



University of California, San Diego
Graduate Student Association

2017-18 Council Meeting #11
Monday, April 9, 2018
6:00 pm, Price Center Forum

I. Call to Order 6:04PM

II. Approval of Agenda, approved

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes [5 minutes]

A. [Minutes from CM10](#), approved.

IV. Public Comment and General Announcements [10 minutes]

A. Public Comment

1. Sarah: The budget audit presented last year was wrong. This info is listed in CM #13 from the previous year.
2. Erica: Move to amend the agenda, to allocate 10 minutes to discuss financial discrepancy.
 - a) Rejected.
3. Erica: The discrepancy are things unreported because the way we pull money from different index. It's important to keep things right.

B. Upcoming Social Events (Vice President of Social Affairs)

1. Roaming social this friday.
2. Neutral voter turnout event tomorrow, a chance to hear from both Pro and Con statement with food and drinks.

C. Upcoming Cultural Events (Cultural Events Coordinator)

1. The nomination for GSA community reward is open.

V. GSA Elections [200 minutes]

A. [Procedure and Elections](#)

B. Vote for President:

1. Mel Vipperman-Cohen: Passionate advocate for graduate student. Engagement and transparency are the biggest priority.
2. Public Endorsement: President
3. VP Campus: How are you going to handle graduate student input?
 - a) I am coming from a position that allows me to fight hard for student voices and have done so successfully.
4. VP Academic: What would you be pushing for if the referendum passes?

- a) One thing would be to hire a basic needs coordinator that is specifically for graduate student needs. Another would be to focus on providing resources to student who are dealing with issues with mentors.
- 5. Jacob: How does you see your role as the president with GSA? What do you see would change?
 - a) I personally would like to see that the president to not chair the meeting and for the president to have a voice as someone who's been elected as their representative. Another thing is that we need to work on what it means to be a rep with GSA, as well as getting people who are not rep to get involved.
- 6. Rep: What do you see as the tool to increase engagement? What would you do?
 - a) Going forward, would be to have more person to person connection.
- 7. Yes: 46 No: 1 Abstein: 1
- C. Vote for VP Academic:
 - 1. Vlad Jovanovic: Been in GSA for four years. Current goals includes graduate mentorship, graduate career fair.
 - 2. Kim: Is it possible limit time for people whose unopposed?
 - 3. Rep: prep 2, question: 5, 5 for closed for unopposed candidate.
 - a) Approved.
 - 4. VP Campus: What is the weakness of your office, how do you plan to address it.
 - a) With me, I tend to do things alone. But this quarter I want to keep the committees involved the decision making process.
 - 5. Rep: How do you plan to attract people to run for your positions?
 - a) Making events as public as possible.
 - 6. VP Social: What would you like to do differently going forward?
 - a) AJC and Mentor Committee will be meeting every other week. Keep everyone engaged and doing what we should be doing.
 - 7. President: What do you plan to do in terms of getting faculty involvement.
 - a) Contact faculties who are interested in issues that impacts grad students.
 - 8. Yes: 46 No: 0 Abstein: 0
- D. Vote on VP Campus Affair

1. Hayley Weddle: Been involved basic needs and Title IX issues. Want to lead needs assessment.
2. VP Social: What is the greatest opportunity and greatest challenge that the role entails?
 - a) The greatest opportunity is that VP Campus is being the only grad student in the room during meetings about basic need Title IX issues. But that's the also the biggest challenge because I need represent the the grad student being the only one in the room, which means the need to solicit grad opinion.
3. VP Campus: How do you plan to use your managing skills? What do you hope to leave the GSA with in this role.
 - a) I have been managing the student worker and help organized meetings to ensure that it happened smoothly. What I would want to leave this with would be to make sure that there's a person that can take the role next year.
4. Yes: 46 No: 0 Abstein: 0

E. Vote on VP External

1. Anupam Garg and Teddy Martinez
2. Rep: How would each one of you handle issues that would require mobilizing grad students.
 - a) Anupam: Understand how it affects students and make grad student's voices heard through phone calls and visit.
 - b) Teddy: Having a background in policy making will allow me to work on this effectively.
3. President: How do you measure your progress and success?
 - a) Teddy: Follow up with people and building a system that gage the outcome.
 - b) Anupam: We currently track the bills as it is going through the progress. Also how much we are engaging students around campus.
4. VP Social: How do you anticipate to react to harsh response for advocating for certain issues.
 - a) Anupam: Being transparent, open dialogue and explain why we are doing what we doing.
 - b) Teddy: Had experiences dealing with that. Was able to listen to people and being accessible.
5. Community Coordinator: If you can distinguish yourself, why it is important to do this work?

- a) Teddy: It is for personal reason that this is the only chance for me to run for this positions and to use the set skills that i already have.
 6. VP Academic: Teddy is a great candidate for State Legislative Liaison and if you do not get the position, certainly apply for that.
 7. Community Coordinator: It is exciting to expand from what we already know. Personally excited to have someone who has skills set that's beyond what we were able to achieve.
 8. Rep: Teddy is extremely active in GPS.
 9. Erica: There are pro and con to having someone who's new. But it is biased to ask someone to take the second position.
 10. Rep: Teddy is always challenging different issues and he seemed that he really showed that he cared.
 11. President: Whoever that wins, hope that the other candidate to stay involved in some way. Definitely recognized that teddy has been a very invested rep. Anupam has also done a lot of work, he was one of the person that pushed for the development of UCGPC.
 12. Rep: Teddy is super friendly, thoughtful and easy to approach.
 13. Teddy: Thank you for listening. Excited to be here. Regardless of the outcome, I plan to remained involved. Next year is my last year, I am ready to have tangible goals for the next year in this position.
 14. Anupam: This last year has been very productive. Going forward, I will use the skills that I have learned previously, I can be effective person in this role.
 15. Teddy: Yes: 29 No: 17
- F. Vote on VP Financial Affairs
1. Li-Yuan Chiang: Experience in finances and accounting, president of Taiwanese Graduate Student Association.
 2. Betty Ramirez: There are a lot of contention in terms of budget. Want to ensure transparency. Experiences in VP Social, it is important to be flexible as being a VP Finance, to allow for money to move around to allow success in events while still being a firm line to keep things running smoothly. Has 4 years of institutional memory.
 3. Mike: A big part of this is to present the annual audit, how would you deal with number not matching up.
 - a) Betty: Willing to go back and review the numbers to make sure it is working.

- b) Li-Yuan: Need to have more discussions between different departments. And to make improvement to things.
- 4. Eric: The finance committee is so much more than passing funding requests. How do you see growing the finance committee? We are struggling to meet forum bi-weekly?
 - a) Betty: Delegating our time, dispersing some of the responsibilities to the reps in the GSA, so when we meet, we are moving forward. The Finance Committee is a place to see how money moves around and for the conversation to happen within the Finance Committee.
 - b) Li-Yuan: Part of it is to coordinate with the members, to change the proportion of the time we spend on discussing the issues.
- 5. Thomas: For Betty, so you mentioned clarity and be flexible, how do you intend to handle that?
 - a) Betty: When we were not using our reserves a few years back. Our budget for social appeared to have inflated while the next year it didn't. But no one know knew how the money were moving around. Also to have a second eye to check the numbers.
- 6. Valerie: For Betty, do you see that clarity will be between just Exec or with council.
 - a) Betty: The reports are important and then the council will know how the decisions were made.
- 7. Zihan: Because sometimes we need to modify the budget for next year, how would you handle an increase in social and culture budget?
 - a) Li-Yuan:
 - b) Betty: We should have to consider the quality of these events in terms of attendance. And see whether or not that is worth it. So we can make changes to the events to make it cost less or to move money around to be able to afford it.
- 8. Maya: For Li-Yuan, can you speak more about your qualification and goals?
 - a)
- 9. Mike: This position will be even more important this quarter since if we pass the referendum or not, the finance committee will be charged with the duty of handling the a lot of money or a very tight budget.

10. Zihan: This position has an intense time commitment.
11. Rep: Betty has the experience and sight to handle the position.
12. Erica: Li-Yuan, would you mind to reiterate your qualification.
 - a) Li-Yuan: as the president of the tgsa, I had to apply for funding myself and be able to gain knowledge of the system.
13. Betty Yes: 23 No: 12 Abstein: 2

G. Vote on VP Social:

1. Mike Metke: Want to bring new groups to attend our events.
2. Yes: 38 No: 0 Abstein: 1

H. Vote on VP EDI

1. Osi Ajoku: Would like to withdraw my name.
2. Rep: Can you talk about non-stem field
 - a) Aleena: Although i have the background from Stem, but I would definitely want to represent all the groups.
3. Betty: This campus is known for having flyers that are very derogatory, how do you plan to deal with that?
 - a) Having discussion that is campus wide not just GSA.
4. Erica: What are some ways for which you see allies in those who do not identify as student of minorities.
 - a)
5. Yes: 39 No:0 Abstein: 1

VI. Vote on Finance Bills (Appendix A) [5 minutes]

- A. Zihan Xu (Vice President of Financial Affairs), approved.

VII. GSA Legislative Platform [5 minutes]

- A. Legislative Advocacy Committee
 1. Vote on adoption of [GSA Policy Platform](#)
 2. Tabled to the next meeting.

VIII. Appointments [5 minutes]

- A. Theatre District Neighborhood Planning Study (President)
 1. Maya Azarova
- B. Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Search Committee (President)
 1. Melissa Viperman-Cohen
 2. Hayley Weddle
- C. ARCH Advisory Committee (VP Campus)
 1. Jacob Schlach
- D. Graduate Mentorship Standards Committee (VP Academic)
 1. Shannon P McClain
- E. Travel Grant Coordinator (VP Finance)
 1. Li-Yuan Chiang

F. Approved

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

X. Adjourn 10:05pm

Appendix A: Finance Bills

Fund	# of Grad	Amount	Title	Time	Organization /Department	Funded Before?	AD?
APRF21	20	140	Digital Humanities (DH) Research Group Meetings	2018-04-13 & 2018-04-27	Literature	Yes	Yes
APRF22	70	490	Bioengineering Day	2018-04-21	Bioengineering	Yes	Yes
DRF11	12	84	Native Graduate Students' Gathering	2018-04-28	American Indian Graduate Student Association	No	No
GRF11	120	600	SD Soundings	2018-04-11 ~ 2018-04-13	Music	Yes	Yes

Description of Events:

APRF21: Our DH group has been meeting for the past three years. We have a stronger more established group with new members, and people who continue to join throughout the year. We requested funding in fall for a workshop/meeting that we had and received a great turnout. This past winter we focused on bringing in speakers/scholars that could train us on different DH methodologies and how to use tools for text mining, scalar, etc. As a result, our group is ready to begin our own collaborative DH project to apply the skills we have learned, while also welcoming others who want to learn. Therefore, we are requesting funding for coffee and pastries during our 1.5 hours meetings as we work on this project together for the duration of this quarter. This funding request is for 2 meetings in April.

APRF22: The day-long event features various speakers, senior design project presentations, research seminars, and networking sessions. The event will mark the 12th annual BE day.

DRF10: The American Indian Graduate Student Association at UC San Diego will be hosting graduate students from other nearby universities to establish stronger connections with our broader community. We'll be having food and going to the beach (surfside by SIO pier).

GRF11: SD Soundings, formerly known as Springfest, is an annual festival that has been running for several years and is an integral event for the graduate students to show their work on their own terms.

Upcoming Events:

Fund	Location	Title	Time	Organization/Department
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
APRF20	Cymer Room of SME Building	NanoXpo	05/25/18 13:00-16:00	NanoEngineering