



University of California, San Diego  
Graduate Student Association

Council Meeting #5  
Monday, November 30, 2015  
6:00 pm, Price Center Forum

- I. Call to Order
  - A. Council meeting started at **6:04pm** by chair, President [Lindsay Freeman]
- II. Approval of [CM #4](#) (2015) Minutes
  - A. **Move to approve CM#4 minutes (Maya, Mukanth)**
    1. **Motion passes**
- III. Approval of Agenda
  - A. **Move to approve as a slate (Juan, Mukanth)**
    1. **Motion passes**
- IV. Public Announcements
  - A. Mukanth
    1. JGSC Coffee Hours tomorrow at 3pm in the Bear Courtyard
    2. DPC for 2015-2016 will be in your accounts tomorrow
  - B. Sarah - If you live in Mesa or Miramar, there's a community meeting in the Quiet Room at Mesa.
  - C. Troy - International Student Town Hall Meeting
    1. Thursday at 7pm in the GSA lounge
    2. Food will be provided
  - D. Dan - Roaming Socials
    1. Friday 12/04 at Campus Pub
    2. Friday 12/11 at Campus Pub 5pm-8pm Star Wars Theme
  - E. Betty
    1. Tomorrow is career night. Learn how to get published or join a publishing agency.
    2. Coffee & Bagels on Wednesday at Career Service Center to talk about Gradvantage a different way to approach your PHD and Masters
  - F. Dan - GSA lounge is open to all grad students in the old student center by Mandeville Coffee Cart
    1. in order to access need a code, can access through the link in the

email sent out

2. get code and give out to your departments

V. Vote on Finance Bills [10 minutes]

A. Presented by VP Finance, Mukanth

**B. Move to approve finance bills as a slate (Teresa, second)**

1. **Motion passes**

**C. Move to approve the slate (Cory, Teresa)**

1. **Motion passes**

VI. Vote on amendment to the [Elected and Appointed Officer Bylaws](#) [15 minutes]

A. Governing Documents Maintenance Committee ([Dan Jacobsen](#), [Cory Stevenson](#))

B. Similar duties put into one section “Duties of Officers”

1. keeping accurate budgets
2. appointing reps to committees and advertising committees
3. oversee appointed officers
4. report quarterly

C. Strike “Be knowledgeable of the finances and operations of all University units that receive funding from graduate student fees.”

1. Super hard for one individual
2. bylaws should be a guidance or advice for future VPs

**D. Move to approve amendments as a slate (Steven, Teresa)**

1. **Motion passes**

**E. Move to approve amendments (Steven, second)**

1. **Motion passes**

**F. Move to approve the amendments to the bylaws (Teresa, Valerie)**

**[39-0-1]**

VII. Vote on amendment to the [Election Bylaws](#) [15 minutes]

A. [Election Committee](#) ([Jeanelle Horcasitas](#), [Steven Rees](#), [Nathaniel Wood-Cohan](#))

B. No amendments made since last council meeting

**C. Move to approve amendments to election bylaws (Cory, Maya)**

**[36-0-2]**

D. Update on the website within the next week

VIII. Vote on [Code of Conduct](#) [15 minutes]

A. Vice President of Diversity, Service, Equity and Inclusion ([Tara-Lynne](#))

Pixley)

- B. Presented on this in the previous meeting
- C. Point: All the reps of GSA consider their actions and they way they speak to each other in meetings as well outside of council. Holding each other to a particular standard
- D. Modeled after similar language from the UCLA GSA Code of Conduct
- E. To be included into the bylaws
- F. The Code of Conduct is not meant to be where you violate code of conduct that you will be removed as an exec or rep
- G. Help facilitate inter-council politics
- H. Recommendations from judicial committee from last year
- I. Questions to Author
  - 1. "Avoid undue harm and remain mindful of the need to protect, individually, and as a group, the physical and mental well-being of all members." What does this mean?
    - a) Example from last year was execs attacking other execs on the shuttle on the way home. Public harassment in a space that is catered toward other graduate students
  - 2. Is it possible to make it more specific?
    - a) Written in tandem with the inclusivity board
    - b) Be able to bring grievance to inclusivity board, the board would review it to see if the incident brought due harm

**J. Move to strike number 6 (Cory, Sara)**

**1. Motion passes**

**K. Move to strike "shall abide by the following Code of Conduct and" (Dan, Sasha)**

**1. Motion passes**

**L. Move to strike "Violations of the GSA Code of Conduct shall be referred to the Inclusivity Board for a hearing as described in the Inclusivity Board charge. The Inclusivity Board shall consider possible actions, including but not limited to, referral to the Academic and Judicial Committee (AJC) or recommendation of diversity training,, as authorized by the Inclusivity Board charge. In some cases, the Inclusivity Board may choose to refer a violation directly to AJC. AJC shall consider possible sanctions, up to and including removal from office, as authorized by Article I and Article III, Section III of the Removal Bylaws and Article VI, Section IV of the GSA Constitution. Grievances will only be considered if alleged actions occurred within 6 months of filing." (Cory, Dan)**

- 1. Motion objected
- 2. Cory - more fit to be in the document of the inclusivity board, code of

- conduct should be more of these are the principles we are guided by
3. Teresa - should keep first sentence to know where people go if the conduct is
- M. Motion amended to ***Move to strike “The Inclusivity Board shall consider possible actions, including but not limited to, referral to the Academic and Judicial Committee (AJC) or recommendation of diversity training,, as authorized by the Inclusivity Board charge. In some cases, the Inclusivity Board may choose to refer a violation directly to AJC. AJC shall consider possible sanctions, up to and including removal from office, as authorized by Article I and Article III, Section III of the Removal Bylaws and Article VI, Section IV of the GSA Constitution. Grievances will only be considered if alleged actions occurred within 6 months of filing.” (Cory, Dan)***
1. Tara - friendly to that as long as this gets included into the other document
  2. Sara - last sentence should be included because it's important to know the timeframe
  3. Dan - that should be included in charge for the inclusivity board
  4. ***Motion passes***
- N. ***Move to amend remaining line to “alleged violations” (Nathan, Dan)***
1. ***Motion passes***
- O. ***Move to approve the Code of Conduct as a document by council (Cory, Sara) [29-7-6]***
1. Objected by Tara
  2. Cory - didn't specify where in the bylaws it should be, since we are in the process of modifying things such as the charge of the inclusivity board; treat it as a document that could be referred to
  3. Tara - important to figure out where to place in bylaws but don't know the
  4. Nathan - Is there a difference of enforcement when it comes to our members if it's a document vs. bylaws?
    - a) Dan - No. Can enforce whichever document. Main difference as a document to a bylaw is amenability. As a bylaw, you need to present then vote in 2 separate meetings.
  5. ***Move to extend by 3 minutes (Sara, Dan)***
    - a) ***Motion passes***
  6. Tara - Amenability is a concern. Have to discuss it (present it then vote). Gives people the biggest way to present it and enough to read it. Possibility of removing the doc within one meeting. If it is a bylaw, it would take 2 meetings instead of one.
  7. Mukanth - Point number 5. Don't understand it.
    - a) Tara - can't get favors from execs
    - b) Dan - point of that to not bribe people or giving things to yourself as a function of GSA. Kind of vague
  8. ***Motion passes***

P. Passes as a document of council

IX. Vote on [DCR03](#): The Koala and Media on the UC San Diego Campus [15 minutes]

A. Tara-Lynne Pixley

B. AS removed all funds from media publications

C. Resolution:

1. GSA does not condone language of Koala, the particular brand of literature
2. GSA does not stand behind AS defunding all media organizations - eradicates many free speeches on campus
3. Encourage AS to reconsider their act of defunding media organizations
4. AS decision moved media organizations from receive funding from objective student body with large diversity of student body represented to 1 person

**D. Move to extend time by 10 minutes (Cory, Sara)**

**1. Motion passes**

E. Question

1. Sara - Koala is an undergraduate publication. If it's been denounced, is it no longer a student group?
  - a) Tara - We don't like it statement
2. Lauren - Where does the rest of their funding comes from? How is it distributed?
  - a) Tara - Distribute physical copies on library walk. Posted online on their website. Don't have places on campus dedicated to them
  - b) Paul - Part of their funding came from advertising
  - c) Tara - Bragging that they received \$1000 in investment funding after AS decision
  - d) Cory - Used to have places on campus

**F. Move to amend document by removing 6.1 (Jasmine, Leroy) [32-4-0]**

**1. Objected by Tara**

2. Jasmine - We are not the supreme court and it's not our right to interpret the constitution.
3. Tara - Friendly with striking hate speech
4. Nathan - Definitely get rid of hate speech because it hasn't been defined. Laws aren't pertinent enough to cover cyber media. Maybe put "printed obscene" in the section
5. Troy - Hate speech is racialized and about targeting a specific

group, which frequently the paper does. Obscene speech is like “a woman having sex with a pig”

6. Cory - Statement 6 is how GSA interprets the situation. Statement 6.1 is enforced by court cases. None of our resolves are taking a stand on hate speech. Reason for being there but not necessary

7. Mike - Agree with the spirit of the document. Statement 6.1 needs to go. First amendment protects hate speech unless there is violence. I think Koala would pass the obscene speech test.

**8. Move to extend by 5 minutes (Paul, second)**

**a) Motion passes**

b) Tara - Agree hate speech has to go. But there is a reason why there is an emphasis on obscenity

c) Sasha - If it is not in the be it resolved statements, don't know why it is there

**9. Move to call to question to end debate on amendment (Cory, Dan) [?]**

**a) Motion passes**

**G. Move to add Be It Resolved 1.2 to document (Cory, Robert) [30-2-6]**

1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED (1.2) however, that GSAUCSD does not condone the targeted denouncement of expression from a position of authority without acknowledgment of these rights and expresses great concern for decisions that influence expression based off of politics or personal feelings

**2. Objected**

**3. Move to extend by 5 minutes, second**

**a) Motion passes**

4. Cory - Administration posted its letter - didn't mention freedom of speech just slammed the Koala. That latter bothered me

5. Tara - not with the sentiment of this. my concern is with the wording.

**6. Motion passes**

**H. Move to extend by 7 minutes (Sara, Teresa)**

**1. Motion passes**

**I. Move to amend Be It Further Resolved 1 by changing hate speech to “defamatory, possible hate speech”**

**1. Objected by Troy**

2. Sara - discussed the usage of hate speech. feel the be it resolved should match the language in the whereas statements

3. Troy - Feel these changes are washing the document down and the

point of this document. BSU asked administration to take down this publication.

4. Can still talk about hate speech without referring to the first amendment
5. Teresa - What did the administration refer the language to
6. Tara - friendly to changing it to how the administration stated it. Want language to become repulsive and repugnant

**7. Amendment withdrawn by Sara**

**J. Move to amend Be It Resolved 1.2 with the words political (Nathan)**

**1. Motion withdrawn**

**K. Move to amend Be It Resolved 1.2 with “does not condone those in a position of authority denouncing the expression of a particular group without acknowledging freedom speech” (Cory, Dan)**

**L. Move to amend document by Be It Resolved 6 and Be It Resolved 7**

**1. Move to extend time by 3 minutes (Cory, second)**

**a) Motion passes**

**M. Move to amend document by removing second part of Be It Resolved 6 (Cory, Sara)**

**N. Robert - what is the procedure for calling to question?**

1. Can't revisit it. Will be publicized on website and sent to relevant sources

**O. Move to approve document as a whole (Cory, Maya) [32-2-3]**

**1. Objected**

2. Cory - we have reached a point where we have a document that is worth approving or denying
3. Dan - remove bracketed numbers
4. Andy - Remember, this is how we can get sued. We should do this right because people
5. **Move to extend by 5 minutes (Robert, Juan)**
6. Robert - We have a responsibility to the people we serve to make a statement what has happened. Really careful of the language they used to make sure freedom of speech wasn't called to question at all. Document that is well-worded at expressing what we want.
7. Juan - What would be the implications of the GSA getting sued?
  - a) Andy - probably not that much
8. Tara - Concern with the ideology of not voting because they are some risks. Risk a lot on not voting for this if we are speaking for our constituents. Good at not getting sued. Happy to go through this period by period to make sure we won't get sued. AS and

administration has been sued by defunding the Koala before. Nothing effective has been done. Koala is repeating history.

9. Nathan - Second sentiments. I'm not okay with pushing it into another meeting because this is relevant now and pushing it back would mean next quarter during a time that it isn't relevant.
10. Sara - all about inclusivity on campus. Wondering what the impact of this would be because this is an undergraduate publication

**11. Move to extend time to end speaker's list, second**

12. Cory - Can't enforce any of this. Main purpose of this document makes our position clear and what we would like to see. Can look down the line and people can see what our stance was.

13. Troy - Refer to Tara

- a) Tara - nothing we do here is enforceful and yet, we have been able to make huge gains. Talking effectively to the administration. What we vote has weight.

**14. Motion to approve document passes**

- X. Vote on [DCR04](#): GSA Resolution on UCSD Office of the Chancellor's November 16, 2015 Statement regarding Terrorist Attacks in Paris [15 minutes]

A. Juan Carmona Zabala

B. Statement normalizes violence in the West

C. Tells administration not to make statements on behalf of us

D. Instead of being a statement of sentiment, be a statement of what should be done to help in regards with the student body

E. Teresa - VC doesn't like our resolutions because he has to look and consider them

**F. Move to kill the document (Cory, Andy) [21-8-6]**

**1. Objected by Paul**

2. Cory - Council is not a place for this to be discussed. Ethics of militarism isn't something affecting the lives of our students. If the document was pointing towards supporting other world tragedies happening outside of a western country
3. Paul - Worth discussing. Could be some changes made that could be made without killing the document. Large international student community that could be affected by this document
4. Troy - Assume none of the student body is affected by the geopolitical trajectory this university is heading towards.
5. Cory - Meant doesn't affect students. More of an intellectual discussion.
6. Maya - Agree with the sentiment of this proposition that we only

care about the terrorism of western worlds. Calling out the DARPA because we have grad students who are receiving money from this organization. This document could harm our constituents

7. Jazmin - Agree with the premise of the document. Try to be less ethnocentric with world tragedies.
8. Tara - Agree that some places are unclear and that calling out military complex might not be the best way. Concern that funding from such sources for our university is not available for us to know about. Problematic that we condemn that funding comes from those sources. Should be concerned

**G. Move to close speaker list (Mukanth, Sara)**

**1. Motion passes**

- H. Jasmine - Way it reads is to stick to the chancellor. Can't sign this document because people of my background can get funding from the government.
1. Juan - This isn't saying that we shouldn't get funding from the government and military. This is talking about how it
- I. Jasmine - I agree with the sentiment document but the document sounds sloppy
- J. Mukanth - Resolution should be in a way that we should condemn all terrorist acts. Addressing the terrorist action and how the administration spoke on behalf of us
- K. Sara - Vote to kill the document, can we write a new document?
1. Yes can write a new document with the same sentiments
- L. Juan's contact info is on the agenda
- M. Feel free to create a committee to create a new document with the same sentiments
- XI. Vote on [DCR05](#): Resolution on Campus Climate [15 minutes]
- A. [Troy Araiza Kokinis](#) and [Tara-Lynne Pixley](#)
- B. Clarification: VP EDI Committee that looks into the inclusivity of communities on campus
- C. Move to amend second whereas to "generally supports the sentiments expressed" (Cory, Sara) [17-5-5]**
1. **Objected by Tara**
  2. Cory - If we really felt this way, we would have all signed on to it. Hesitant to vote yes on everything on this. Made it more general and looser the GSA would get behind this.
  3. Tara - Understand GSA concern to this. Needs is important rather than sentiments. Needs is to cover the needs listed in the

document.

4. Valerie - Say "generally support the needs". Saying unequivocally is something we cannot do with the document.
5. Juan - Prefer not to include the word sentiment. A form of euphemism.
6. William - Need to include generally. Killed the last bill regards to the funding from military concerns.
7. Sara - Saw this a few days ago. Decided not to sign because of the language. It sounds sporadic and plenty of things that I would not support. Can't say I unequivocally support this. Don't think the needs are outlined in this.
8. Tara - Eliminate some of the concerns being expressed. Support the idea that there is institutional racism and sexism on campus. Not agreeing to the document as a whole but acknowledging there is systemic issues.

***D. Move to extend time by 5 minutes (Teresa, Sara)***

***E. Move to amend by changing reflexive to introspective (Cory, Troy)***

F. Mukanth - Don't see the context of how the funding is

G. Tara - the petition attached in the appendix has nothing to do with the GSA. Want to be part of that the committee getting formed and supporting the idea of forming a committee

***H. Move to amend document by removing appendix (Robert, Valerie)***

***[6-13-7]***

1. Objected by Troy
2. Robert - The main purpose of this document is to form this committee, but if we include this petition with the document it looks like we support it. It is easy for people to assume that we have these thoughts as the way it is expressed in the appendix. Support of the petition is to form this committee and acknowledge its existence
3. Troy - Removing the petition nullifies the voice of students from underrepresented
4. ***Move to extend time by 5 minutes, second***
  - a) ***Motion passes***
5. Tara - Petition is acting like a footnote. It's what we are responding to. If everyone doesn't like the language in the petition, we should state that "not supporting the language but supporting the aims of the petition."
6. Matt - Suppose to be representatives. Supporting the 120 people

who signed their name and suppose to be representing their sentiments.

7. Cory - Represent the students. One of their voices. Acknowledging it. Is it possible to put it as a footnote?
  - a) Not friendly to authors
8. Robert - Not able to change appendix at all?
  - a) No
9. Robert - Redundant to it all. Main issue is that I can't support the appendix. Make it hard for me to pass the resolution.
10. Take this document to administrators to make this committee happen.
11. Sara - concern about it being an appendix and the content could possibly be changed. Might be better to be left off because it is still a living document. People have the ability to change the petition still.

**12. Move to close speaker list for amendment, second**

**a) Motion passes**

13. Juan - To not include the appendix is obscuring things. Concern about the petition brought about Sara. We can say we support the letter as it was presented.
14. Troy - Want to talk about the language and the type of sentiments of discomfort in regards to the language. Important to reference the Department of Defense is to show how the university is systematically racist.
15. Maya - Citation might be the best way to go to make this document live.
16. Tara - as an appendix it doesn't change but making it a footnotes

**I. Move to extend time by 5 minutes (Paul, Sara)**

**J. Move to change the first be it resolved to "investigate the interests of underrepresented students on this campus" (Sara)**

**1. No second motion does not continue**

**K. Move to amend the first be it resolved to "UCSD GSA supports in the creation of a committee of undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty from historically underrepresented backgrounds that will investigate the implementation of demands made by the campus community in 2010 and will allocate resources accordingly" (Tara, second)**

**L. Move to amend the second whereas to "UCSD GSA does not support the language of the document in its entirety, but generally supports**

***the sentiments expressed by historically underrepresented graduate students and their allies in the recently circulated petition, dated 11/26/2015” (Valerie, second) [5-13-6]***

1. Objected
2. Valerie - make it clear that not all the language is supported but we are with these people and there needs to be a committee that address these needs
3. Steven - leave it flexible so it doesn't leave us to breaking this document
4. ***Move to extend by 5 minutes, second***
  - a) ***Motion passes***
5. ***Motion to amend does not pass***

***M. Motion to approve document (Steve, Nathan) [17-6-2]***

***XII. Move to table next 2 items to next council meeting (Cory, Sara)***

***A. Motion passes***

XIII. Presentation of [Inclusivity Board](#) [10 minutes]

A. Tabled

XIV. Presentation of amendments to the [Financial Bylaws](#) [10 minutes]

A. Tabled

XV. Appointments

A. Vice President of Student and Campus Affairs

1. Campus/Community Planning Committee - Petia Yanchulova  
Merica- Jones

B. Vice President of Diversity, Service, Equity, and Inclusion

1. Child Care Oversight Committee - Tara-Lynne Pixley
2. Chancellors Advisory Committee on Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation Issues - Sophia Hirakis & Haydee Smith
3. Oversight Committee to the Students with Disabilities - Kris Nelson
4. Diversity Committee - Katie Simpson, Whitney Russell, Adam Morgan, Amelia Ray, Sophia Hirakis, Jessica Blanton, and Troy Kokinos

***C. Move to approve as a slate (Steve, Dan)***

***D. Move to approve appointments (Dan, Steve)***

XVI. Call for CM #6 Agenda Items

A. 15 minutes for Election committee

XVII. Adjourn

***A. Move to adjourn 9:04pm (Dan, Sara)***

## VII. 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  | \$7,800.00      | \$280.00            | \$7520.00                            |
| Academic and Professional Request Fund | \$10,000.00  | \$8,015.00      | \$425.00            | \$7590.00                            |
| Lounge Improvement Fund                | \$3,500.00   | \$2,800.00      | \$0.00              | \$2,800.00                           |
| Diversity Request Fund                 | \$5,000.00   | \$4,750.00      | \$690.00            | \$4,060.00                           |
| 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:

**APRF07:** Appropriate **\$300** for the event "McKinsey Interviewees' Info Session 2015" which is organized by APD Consulting Club for **December 9th** at The Forum, Price Center. Approximately 50 graduate students are expected to attend this event.

**APRF08:** Appropriate **\$125** for the event "**ChemPAL Fall Quarter Community Event**" which is organized by ChemPAL for **December 3rd** at NSB Atrium. Approximately 20 graduate students are expected to attend this event.

**GRF07:** Appropriate **\$280** for the event "**End of the Quarter Celebration**" which is organized by MAE Department for **December 11th** at EBU2 Courtyard. Approximately 40 graduate students are expected to attend this event.

**DRF04:** Appropriate **\$690** for the event "**Intercultural Music Conference: Concerts**

**and Seminar"** which is organized by Iberoamerican Music Student Association for **February 26th-February 28th** at CPMC. Approximately 110 graduate students are expected to attend this event.