makes execs accountable for moving meetings, quorum decides if a future meeting should be rescheduled or not, amendment was made out of special circumstances this week
9. Robert: should we define language to include special meeting not council meeting?
a) No, this amendment includes both regular council meeting and special meeting, this is just a presentation, we will vote on it in future meetings
10. Tanner: maybe include "can't cancel a meeting 1 month out", recommend to change "2 hour limit" to "4 hour limit" because

people may be in class for 3 hours, also want rescheduled
meetings to be updated on GSA website

VIII. Presentation and Vote on DRC 04 [10 minutes]
   A. Martin Boston (Vice President of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion)
      1. Open up for any questions, been on agenda, same document that
         was presented previously
      2. Move to approve: Martin
      3. Second: Sophia
      4. Objected: Jacob
      5. Jacob: BIR 4: vague statement to UCSD admin, no definition of
         "affected" terminology, case studies is not in line with "anonymity"
         of students with visas from specified countries, burden for students
      6. John: take out old date on executive order for travel ban and
         include date for new travel ban?
            a) Cory: we are responding to this date, so we should include
               this old date
      7. Vlad: BIR 4: we are only looking for students who choose to come
         forward and tell their stories
      8. Move to call the question: Valerie
      9. Second: Cory
      10. Approved
      11. Martin: POI: can small grammatical changes be included in
         amendment without a new vote?
            a) Cory: yes, these are minor changes, as long as spirit of
               document is unchanged
      12. Vote to "vote": majority agree, approved
      13. Vote to approve DRC 04
            a) Approve: 34
            b) Against: 1
            c) Abstain: 1
      14. DRC 04 approved

IX. Presentation and Vote on Proposed Amendments to Elections
   Bylaws [10 minutes]
   A. Elections Committee (Christina Alarcón, Sophia P. Hirakis, and Bryce
      Thomson)
      1. Presented at previous council meeting
      2. Major change: anonymous comments entered into Google form,
         maintained by elections committee in spreadsheet, at discretion of

elections committee to take out questions that are not in spirit of elections

3. Major change: allot 3 minutes for candidates concluding remarks to allow plenty of time to respond to any events during election process

4. Q&A
    a) Jacob: change to anonymous online forum, possibility that anonymity introduces overly negative comments/questions, possible to introduce bias when elections committee pulls questions at their discretion
    b) Christina: we have had this same question brought up before, we will do our best to monitor questions
    c) Robert: unclear why elections committee is going to host the election forum, instead of moderate
        (1) Sophia: meant for candidates to not be blindsided by questions, way for candidates to know their weaknesses and address them, we want this to be benefit to candidates
    d) John: don't see point of having forum as anonymous, why not have people's names attached to their questions?
        (1) Christina: want to give people opportunity to ask questions, even if they are uncomfortable to ask in person, understand that there is possibility for system to be used poorly, also other opportunities for reps to ask candidates at other events
    e) Jacob: concerned with focus on misinformation
        (1) Christina: we can vote for or against the amendment if we do not agree with it
    f) Move to extend by 5 minutes: Sophia
    g) Second: Vlad
    h) Approved
    i) Chris: what will happen with uncurated responses in this forum?
        (1) Christina: currently, just the GSA doc shared by elections committee and execs
        (2) Cory: elections email is secure, can use this
    j) Vlad: mark has some reservations similar to other reps, questioned about public/private forum, questions about security of forum, wonders if there are only submissions,

worry about dissemination, bias introduced by types of questions asked, issues where people may be alleged as being racist, we have bad habit of making allegations during elections, what is our protocol for racially charged statements?

    (1) Christina: we will not let racially charged statement be a part of the elections committee focus is on graduate students, will be available on GSA website,

k) Move to extend by 5 minutes: Rep

l) Second: Chris

m) Approved

n) Betty: Mark wants you all to consider that this change is a change to our bylaws, extremely important

o) Rep: unfair advantage for member in elections committee to see anonymous questions and then have this knowledge to run for position

    (1) POI: elections committee members cannot run, can step down and then run (technicality)

p) Quint: elections committee could have bias to choose questions to only blindside certain candidates they have preference for

q) Rob: presume that elections committee is unbiased, ok with them acting as filter

r) Cory: Move to approve other 2 amendments (section 6.1 and 6.2.g)

s) Second: Valerie

t) Approved

u) Vote:

    (1) For: 33

    (2) Against: 0

    (3) Abstain: 0

v) Sections 6.1 and 6.2.g approved

w) Move to extend to end of speakers list: Mel

x) Second: John

y) Approved

z) Martin: like idea that this forum is private to candidates, worried about people posting irrelevant questions, take statistics on any racially-charged questions, makes for smoother elections process, support this anonymous forum

aa) Vlad: Move to remove "and/or council"

bb) Second: Sophia

cc) Objection: Robert

    (1) Robert: good for council to know questions that are on the table, faith that elections committee can filter

    (2) Vlad: irresponsible to have allegations without accountability

    (3) Valerie: call the question

    (4) Second: Rep

    (5) Approved

    (6) Vote to "vote on amend to amendment"

        (a) Majority has it, approved

    (7) Vote to "amend amendment"

        (a) For: 14

        (b) Against: 12

        (c) Abstain: 8

dd) Sophia: Move to amend "anonymous" language, comments being anonymous is option, added language

    (1) Second: Chris

    (2) Objection: Robert

    (3) Call for quorum: Sophia -> (see CC.7)

    (4) Quorum met, continue

    (5) Robert: issue for elections committee to know identity of people who post insensitive comments

    (6) Jacob: complex to implement this system

        (a) Cory: GSA has ability to add SSO to this system

    (7) Martin: remember the purpose of this document, prepare candidates for questions that can be asked during election night

    (8) Valerie: call the question

    (9) Sophia: second

    (10) Approved

    (11) Vote to end debate on amendment to amendment: unanimously passes, approved

    (12) Vote to amend amendment: majority passes, approved

ee) John: agree with most of Martin's proposal, clarification: are people allowed to make comments during elections?

               (1) Christina: can
- ff) Move to strike entire amendment: Mel
- gg) Second: Rep
- hh) Approved
5. Move to call the question: Mel
6. Second: Chris
7. Object: Robert
8. Vote on Move to call the question: majority passes, approved
9. Vote on amendment (anonymous forum)
    - a) For: 15
    - b) Against: 14
    - c) Abstain: 4
    - d) No ⅔ for, amendment does not pass
- B. Move to move Item XI to item X: Sophia
- C. Second: Chris
- D. Objection: Valerie
- E. Vote to move item XI to item X: majority passes, approved

X. Presentation on DCR 05 [10 minutes]

- A. Zihan Xu
    1. Ensuring peaceful and meaningful all campus commencement
    2. Dalai Lama will be giving 2 speeches on campus
    3. Want to give another view on Dalai Lama, Chancellor only gave 1 viewpoint
    4. Resolution goals:
        - a) Select a replacement for Dalai Lama as commencement speaker
        - b) Want transparency from UCSD about Dalai Lama to our public
    5. In 1998, another controversial speaker was invited to campus to speak at commencement (Newt Gingrich)
        - a) About 40 students protested, chancellor gave credit to opposing viewpoint to speaker
    6. Tanner: there are many different views on the Dalai Lama, student body should be able to express their views on commencement speaker, could you provide more detail about reason for not wanting Dalai Lama to be speaker?
        - a) Some chinese students are opposed to his political views and his status as a "symbol of peace" in western society
    7. Chris: issue with trying to deal with controversial figures by barring

them from campus, agree with Tanner

8. Robert: completely agree with Chris and Tanner, too late to question the choice for commencement speaker
9. Move to extend by 5 minutes: Vlad
10. Second: Chris
11. Approved
12. Robert: students should have input into the commencement speaker moving forwards
13. Sophia: clearly students are not being represented in commencement speaker selection, international students should have stronger voice in this conversation, they are 40% of student population
14. Vlad: think it's unfair that GSA had no input to select commencement speaker, understand where China is coming from based on similar situation, respect right to protest this decision
15. John: specific events that Dalai Lama has advocated for violence?
    a) My opinion is that Dalai Lama supported events that led to civil riots, civil war
16. Martin: we should demand representation from grad students in selection of grad students, they represent a large portion of our grad students, Chinese families may have spent a lot of $ to send their children to school, it should never be a question to have a controversial speaker
17. Move to extend by 10 minutes: Chris
18. Second: Rep
19. Approved
20. Martin: on the fence about replacing Dalai Lama, maybe have him at the start or end of schedule
21. Chris: asked students from China in my department, does China have policy to not recognize degrees from universities who have had Dalai Lama as commencement speaker
22. Tanner: we should respect the right for a commencement speaker to possibly be controversial, we are a liberal arts college
23. India: is there a tibetan population on UCSD campus?
    a) Depends on your definition on "Tibetan"
24. Christina: encourage you to keep the language for grad students to have input into commencement speaker, might be wise to take out replacing Dalai Lama because otherwise amendment might not pass

25. Vlad: good for you to look into other controversial speakers at other universities, research examples to get more knowledge
26. Sophia: has university responded to Dalai Lama commencement speaker?
    a) Cory: Chancellor has given unofficial promise to concerned Chinese students that Dalai Lama will not speak about politics
27. Sophia: request that UCSD admin make an official statement to acknowledge these concerns
28. John: good idea to have student committee to look into commencement speaker selection, keep in mind that there will never be a unanimous choice

XI. Vote on Appointments [5 minutes]
   A. Jeremy Blackstone, Building Advisory Committee (BAC) for the *Engineering Interdisciplinary Facility*
   B. Stephanie Sherman, Building Advisory Committee for the *Design and Innovation Building* project
   C. Betty Ramirez, Board of Regents Southern Commission
   D. Move to approve as slate: Chris
   E. Second: Rep
   F. Approved
   G. Move to approve slate: Rep
   H. Second: Rep
   I. Approved
   J. Vote to approve slate: unanimously passes, slate approved

XII. Call for CM #10 Agenda Items
   A. Sun God Presentation
   B. Tax Presentation
   C. Dalai Lama Presentation

XIII. Adjourn
   A. Move to adjourn: Sophia
   B. Second: Chris
   C. Approved
   D. Adjourned at 8:19 PM

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	$4,763	**$315**	$4,448
Lounge Improvement Fund	$3,500	$2,050	**$650**	$1,400
Diversity Request Fund	$5,500	$2,302	**$49**	$2,253
Service Request Fund	$1,000	$1,000	**$0**	$1,000
Family Friendly Fund	$1,200	$990	**$0**	$990

APRF20: Appropriate $315 for the event "ICON Consulting Information Session" which is organized by the APD Consulting Club on March 30th, 2017 at Bonner Hall, 2130. Approximately 45 graduate students are expected to attend this event and the funding will be used for food and refreshments.

DRF10: Appropriate $49 for the event "STEM Education & Diversity Discussion Group" which is organized by a Biological Sciences graduate student monthly on May 3rd, June 7th, and July 5th, 2017 at the UCSD Women's Center. Approximately 7 unique graduate students are expected to attend these events and the funding will be used for food and refreshments.

LIF3: Appropriate $650 for the Communication Department Grad Lounge Improvement
Funds. Funding will be used for couches/chairs, coffee table, curtains/curtain rod, Mini fridge, print/media Subscriptions, printer/printer paper, and reusable utensils..