

Council Resolution 02 (CR02):
Building a Stronger Student Centered CHE Collective



WHEREAS, the CHE Cafe is one of the original buildings on this campus, with strong ties to the San Diego Community;

WHEREAS, the GSAUCSD supports the CHE Cafe Facility and its historical importance to UCSD and greater San Diego Community;

WHEREAS, the CHE Collective is a student organization recognized by the Center for Student Involvement (CSI);

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2014, the Graduate Student Association at the University of California, San Diego (GSAUCSD) passed CR-10 (2014) decertifying the CHE Collective;

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2014, the GSAUCSD voted to establish a special committee to produce a report and recommendations for council to consider regarding the CHE Cafe and CHE Collective;

WHEREAS, the special committee worked for three months to produce a [report](#) for GSAUCSD that outlined the timeline of events from 2006 until 2014;

WHEREAS, the special committee worked with the CHE Collective during this time to propose feasible action items;

WHEREAS, the special committee worked with University Centers leadership during this time to make sure feasible action items were amenable;

WHEREAS, student fees have been used to subsidize rent, utilities, and maintenance for the Che Café as approved by the University Center Advisor Board (UCAB); and,

WHEREAS, in 2013-2014, University Centers spent \$43,210 of money raised from student fees for unexpected maintenance of the Che Café facility [[UCEN Budget](#)];

WHEREAS, in the recent 2012 University Centers Student Usage and Priority Survey, 80% of graduate students rated the Che Café as a low to very low priority as did 78% of undergraduates; and,

WHEREAS, University Centers Advisory Board (UCAB) removed the CHE Cafe repairs from the 2014-2015 budget;

WHEREAS, University Centers has deferred maintenance on this space for a long period of time, and renovations to this facility have been recently quoted to be upwards of 2 million dollars [[FDC report](#)];

WHEREAS, safety is a major concern to GSAUCSD and the graduate student community;

WHEREAS, the CHE Collective has struggled to maintain non-profit status and financial stability as management of the Collective largely depends on students;

WHEREAS, the student leadership within the CHE Collective is not consistent, which has led to failed communication between University Centers leadership and both student governments;

WHEREAS, student involvement has diminished at different times during the CHE Collective's history, including the past two years;

WHEREAS, straw polls were taken regarding the inclusion of CHE Cafe repairs (in the 2015 University Centers Student Fee Referendum) from both ASUCSD and GSAUCSD, in which both student governments voted to not include the CHE Cafe in the referendum;

WHEREAS, the CHE Collective has expressed interest in improving student involvement in programming of events and other activities;

BE IT RESOLVED, that GSAUCSD request the CHE Collective to program outside the CHE Cafe until Spring 2016, at which time metrics regarding student involvement in programming (sign-in sheets, ticket sales, etc.) can be evaluated for further action;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, GSAUCSD request the CHE Collective utilize the Triton Activities Planner (TAP), Box Office and other metric driven sources on campus as a means to measure student involvement in programming during this time;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the GSAUCSD calls on the CHE Collective and University Centers (UCEN) to enter an interim campus reintegration period, defined as:

Starting in the Fall 2015, the CHE Collective will:

- Host at least 1 large event and 3 small events per quarter, not including summer.
 - Large event is defined as one in which at least 20 registered UC San Diego student participants are in attendance and UCSD students are at least 20% of total attendance.
 - Small event is defined as one in which at least 10 registered UC San Diego student participants are in attendance and students are the majority of total participants.
 - Attendance will be marked by ticket sales or sign-in sheets

- Ticket sales/sign in sheets will include student names and PID numbers
- Fill out Triton Activity Planner (TAP) forms or alternative as approved by UCAB
- Market the events towards students using email listserves for graduate and undergraduate students
- Comply with University Centers regulations regarding the use of their facilities
- Receive oversight of spending from a University provided fund manager
- Maintain its non-profit organization status
- Maintain its student organization status

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that GSAUCSD requests University Centers and the UCSD administration seek input from GSAUCSD with the potential of allowing the CHE Collective to program at the CHE Cafe beginning Fall of 2016, provided that: (1) financial stability and sustainability has been achieved, (2) student involvement has improved (3) funding has been secured to repair and renovate the CHE Cafe and (4) renovations and repairs have been completed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that GSAUCSD calls on the University Centers to provide meeting space for the Che Cafe Collective members in the Old Student Center;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that GSAUCSD calls on the Che Café Collective to accept temporary relocation of their programming operations to the Student Center with ability to program at the Stage Room at Porter's Pub, the Loft, and/or any other University Centers locations normally available to Registered Student Organizations until the end of the reintegration period;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that GSAUCSD request the CHE Collective to establish a more transparent and sustainable financial management system;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that GSAUCSD calls on the Che Café Collective to continue its activities as a Registered Student Organization at UC San Diego with oversight from a university provided fund manager;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, University Centers clearly delineate their renovation estimates based on alternative uses of the CHE Cafe including as a potential meeting space, concert venue, or historic landmark;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that University Centers seek sustainable financial practices when deferring maintenance in all facilities including the CHE Cafe;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the GSAUCSD supports the reformation of the Co-op Advisory Committee as a means to facilitate communication and develop financial stability among all the student managed cooperatives;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the GSAUCSD calls on itself and the Associated Students (ASUCSD) to create a CHE Collective Campus Integration Committee (C4) to assist the CHE Collective with campus reintegration;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the C4 joint committee will also work with the CHE Collective to achieve financial stability, improve communication with UCEN leadership and increase student involvement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the GSAUCSD encourages the CHE Collective to use the CHE Cafe courtyard for small events until the end of the reintegration period;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that GSAUCSD requires that the UCSD administration refrain from making any modifications to the CHE Cafe Facility during the interim period without first consulting AS, GSA and UCAB.

Voted and Passed in GSA Council Meeting 8: 2/9/2015 (Y/N/A – 36/5/1)

Certified: Jonathan M. Monk, 2/10/2015