



University of California, San Diego  
Graduate Student Association

2017-18 Council Meeting #1  
Monday, October 9, 2017  
6:00 pm, Price Center Forum

- I. Call to Order
  - A. 6:11pm
- II. Approval of Agenda
  - A. Move to approve, second: approved
- III. Public Comment and General Announcements [10 minutes]
  - A. Public Comment
    1. Call for GSA to comment in response to white supremacists banner on campus.
    2. DAC will meet next week.
    3. Kim: GSA should also be discussing such issues.
  - B. SLACK (President)
  - C. GSA Digest (VP Campus)
  - D. Travel Grant Deadline Oct 20th (Travel Grant Coordinator)
  - E. DPC Reimbursement Deadline Oct 15th by noon (VP Finance)
  - F. 1st Coffee and Bagels Oct 18th (VP Social)
  - G. Cultural Events (Cultural Events Coordinator)
    1. Absolute brightness of Leonard Pelkey (Oct 14)
    2. GSA Winery tour of temecula (Oct 14)
    3. Grinch tickets and Nutcracker- on sale soon
      - a) Nutcracker 1 performance is an autism-friendly performance
  - H. Diversity Advisory Committee
- IV. Presentation on Campus Strategic Plan for Diversity [25 minutes]
  - A. [UCSD Strategic Plan for Inclusive Excellence](#)
    1. AVC Diane Forbes Berthoud
      - a) Strive for Inclusive excellence - Addressing student concerns and issues raised via surveys (e.g. DACA, retention)
      - b) Taking strategic moves in an integrated way.
      - c) Division/Unit Self-Analysis : understanding their impact on campus advancement.
      - d) Performance-Based Funding: reexamined every

approximately 12 months.

- e) Students should participate in forums and meetings to communicate with AVC.

2. Comments:

- a) Sophie: We want to work on accessibility (invisible disabilities) on campus. We should work on retention for students with disability (e.g. PTSD) as grad school can be a toxic environment.
- b) Tanner: This campus keeps banker hours, it is difficult for people who needs to work on a day job to take classes. Parking is too expensive, and campus is far away from downtown SD. Shuttle also stops running too early for some TA's.
- c) Melissa: Certain departments lack funding to accommodate students with disabilities.
- d) Sarah: There should be conversation focus on graduation student retention, rather than only focusing on how to be a grad student in relationship to undergraduates.
- e) Sophie: We have written documents that are not addressed by campus departments, AVC should be helping to keep campus accountable.

3. AVC Diane Forbes Berthoud

- a) We will be continue to work with you.

V. Vote on Finance Bills (Appendix A) [10 minutes]

A. Zihan Xu, Vice President of Financial Affairs

- 1. Move to approve as slate, approved.

VI. Committee Reports [10 minutes]

A. Executive Committee Recommendation: List-serve Policy

1. [Recommended Policy for adoption](#)

- a) Move to approve, second
- b) Mark: This is an effort to dedicate different channels
- c) Rep: Since this is an opt-in system, how do new student find out?
- d) Mark: The List-serve will be promoted. These rules will be standing rules.
- e) Sophie: Move to approve, move to discuss any changes, shouted out to Hayley for the Marketing Committee.
- f) Ariel: Why opt-in versus opt-out?

- g) Mark: That is how it is set up.
- h) Hayley: We will not be able to change it to an opt-out without reaching out to UCSD administrations.
- i) Ariel: Move to make this list an opt-out list.
- j) Hayley: The only list-serve for grad student is All Grad which we do not control.
- k) Ariel: Move to leave it as opt-in, someone should look into changing it to opt-out.
- l) Rep: is it possible to have printed copies?
- m) Melissa: We want to have a presence not just online.
- n) Burgundy: Does people who have a hold have no access?
- o) Mark: Currently in a conversation to give all grad student access regardless of status.
- p) Sophie: Every grad student has access to Gradlife.
- q) Calling for question, second.
  - (1) Vote:
    - (a) Super majority, approved.
- r) Adopt these recommendations.
  - (1) Vote:
    - (a) Yes:40 No:0 Abstain: 5
    - (b) Approved

VII. VP External Report: Proceedings of the UC Graduate-Professional Summit [10 min]

A. [UC Grad Summit Outcomes](#)

1. Mark Derdzinski, President
2. Kimberly McCabe, Vice President of External Affairs
  - a) Decision to leave UCSA: it is costly to join UCSA (\$10,000). It is an undergraduate focused group as grad students are not able to send as many reps to meetings due to lower student fee.
  - b) GSA commissioned (\$5000) for the summit resulted in the creation of UCGPC.
  - c) I am the person to talk to about graduate student issues.
  - d) Questions:
    - (1) Sophie: Are we going to do more advocacy locally?
    - (2) Kimberly: Meetings at UCSA is not efficient way to address challenges we are facing, thus we should be working more on campus.
3. Anupam Garg, Legislative Liaison for State and Local Affairs

VIII. Appointments [5 minutes]

- A. University Librarian Search Committee
  - 1. Mark Derdzinski
- B. Student Resources & Alumni Services Building (University Center Gateway) Building Advisory Committee
  - 1. Vladimir Jovanovic
- C. Student Fee Advisory Committee
  - 1. Mark Derdzinski
  - 2. Hayley Weddle
- D. GSA Finance Committee
  - 1. Carmen Sainz Villalba
  - 2. Lynn Waterhouse
  - 3. Khyati Shah
  - 4. Sabrina Berkamp
  - 5. Roisul Galib
  - 6. Raul Herrera
- E. Move to approve, second: objection.
- F. Move to divide Student Fee Advisory Committee, second: approved.
- G. Move to approve all appointment except for SFAC, approved.
- H. Move to approve SFAC appointment:
  - 1. Valerie: It is more important to have a more diversity in such important position.
  - 2. Rep: This is a really important committee, any rep interested should join.
  - 3. Sophie: They reallocated funds to allow students to access the gym over the summer. You can make an impact by being on the committee. Move to table to the next council meeting, second, objection.
  - 4. Zihan: There should be reps attending the meeting in the beginning.
  - 5. Sophie: Move to temporarily approve the appointment.
    - a) Mark: Council can appoint anyone at any time.
  - 6. Betty: Are we tabling the approve all appointment or SFAC?
    - a) Mark: Only SFAC.
  - 7. Zihan: First meeting in 2016 is Oct 15. If we delay, we may miss the first meeting this year.
  - 8. Rep: support to approve.
  - 9. Rep: What is the process to get on these committee?

- a) Mark: VP Finance will suggest appointment.
  - 10. Betty: Can someone ask to be considered to be appointed.
    - a) Mark: Yes.
  - 11. Betty: Interested reps please make a motion.
    - a) Move to nominate Caroline Mace, second.
  - 12. Rep: There should be more time allowed for interested individuals consider.
  - 13. Rep: Can VP Finance appoint someone temporarily.
    - a) Mark: The two appointed will be considered interim until council confirms or denies.
  - 14. Vote:
    - a) Table SFAC appointments, approved.
- IX. Call for Committee Openings [5 minutes]
- A. Mark: Please participate in any committee you are interested, any graduate student may join.
  - B. Sophie: ARCHAC (housing) Committee is looking for member.
- X. Call for CM #2 Agenda Items [5 minutes]
- A. Sophie: Confirmation of the DAC chair.
    - 1. Mark: VP can appointed anyone now and be approved during council. Please email me for any agenda items you are interested in discussing next week.
- XI. Adjourn
- A. 8:03PM.

## Appendix A: Finance Bills

<b>FUND</b>	<b>Budget Funds</b>	<b>Funds Approved</b>	<b>Funds Remaining</b>	<b>Funds Under Request</b>	<b>Funds Remaining If the Requests Approve</b>
Early Request Fund	\$2,500.00	\$2,265.00	\$235.00	\$150.00	\$85.00
General Request Fund	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$600.00	\$9,400.00
Academic & Professional Request Fund	\$11,000.00	\$700.00	\$10,300.00	\$340.00	\$9,960.00
Lounge Improvement Fund	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	\$320.00	\$4,180.00
Diversity Request Fund	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$5,500.00	\$2,010.00	\$3,590.00
Family Friendly Fund	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$70.00	\$1,130.00

### Funding Requests:

<b>Fund</b>	<b># of Grad</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Funded Before?</b>
APRF2	150	240	Coffee Chat Series with Alumni	10/18/17~12/01/17	Jacob Grad Student Council (JGSC)	Yes
APRF3	15	100	Growing up in Science	10/17/17	SIO	No
ERF9	30	150	Paint your Research	10/13/17	Biology	Yes
DRF2	350	1300	Diwali 2017	10/28/17	AIGS	Yes
DRF3	30	210	Fall2017 GBM	10/29/17	Cultural Iranian Student Association (CISTA)	Yes
GRF1	250	600	Interdepartmental Social Hours	10/25/17	Material Science	No

FFF1	10	70	Halloween at Coast	10/31/17	SIO	No
LIF1	-	320	-	-	Political Science	No in last year

**Description of Events:**

**APRF2:** 3 Bi-weekly coffee chat series with faculty, alumni, industry people. The first coffee of fall quarter without GSA funding had an attendance over 50 grad students. Suggest funding the 1st events of these 3 series first.

**APRF3:** The goal is to raise the awareness of diversity in experiences, culture, and background in those who become professors and researchers at UCSD. This talk will be given by Jane Willenberg.

-New event, but good.

**ERF9:** This event will bring together graduate students from all departments to express their research in a new medium, paint & canvas! Not only will this provide a social setting for graduate students to relax and mingle, but also a chance to think about and express their research in a new light. BioEASI (Biology Education and Art for Science Innovation) also hopes to use some of these images for educational and public outreach purposes. (With permission from their artists.)

**DRF2:** Diwali is a festival of lights celebrated in India. AIGS & ISA celebrate the festival at UCSD by hosting a cultural program followed by dinner and a dance floor.

**DRF3:** Cultural Iranian Student Association (CISTA) at UCSD is honored to host another general body meeting event, free and open to all UCSD students. This meeting consists of attendees engaging in conversations, games, and networking.

**GRF1:** A large social hours with research posters will be held at EBU2 court yard, hosted by MAE and MSE. Coffee, pastries and samosas will be provided. A similar event on September 27th afternoon had >100 grad students attendance.

**FFF1:** A family friendly Halloween party with trick-or-treating around Coast apartments.

**LIF1:** A new microwave (\$100), book shelf (\$50), and patio umbrella (\$170) for the grad lounge. The political science department has not applied for lounge improvements for the last five years.

**Summer Events**

Fund	Amount	Title	Time	Organization
ERF1	\$315	APD Consulting Club Bootcamp	2017-07-05	APD Consulting Club
ERF2	\$20	STEM Education & Diversity Discussion Group	2017-07-05	Biological Science

<b>ERF3</b>	<b>\$210</b>	<b>Fall 2017 Iranian Student Orientation</b>	<b>2017-09-24</b>	<b>Cultural Iranian Student Association (CISTA)</b>
<b>ERF4</b>	<b>\$45</b>	<b>Graduate RNA Club</b>	<b>2017-08-14</b>	<b>Biological Science</b>
<b>ERF5</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>STEM Education &amp; Diversity Discussion Group</b>	<b>2017-09-01</b>	<b>Biological Science</b>
<b>ERF6</b>	<b>\$45</b>	<b>Graduate RNA Club</b>	<b>2017-09-22</b>	<b>Biological Science</b>
<b>ERF7</b>	<b>\$1,400</b>	<b>2017 Scripps Student Symposium</b>	<b>2017-09-27</b>	<b>Scripps Symposium Organizing Committee</b>

### Upcoming Events

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Organization</b>
<b>ERF8</b>	<b>\$210</b>	<b>Talks with Engineers in Industry</b>	<b>2017-10-13</b>	<b>WECE</b>
<b>APRF1</b>	<b>\$700</b>	<b>Breakfast with Industry</b>	<b>2017-11-07</b>	<b>Bioengineering Graduate Society (BEGS)</b>
<b>DRF1</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>EDI Training for Grad Students</b>	<b>2017-10-09~ 2017-10-13</b>	<b>Communication</b>