



University of California, San Diego
Graduate Student Association

Council Meeting #6
Monday, January 12, 2015
6:00pm, Price Center Forum

- I. Call to Order [6:12pm]
- II. Approval of Agenda
 - A. ***Motion to approve agenda with amendments***
- III. Old Business - Approval of Council Meeting 5 [Minutes](#)
 - A. ***Motion to approve minutes, seconded***
- IV. Public Comments and Announcements
 - A. Apply for the GSA Travel Grants - Jon
 1. tell your friends
 2. if you are doing research you can apply
 - B. GSA 2014 Fall Report went out today - Jon
 - C. Committee Vacancies - Holly
 1. more committee vacancies, please sign up
 - D. Los Alamos National Lab Incident - Holly
 1. inform your graduate friends who are planning to do research about the incident
 - E. Innovation to Market with Rady School - Steven
 1. application going out next week
 2. 40 people on the team
 - F. Educating the Public on Safety - Sophia
 1. calm down the SJI issues that have been happening on campus
 2. community police initiative
 - G. Winter Free For All - Lindsay
 1. Feb. 6th
 2. FB event to be released
 - H. Grad Lounge Open This Quarter - Lindsay
 1. as representatives, your responsibility to
 - I. DPC for 2014-2015 - Munkath
 1. many departments that didn't submit grad coordinators

2. department hasn't received it or grad coordinator doesn't know about it
please email Munkath

V. Presentation from Cory Stevenson and Mark Cunningham [15 minutes]

A. New Graduate student housing

1. Site Selection - Lower Mesa Housing
 - a) replace lower with denser housing units
2. Design
 - a) design built by competition - started with 12 teams
 - b) can make adjustments
 - c) fixed price, won't deal with inflation
 - d) largest graduate housing on UCSD
 - e) put us back on number 1 housing in the UC system
 - f) demilitarized zone to give space with construction and north mesa units
 - g) increase the number of available graduate housing by 40%
 - h) components
 - (1) building parking structure (included in the rent)
 - (2) new Gilman bridge to connect campus with east campus
 - (3) put bridge from Mesa housing to east campus
 - (4) meeting spaces
 - (5) weight room
 - (6) pub
 - (7) replace basketball/volleyball courts in other areas of Mesa
 - (8) planning to put the BBQs, pool
 - (9) movie wall
 - (10) extra lighting
 - (11) neighborhood picnic tables
 - i) give a sense of community in the Mesa Housing to enjoy themselves
 - j) 300 sq footage single studio units
 - k) designed to be furnished
3. Money comes from rent - internal process of paying for the new housing project, no additional outside funding coming in
4. Delay is due to environmental impact, plan to start this summer, sooner get to 50% can get to financing because long-term financing is important to our consumer rates

B. Strategic Residential Living and Learning Workgroup

1. [Town Hall on Tuesday Jan 13 at 6pm](#)
2. Beer & pizza will be provided

3. Input from graduate students about the housing plan, things that currently bug you about the current housing

C. *Motion to extend time by 5 minutes, approved*

D. Q&A

1. How accommodating to create a sense of community?
 - a) Kim Barrick will be at the town hall
 - b) get caught up in enrollment targets number - won't get them
 - c) get reality numbers
 - d) campus is trying to achieve graduate housing goal
2. Biggest complaints - social life outside was really loud. How to handle noise mitigation at night for people who are
 - a) architects considered this
 - b) southern part is for families where the sound is lessened
 - c) building design to mitigate noise, including trees to help as well

E. *Motion to extend time by 5 minutes for Q&A, approved*

1. Will students who don't live there will pay for it? Who students don't live there can get a feel of the community?
 - a) hub for graduate students on that side of campus
2. How accessible is it for people who are disabled?
 - a) 100%
3. Noise level inside spaces?
 - a) concrete floors is feedback
4. Transportation issue: How planning to make it more convenient to get on campus?
 - a) get everyone on campus to pay for the bridge
 - b) convenient to take bike, car, and bus

F. Concerns email:

1. Mark Cunningham
2. housingback@gsa.ucsd.edu

VI. Presentation of Che Committee Report [15 minutes]

A. Report has been reviewed by entire committee members

B. Committee Charge

1. took language from resolution

C. Section I:

1. December 2nd received non-profit status
2. documenting history for council to be aware of

D. Section II: Past-Due in Rent

1. measures to pay back rent, why MSA was formed the way it was

E. Section III: Infrastructure Assessments

1. references have links to documents for you to view

F. Section IV: Safety Assessments

1. relate to fire code, inspections taking place

G. Section V: Petitions & Che Cafe in the News

1. grasp history of what you have been seeing in the news

H. Section VI: Court Ruling

1. proper court documents

I. Passed with a vote of 7-0-1

J. Appendix

1. include minutes, agendas for committee meetings

K. Q&A/Comments

1. Can you keep people in the loop about what is going in the Che and why people are

a) Che Collective - vocal people in the group

2. Che Cafe is paying rent who are they paying it to?

a) paying the rent to the University

b) UCEN leasing space to them

3. Made this report to get reps all up to speed

4. Now this report is done what are the actions of the committees?

a) Moving forward and dissolving the committee: want to produce a second document that is not neutral - a proposal that would put suggestions forward on if we have the funding what we would like to see with the Che space

5. What impact will this have on graduate students? Does the university have plans for this space? What is the university's goal in closing it?

a) University decreed it to be unsafe to a certain degree

b) lawyer to pick apart safety regulations

c) fire marshall recommended sprinklers: from the university perspective → not safe, university initiative to bring all buildings up to standard of safety

d) point of report is to have students available to read and look over, next step is to have proposals that both the university and Che collective would agree to

L. *Motion to extend time by 5 minutes, second*

VII. Presentation by GSA UCAB Representative Handa Yang [10 minutes]

A. Background

1. UCEN covers: student center, PC East/West, Che Cafe Facility

2. student fee is flat rate, but world suffers from inflation

3. materials degrading over time

B. UCEN's Financial situation

1. red line is UCEN's current reserves
2. yellow line is all the repairs and maintenance UCEN has to do over the next 10 years
3. blue line is to match the yellow line
4. reserves are about \$2.5M, but \$2M is required to be held for debt services + 3 months operating cost, rest goes into unexpected maintenance/replacement
5. severe budget cuts over the past several years
 - a) staff cuts
 - b) deferring maintenance
 - c) increase in fees

C. After all actions taken, UCEN is still in deficit

1. enter minimal operations
2. almost everything except for vendor spaces will be closed
3. no money for maintenance
4. no loft
5. dimly lit dungeon
6. extremely reduced hours in PC
7. UCEN needs a fee referendum

D. UCEN Referendum Options

1. [Version 1](#)
 - a) \$18.70 increase UCEN fee per student per quarter, fee will decrease \$6.85 in year four
 - b) UCEN will be able to maintain current status, 24 hour service/4 days per week
 - c) renovations will be made to make the Che Cafe renovated and after it is fix decrease in fee
 - d) new outlets, new computers, new meeting spaces, increased subsidies for student orgs, provide budgeting for grad students
2. [Version 2](#)
 - a) no immediate renovation of Che Cafe

E. Q&A/Comments

1. How can we as students revert the privatization of our university? What is the origin of having everything as a block approval and to include Che Cafe?
 - a) difference in referendums: UCEN perspective need this to pass, don't know how the student population is going to respond if including Che Cafe, don't know how people feel

- b) when thinking about the referendum, think about it for the general population
 - c) UCEN referendum has been trying to make this happen for the past few years but hasn't been able to make it pass, at the end of the day need to make this a passable document
 - 2. What are the exact numbers for the versions?
 - a) Version 2: \$14 per quarter
 - b) referendum will include inflation adjustment
 - 3. Have we looked to see if there is a surplus in other departments? Is there a way to shift funds? Can GSA investigate the way funds are being used?
 - a) Certain fees has advisory committees
 - b) Way to student fees are enacted is to have a referendum passed
- F. ***Motion to extend time by 5 minutes, seconded***
 - 1. Not aware that students want the Price Center to be open 24 hours, more seating? Why were these included?
 - a)
 - b) Looking to restoring the hours of Price before
 - 2. Che Collective is okay with version not including the language of the Che because we need this referendum to pass and it is more likely to
 - 3. Need to move quickly for UCEN?
 - a) best to go as best as we can, want to move to as quick as possible
 - b) if referendum doesn't happen during this fiscal school year, going to be a looking at a budget for minimal costs

VIII. Discussion of UCEN Referendum versions [15 minutes]

- A. Looking for a straw poll
 - 1. Option 1: Version 1
 - 2. Option 2: Version 2
 - 3. Option 3: Supporting both
 - 4. Option 4: Neither
- B. Concerns with both versions, don't see a separation of deferred maintenance and management costs? Prefer an itemized list of all the maintenance that needs to be done. Problem with giving UCEN a lump sum of money to do as they please. Students don't feel can trust UCEN with their money.
- C. Produce multiple version: can we create a version of administration bloat, minimize administration staff
- D. 70% of the budget is student fees, small portion of the budget is from retail; looking at making this a place for a student union; a student run board will not make an increase in fee if it wasn't absolutely necessary to have
- E. UCAB has cut people to balance budget in the past

- F. Referendum to increase retail to help offset the budget?
 - 1. can't just say raise rent by x amount and cut hours at the same time
 - 2. needs to have stability for vendors to stay here and be an attractive space
 - 3. can't raise revenue by increasing rates
- G. Why is Porter's Pub is closing? Graduate students feel that is a great space to grab a beer. Feel that undergraduate students needs are winning over graduate students needs. What can UCAB do to be more visible about graduate needs/affecting the graduate?
 - 1. sent out an email and a reps job to send it out to constituents
 - 2. resources who that have the information visible
- H. Don't see the referendum gaining much attraction unless it is clear about this is for this and this is for that especially there is a perception of student fees are increasing
 - 1. paying the same as the fee was set when it did first pass, referendum is accommodating to the inflation
 - 2. talking about public services and want public services need to pay for it
 - 3. raising student fees will never be popular
 - 4. referendum failed at a small margin due to poor publicizing, have a head start here to make people aware of the situation
- I. What version should be students have the chance to vote on?
- J. What were the reasons why the past referendum didn't pass?
 - 1. strong nay campaign versus a not so strong floor campaign
 - 2. important is for graduate students to be on board of referendum
 - 3. grievances filed against it that the referendum is being publicized to early
 - 4. have plans of how will being giving out the information to students
 - 5. suggestions of how to better give out the information
 - 6. pay less student unions than other UCs
 - 7. largest student union, next to Davis and pay the least
- K. ***Motion to call to order, seconded***
- IX. ***Motion to vote by straw poll, second [0-23-5-6]***
 - A. Version 1
 - B. Version 2
 - C. Both
 - D. Neither
- X. Presentation of Finance Bills
 - A. GRF 08: Appropriate \$500 by Moein Khazrae for the Annual Yalda Night to be held 4 at Price Center East Ballroom on January 10th 2015. The funding will be used for food and reimbursements. The organizer expects 320 guests of which 70-80 people are graduate students

1. *Motion to amend to come from Diversity Request Fund, seconded*
 2. *Motion approve, seconded*
 - B. GRF09: Appropriate \$300 by Erica Pandolfi for the " Open house with VC research Sandra Brown to be held at PC east forum on January 20th 2015. The funding shall be used for refreshments, nametags, flyers and brochures. The organizers expect 50 graduate students to attend.
 1. *Motion to amend to come from Diversity Request Fund, seconded*
 2. *Motion to approve, seconded*
- XI. Appointments
- A. VP Campus
 1. GPSES Committee - Steven Rees, Lindsay Dawson, Leandra Boucheron, Maya Sapiurka, Joseph Ponsetto, Kyle Adam Blair
 - B. VP Academic
 1. Academic and Judicial Committee - Betty Ramirez
Academic and Judicial Committee - Emmanuel "Soli" Garcia
Planning & Budget - Teresa Zimmerman Liu
Library - Jasmeet Dhaliwal
 - C. *Motion to approve as a slate, seconded*
 - D. *Motion to approve slate, seconded*
- XII. Call for Council Meeting 7 Agenda Items
- XIII. Adjourn [7:51pm]
- A. *Motion to adjourn, seconded*