



University of California, San Diego
Graduate Student Association

2017-18 Council Meeting #12
Monday, April 23, 2018
6:00 pm, Price Center Forum

I. Call to Order 6: 07pm

II. Approval of Agenda,

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes [5 minutes]

A. [Minutes from CM11](#), approved

IV. Public Comment and General Announcements [10 minutes]

A. Public Comment

1. Proposed cap in alcohol spending.

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

1. This Friday is the quarterly Free For All.

C. Upcoming Cultural Events (Cultural Events Coordinator)

1. Tickets available at Old Globe.

2. Lyft credit will be provided people who needs transportation.

D. Conclusion of GSA Elections (Elections Committee)

1. Will review the bylaws regarding elections, please let us know if you want to propose anything.

E. General Election Referendum Results (President)

1. Transportation fee referendum passed.

2. GSA fee referendum failed by 800 to 400.

F. GSA Community Awards (VP Campus)

1. GSA Community Award will be next thursday.

2. Still looking for judges , will be meeting WEDNESDAY AT 9 AM

G. Student Affairs Committee / Mental Health Event (VP Campus)

1. Will have an update on the focus group result. Meeting with CAPS this Friday.

V. Discussion Regarding GSA Finances [10 minutes]

A. Sara Rivera

B. Sophie: Why so much money on reserve?

1. They never allocate 100% of the budget, but even if we did, money doesn't get fully spent, so it keeps rolling into the reserve and we never spent the reserve.

- C. Lynn: Where does DPC go if it's not spent by department.
 - 1. Goes back to GSA then it rolls into reserve. But there's nothing we can do since it's up to the department to spend it.
- D. Christina: What was the concern of this issue?
 - 1. There was some accounting error with the audit presented. Want to let council know.
- E. Rep: Could we change it so that, we cut off the deadline earlier and then rolling the funds back to a general request funds?
 - 1. President: yes
- F. Eric: When we put money into GRF, then the money can only be used to for events that for all campus.
- G. Sara: You can also create a new GFC funds plus that allows department to use it for whatever.
- H. VP Academic: However gets roll over? And what was the discrepancy?
 - 1. Depends on the year. The discrepancy was result of some of the budget being pulled from a different index and not added up in the same place.
- I. President: VP Finance looked into it and think that there isn't a discrepancy in the budget pulling from different indexes.
- J. Teddy: Is it possible to let the department know that they should use the funds? As some people are not aware of it able to use it.
- K. Sophie: Member of governing doc will be meeting next week and definitely possible to propose changes. What do you think that contributed to the error?
 - 1. There is an error in the excel formula.
- L. Sophie: A lot of the money we are spending for alcohols.
- M. Christina: Will VP finance be able to review the budget audit.

VI. CLOSED SESSION: Discussion Regarding GSA Reserves [10 minutes]

- A. Mark Derdzinski (President)

VII. Proposed Amendments to Financial Bylaws [15 minutes]

- A. Zihan Xu (Vice President of Financial Affairs)
Sabrina Berkamp (Finance Committee Chair)
 - 1. [Proposed Amendments](#)
 - 2. There will be no more than one rep from each department in the committee.
 - 3. Change the DPC cut off to Oct 10.
 - 4. Rep: Can you explain the lounge improvement fund by department.
 - a) We want to ensure that many departments can use it that's why we are putting the cap of 20%.

5. Rep: There is a salary gap
 - a) President: It's capped at 25% on student fee revenue. We spent more than 20 but less 25%.
6. Rep: Sara previously suggested to include committee chair and students worker budget into the cap if referendum passes, is that now not planned?
 - a) President: There can be anything proposed. But that would put us over the cap at this point.
7. VP External: I'm hesitant to make the fee more restrictive as that results in a really skew board with people who are STEM that earn more money.
8. Erica: If we don't motion to amend, can be proposed amendment next session.
 - a) President: You can change what's here but not add things.

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

- A. [Zihan Xu](#) (Vice President of Financial Affairs)
- B. Move to allow all groups to surface to surpass the limit.
 1. VP Finance: It's not a bylaw, just an internal suggestion.
- C. Rep: Is it possible to give counsel the record on event attendance.
 1. VP Finance: If they didn't make the minimum attendance, we will reduce their reimbursement. But we don't make it public, but to make it public, not all of the reimbursement has went through so it might be hard to list it.
- D. Move to approve as slate, seconded, approved.

IX. GSA Legislative Platform [30 minutes]

- A. Legislative Advocacy Committee
 1. Vote on adoption of [GSA Policy Platform](#)
 2. Continue: discussion on amendment
 - a) Valerie: we should discuss the language before we decide to add it
 - b) VP external: oppose it, rather just vote on it.
 - c) Vote on amendment, adopted.
 3. Sophie: call to questions
 - a) Vote on closing debate: approved.
 4. Vote on adoption of platform: adapted.

X. Appointments [5 minutes]

- A. Travel Grant Coordinator (VP Finance)
 1. Li-Yuan Chiang
- B. Finance Committee (VP Finance)

1. Betty Ramirez
- C. AJC (VP ACADEMIC)
 1. Sophia Hirkakis

D. Approved.

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

XII. Adjourn 7:50pm

Appendix A: Finance Bills

Fund	# of Grad	Amount	Title	Time	Organization /Department	Funded Before?	AD?
APRF23	30	210	2018 UCSD-UCLA Graduate Student Conference on Culture, Health, and Mind	2018-05-19	Antropology	No	No
APRF24	6	40	Writing Resource Center Writer's Room	2018-05-03 ~2018-05-10	Cognitive Science	No	No
APRF25	12	84	Graduate RNA Club	2018-04-28	Biology	Yes	No
APRF26	20	100	Growing Up In Science (May)	2018-05-03	SIO	Yes	Yes
APRF27	50	350	LEK info session	2018-05-03	Biology	Yes	No
APRF28	30	210	LEK case competition	2018-05-10	Biology	Yes	No
ERF1	20	100	Growing Up in Science (June)	2018-06-14	SIO	Yes	Yes
GRF12	200	1,400	LASO Fest	2018-05-11	LASO	Yes	No

Description of Events:

APRF23: This conference is designed as a forum for graduate students from UCSD and UCLA to continue conversations and open new discussions on emerging perspectives in psychological and medical anthropology. Participants are encouraged to submit traditional conference papers as well as project proposals and works in progress. We hope to further establish this conference as a space in which to share intellectual resources from two of the leading centers in the field, and as a supportive environment for graduate students to think through their ideas and receive productive feedback from peers and faculty. The UCSD-UCLA Graduate Student Conference on Culture, Health, and Mind has been held biennially since 2008. The location of the conference alternates between the two campuses.

APRF24: Every morning Mon-Thu from 9-1030am the writing resource center is offering a space for grad students to write. For one, it's nice having at least some space/time reserved in Geisel for grads only. Secondly, having a dedicated writing time is very important for grad students and important for grad students to realize. Considering that the writing retreat was funded by the GSA at one point, the writing retreat was able to provide food and coffee which is definitely useful during a writing session. I'd like to start funding the Writer's Room so that more people start attending.

APRF25: This event is open to all graduate students interested in RNA biology! We will discuss current research in the field and how it can be applied to our work. This request covers two different meetings (May 2nd and June 6th). We have been meeting once a month since 2016.

APRF26: Have you ever wondered what your advisor or committee member struggled with as a graduate student? What they struggle with now? Growing up in science is a conversation series that is not about science, but about becoming and being a scientist. At each event, one faculty member shares their life story, with a focus on struggles, failures, doubts, detours, and weaknesses. Common topics include dealing with expectations (your own and others), impostor syndrome, procrastination, the role of luck, rejection, and conflicts with advisors, but these topics are always embedded in the speaker's broader narrative. For more info on the series origination, see <http://growingupinscience.com/>. (SIO allocated money till CM11: \$1975)

APRF27: This is APDCC's annual event with LEK, a large consulting firm related to bio science. Reps from LEK will talk about the firm and network with students. In addition, LEK will reveal the case prompt for the 1-week long case competition. (This request is submitted from a Biology department student. APDCC allocated money till CM11: \$1785)

APRF28: This is the second part of the APDCC LEK event. 1 week ago students received a case prompt and got into groups to work on it. During this event, they will be able to present the findings to LEK consultants and a winner will be selected. The participants will have the chance to network with each other and LEK consultants. (This request is submitted from a Biology department student. APDCC allocated money till CM11: \$1785)

ERF1 (2018-2019): Have you ever wondered what your advisor or committee member struggled with as a graduate student? What they struggle with now? Growing up in science is a conversation series that is not about science, but about becoming and being a scientist. At each event, one faculty member shares their life story, with a focus on struggles, failures, doubts, detours, and weaknesses. Common topics include dealing with expectations (your own and others), impostor syndrome, procrastination, the role of luck, rejection, and conflicts with advisors, but these topics are always embedded in the speaker's broader narrative. For more info on the series origination, see <http://growingupinscience.com/>.

GRF12: LASO Fest is a traditional Latin American fest that happens every year since 2011. Food (Carnitas, Tamales, Coxinhas, Pao de Queijo, Kibe, Risole, Lechon, Plantains, Churros). The event will also have: Presentations - Samba, Salsa, Bachata, Mariachi and Brazilian Zoul 30 minutes' workshops - Salsa, Bachata, Brazilian Zouk and Samba Commons Dance Photo Contest (administered by GPS Admissions Office)

Upcoming Events:

Fund	Location	Title	Time	Organization/Department
DRF11	Surfside by SIO Pier	Native Graduate Students' Gathering	2018-04-28 12:00-17:00	American Indian Graduate Student Association
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

FUND	Budget Funds	Funds Approved	Funds Remaining	Funds Request	Under	Funds Remaining If the Requests Approve
Early Request Fund	\$2,500.00	\$2,415.00	\$85.00	\$0.00		\$85.00
General Request Fund	\$10,000.00	\$6,367.00	\$3,633.00	\$1,400.00		\$2,233.00
Academic & Professional Request Fund	\$11,000.00	\$7,002.00	\$3,998.00	\$994.00		\$3,004.00
Lounge Improvement Fund	\$4,500.00	\$1,120.00	\$3,380.00	\$0.00		\$3,380.00
Diversity Request Fund	\$5,500.00	\$4,529.00	\$971.00	\$0.00		\$971.00
Family Friendly Fund	\$1,200.00	\$420.00	\$780.00	\$0.00		\$780.00