



University of California, San Diego
Graduate Student Association

2017-18 Council Meeting #10
Monday, March 12, 2018
6:00 pm, Price Center Forum

I. Call to Order 6:06 pm

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes [5 minutes]

- A. [Minutes from CM9](#), approved

IV. Public Comment and General Announcements [10 minutes]

- A. Public Comment
- B. Upcoming Social Events (Vice President of Social Affairs)
1. Roaming Social with Biology
 2. Pool party movie night rough draft.
- C. Upcoming Cultural Events (Cultural Events Coordinator)
1. Stay tuned for the digest
- D. Upcoming External Events
1. March 28, Peterson town hall
- E. VP Academic
1. During spring break, grad development week
- F. Chief of Staff
1. SFAC is reviewing the proposal submitted. If anyone who has feedback for the proposal is welcomed via email.
- G. Kim Clark
1. Cafe Veta, alternative style coffee and bagel, with allergen free treats.

V. Presentation on GSA Elections [15 minutes]

- A. GSA Elections Committee
1. [Elections Procedure Presentation](#)
 - a) April 9, 2018, 6 to 9:30pm
 2. [Executive Officer Position Presentation](#)
 - a) President: Ensure GSA is running efficiently. De Facto contact person for any issues related to grad students off/on campus.
 - b) VP Academic: Deals with any kind of academic issues. Also

runs grAdvantage.

- c) VP Campus: Working with reps from different communities across campus on different campus wide policies that affects grad students.
- d) VP External: Advocate for student on anything outside facing, analysis bills that we want to support and opposed based on how it affects students, often travel to different conferences.
- e) VP Finance: The window of GSA to other students; overseas GSA finance, works on the annual audit, and prepares the budget for the following year during spring quarter.
- f) VP Social: Work with different grad student to create a fun and holistic experience on campus.
- g) VP EDI: This position was created to address tension on campus.

3. Nominations:

- a) VP Academics: Would like to nominate myself as VP Academics.
- b) Social Coordinator: Nominate VP Social for President.
- c) Rep: Hayley Weddle for VP External.
- d) VP Social: Nominate Social Coordinator as VP Social.
- e) Email any nomination to Election Committee.**

VI. Presentation on ARCH Budget [15 minutes]

A. Tatiana Zavodny (ARCHAC Student Cochair),
Sophia Hirakis (ARCHAC Representative)

- 1. ARCH has not been budgeting things for our needs.
- 2. There will be hikes in rent due to expansion of campus.
- 3. Rep: Movers are important if students are displaced.
- 4. VP Academic: Did you know if ARCHAC will remove the lease limit?
 - a) They are trying to getting to 4 years limits.
- 5. Rep: If there new parking structure planned in the Mesa area?
 - a) There will be a new lot across the street. There will be a new parking structure.
- 6. VP Social: Are there going to be additional buses?
 - a) There is no bus planned currently.
- 7. Rep: Is there anyway to push to have money to help lower rent?
 - a) There is nothing confirmed at this point.
- 8. Qunyn: The water quality is getting worse, is there anything that's

being done?

a) Let's connect offline.

VII. Committee Report: Executive Winter 2018 Report [10 minutes]

A. Mark Derdzinski (President)

1. [Executive Committee Report: Winter 2018](#)
2. Bio Med Rep: Is possible to include information like campus not giving us funds because we have too much reserve? It is possible to keep that as intuitional memory.
 - a) If we are to include everything into this document, this will be too long. This is more of a document that includes everything that the VP's think that it is worth including to show that they are fullining their bylaw duties.
3. Encourages everyone to not look at this document as the only form of communication from the VP's because they are doing many things above and beyond that can't be detailed in this document.
4. Sophie: Where is this document housed?
 - a) It's not mandatory to house it anywhere.
5. Community Coordinator: Questions with regards to debate/discussions during sessions.
 - a) It's not effective to run full robert's rules discussion/debate. This is a place is for us to seek consensus, it's important to have conversations outside of this.

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

A. [Zihan Xu](#) (Vice President of Financial Affairs), approved.

IX. Transportation Referendum [5 minutes]

A. Betty Ramirez (Vice President of Campus Affairs)

1. Vote on [Final Referendum Language](#) approved by UCOP
2. Sophia: This increase will allow us to ride trolley, please let your constientent know about this referendum.
3. VP Campus: Once you pass this language, there will be a pro and con statement by AS that will be presented to the student body.
4. **Yes: 30 No: 0 Abstain: 1, approved.**

X. Proposed Bylaw Change: Additional Social Coordinator [10 minutes]

A. Melissa Viperman-Cohen (Vice President of Social Affairs)

1. Vote to amend the Elected Officer bylaws by adding "Social Events Coordinator II" in list of VP Social appointed positions
2. Sophie: Has this been budgeted?
 - a) Yes.
3. VP Academic: We have the money for this position and it is very

important.

4. VP Campus: Before the creation of VP Social office, VP Campus is in charge of both offices duties. It is extremely important to have an extra person to help, especially the day of.
5. Sophie: Why is this position a helpful?
 - a) Social Coordinator: A lot it comes down to small details that needs to be taken care of the day off. We currently have a lot of volunteers that has been helping and hasn't be accounted for.
6. Chief of Staff: If we want to promote engagement with GSA, it is good to start by compensating people.
7. GPS Rep: Is this position elected?
 - a) President: It is an appointment position.
8. VP Social: I intended to appoint someone for Spring quarter.
9. **Yes: 29 No: 0 Abstain: 3, approved.**

XI. GSA Legislative Platform [30 minutes]

A. Legislative Advocacy Committee

1. Vote on adoption of [GSA Policy Platform](#)
2. Debate:
 - a) VP External: Problem of transparency. There isn't a lot of transparency that is happening with the VP external decision. So this is a way to make the decision of VP external more transparent. Move to amend add "However, these guidelines are not intended to supplants... on behalf of graduate students." Move to amend to add "Policies that do not value students..."
 - b) Vote to add "However, these guidelines are not intended to supplants... on behalf of graduate students."
(1) Approved.
 - c) Vote to add "Policies that...."
 - (1) Objection.
 - (2) Bob: This is a tricky issues that has been discussed. We should not have a statement like that. Instead every student should be paid equally.
 - (3) Sophia: We should change it so that it is focusing on the issues having all grad student be treated equitably regardless of their department.
 - (4) VP Social: It is less for compensation, but rather to value all studies.

- (5) Luke: It is important to address the fact that there are many people who are facing inequality. So it is important to have a statement like that. In favor of this statement.
- (6) Community Coordinator: When we use words like “Non-stem” is it implying stem being centered. But I think it should be stay they way it is.
- (7) Rep: My reading of that statement is that everyone should get paid the same regardless of their field. I feel that is naive, because departments get their funding from different places, and there’s different regulation on how much they compensate their students.
- (8) Rep: Amend to add “or worsen”
(a) **Approved.**
- (9) Sophie: Amend to the “Policies that exacerbate financial disparities between graduate students.”
(a) Objection.
(b) Quint: The issue is probablemic. Because is an issue that is going to help one group but not the other group, are we going to support that?
(c) VP Academic: We are talking about state bill that would increase certain group.
(d) Kim: Oppose this new language because it removes the original intention of the proposed language. This is not about taking money out of stem fields. But the GSA stands for policies that don’t further exacerbate funding issues for people who aren’t in the stem field.
(e) Burgundy: Is there any reason why this is in academic freedom.
(i) VP Social: Because there are inequalities the kind of fees different department may or may not have to pay.
(f) Amber: I prefer the initial statement, perhaps if we remove the word intentionally, it will eliminate the worry that people are going to support bills that helps certain groups but not other groups.

(g) **Amend to amend failed.**

(10) Mike: This is not about trying to change how much people are getting paid.

(11) Quint: Contest that idea, fiance disparities is literally the difference in pay.

(12) VP External: Move to amend this statement to.
“Policies that do not”

(a) Kim Clark: Objection. Now we just have a statement that’s not going anywhere. How do we know what that statement means?

(b) Sophia: I think that people do not need to be identified as non stem because it is not respectful.

(c) Rep: I think we should do this guidance to vp external a different way.

(d) VP Academic: A lot of these are really point are really vague. In this case, I feel like this is a good way to approach this issue.

(e) Rep: I agree to go with this.

(f) Vote to approve amendment:

(i) **Approved.**

(13) Vote to approve amendment

(a) **Approved.**

d) Amber: Move to add “ Policies which value students’ education across disparate disciplines, especially those that help to lessen financial disparity, particularly in non-STEM fields”

e) Tabled to the following meeting.

XII. Appointments [5 minutes]

A. Theatre District Neighborhood Planning Study (President)

1. Maya Azarova

XIII. Open Floor and Call for Council Agenda Items [5 minutes]

XIV. Adjourn 8:09pm

Appendix A: Finance Bills

Fund	# of Grad	Amount	Title	Time	Organization /Department	Funded Before?	AD?
APRF19	40	280	McKinsey Info Session	2018-04-06	APDCC	Yes	N.A.
APRF20	155	650	NanoXpo	2018-04-02	NanoEngineering	Yes	Yes
DRF9	50	350	Raza/BGSA Movie and Crafts Night	2018-04-06	SIO	No	No

Description of Events:

APRF19: McKinsey is one of the top consulting firms in the nation. Our club have invited them to come speak about the career opportunities are McKinsey and how to prepare ourselves for it as graduate students. This event is popular because of McKinsey's prestige.

APRF20: The Graduate Society of NanoEngineers (GSN) is pleased to announce the second NanoXpo poster presentation session featuring cutting-edge nanotechnology research from graduate students and key representatives from industry leaders. This event will spotlight the exciting, industry-applicable research that the NanoEngineering department offers as well as establishes a base of NanoEngineering alumni in industry. Last year was our first NanoXpo and was a great success with over 150 attendees including 7 different companies, numerous faculty and grads from different departments. In order to further develop NanoEngineering's community within the Jacobs school and with industry we need to continue our outreach with this Expo. This NanoXpo is meant for any graduate student who is interested in seeing what the NanoEngineering departments research including other schools across UCSD. The NanoXpo is meant to be an exposure of the unique research happening within the Nano department for everyone to get involved with and explore entrepreneurial or collaboration opportunities.

DRF10: The Raza and Black Graduate Student Associations are having a Joint Social event with a feature film at Mesa Nueva - Community Room CA-A192B. There will be other fun like arts and crafts, and the amenities at Mesa Nueva like pool, jacuzzi, and pub.

Upcoming Events:

Fund	Location	Title	Time	Organization/Department
APRF13	Bonner Hall	Graduate RNA Club	02/09/18 ~ 03/21/18	Biology Department
DRF9	Sumner Auditorium at	Women in Science mixer hosted by 500womenscientists and	03/13/18 18:30-20:00	SIO

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APRF3	Eckart Sea Cave	Growing Up in Science	03/22/18 12:30-14:00	SIO
GRF8	Price Center East Ballroom	APhA/CphA presents Pharmacy Star	04/23/18 18:00-20:00	AphA/CphA
APRF18	Scripps Seaside Forum/ Ted Scripps Room	Sumner Auditorium at SIO	05/09/18 9:00 ~ 05/10/18 15:30	SIO
DRF7	Atkinson Hall	Gifts from Deaf Culture	05/10/18 18:00-19:30	Linguistics Department
DRF8	Price Center East Ballroom	Culture Fusion	05/17/18 18:30-20:00	CHSP