



University of California, San Diego  
Graduate Student Association

2017-18 Council Meeting #13  
Monday, May 7, 2018  
6:00 pm, Price Center Forum

**I. Call to Order 6:05pm**

**II. Approval of Agenda, approved**

**III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes [5 minutes]**

- A. [Minutes from CM12](#), approved

**IV. Public Comment and General Announcements [10 minutes]**

- A. Public Comment
- B. Upcoming Social Events (Vice President of Social Affairs)
1. Block party, friday 5:30-7:30 at mesa housing
  2. June 13, representative appreciation dinner
  3. June 6 is town hall
- C. Upcoming Cultural Events (Cultural Events Coordinator)
- D. Sophia: Planning a EDI Symposium, Organizing to send supplies to Puerto Rico.

**V. Presentation: Title IX Systemwide Student Advisory Board [20 minutes]**

- A. Hayley Weddle (UCSD Graduate Student Representative)
- B. Annie Park (UCSD Undergraduate Student Representative)
1. [Slide](#)
  2. OPHD - the neutral fact finder, title ix office
  3. CARE at SARC - advocacy, counseling, education
  4. Effort of Student Regents, attempts to examine policies in the different campuses.
  5. Will be emailing to coordinate 1:1 meetings
  6. UCOP has release the adjudication model for the community to comment.
  7. Sophie: Many women of color graduate students are being targeted by oppressor, and the review board are mainly students.
    - a) The format has changed in the past two years.
  8. Rep: When can student have a lawyers?
    - a) This is not a hearing anymore, but students can have lawyer to help.

9. Burgundy: You mentioned that it was working on issues with tenure professor, but with regents and staff what's being done.
  - a) There hasn't have enough on Regents, but there will be more conversations on that. UCOP has more say on staff.
10. VP Social: What is the most important takeaway for this?
  - a) We would love to hear from you, on whether grad students should be mandated reporters? That potentially allows the institution to put the pressure on grad students. Last year, the change on the minimum santuation of suspending for 2 years. However, in practice, it has a chilling effect on reporting and witness testimony.
11. Rep: We have strong interaction with different institution where people can visit different campuses, how do we deal with issues when faculty in the other campuses are found to be guilty?
  - a) It seems like, the best way to prevent that is to force insulation to be transparent when a professor is found responsible for sexual violence and sexual harassment. However, one issue is when the department is really small, the survivor's identify might be exposed.
12. Lynn: Grad students are only mandated reporter if they are in the TA hats.
  - a) This is what this campus is speaking but there are officials that are uncomfortable with the inconsistency.

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

A. Zihan Xu (Vice President of Financial Affairs)

1. Approved except for DRF 12
2. Vote DRF 12
  - a) Sophia: There is a big community of black grad students that are connected to this.
  - b) Approved.

**VII. CLOSED SESSION: Discussion: GSA Reserves [5 minutes]**

A. Mark Derdzinski (President)

**VIII. Discussion: 2018-19 Budget and GSA Staff [20 minutes]**

A. Mark Derdzinski (President)

Hayley Weddle (Chief of Staff)

1. If GSA were to hire a staff, this body will be the body to create a the job description.
2. Sophie: How much is it going cost?
  - a) 80 thousands: 55 thousand for base salary plus benefit.

3. John: You spent a lot of your time as an AS staff doing leadership development, which is mostly for execs and not enough time with council. Is it possible to split the staff with another department?
  - a) Chief of Staff: Yes, I spent a lot of my time with the council. It is possible to split the staff with AS, but there is more than enough work for a full time staff member.
  - b) President: I think it is really important to have leadership development.
4. Katherine: Really consider the amount of effort to put on events and administrative work.
  - a) Chief of Staff: The amount of work President is putting on, as he works over 40 hours for GSA. So it is not equitable for students who are not in the same kind of privilege.
5. Rep: Does the GSA put some money to a staff?
  - a) Chief of Staff: GSA used to have a business officer, but it didn't work out and so the staff got absorbed into another department. The person wasn't trained to work with student leaders but rather just someone who has a background in accounting.
6. VP Academic: Will this person replace Jamie?
  - a) Chief of Staff: No, it will eliminate the student having to work with Jamie.
    - (1) VP Academic: who will have access to the index?
      - (a) President: Jamie, staff and the vps
      - (b) Chief of Staff: But the staff will be able to making payment much faster.
7. Sophie: It is really difficult to work with the business office as they have many unrealistic rules.

B. Upcoming Budget Discussions: [Getting Involved](#)

#### **IX. Proposed Amendments to Financial Bylaws [5 minutes]**

- A. Vote on [Proposed Amendments](#) as presented at CM12
  1. Yes: 33 No: 0, approved

#### **X. Resolution for the Commendation of Mark Cunningham [20 minutes]**

- A. Sophia Hirkis (ARCHAC Committee Member)
  1. [Resolution Text](#)
  2. Helped a lot of people under bad circumstances get back to housing. Pushed for more housing for grad students.
  3. Q&A
    - a) John: What were the accusation of the undergrad?

(1) It was about the increased price of the food during the summer

b) Thomas: Is the Mesa Nueva pub privately owned?

(1) Owned by Draft Pub.

c) VP External: Because there are other constituent that did not like it, do you think that the comment would raise controversy?

(1) Not asking for a vote today, hoping you can send that to your constituent.

d) Rep: How does this being a resolution differs from just an open letter?

(1) Both are possible, resolution has a bit more power.

#### 4. Debate:

a) VP Academic: Move to remove part of the text in resolution 2.

(1) Second, object

(2) VP Social: I would prefer to remove the resolution 2

(3) VP Social: I personally worked with Cunningham and found that he is deeply sexist, and do not want to commiserate him as a GSA as a whole.

(4) Vote to remove the text in resolve 2.

(a) Approved.

b) VP Social: I do not support a resolution in this manner.

c) Rep: Not a good precedent to set for people to commend people that we do not know. For the future, perhaps only to bring resolution to this room who has had many interaction with people in the room.

d) Christina: I support to turn this into a personal letter, so the author can express their gratitude towards this person. I would support a resolution that asks the campus to recognize people who has contributed a lot to students but not to commend on just one person.

e) Valerie: Cunningham was willing to throw away bad policies, he has done a lot of work for graduate students.

f) Dave: Would like to highlight that he has pushed for graduate housing and the pub.

g) Qyuan: Echo for a more personal letter as me and my department probably don't know who Cunningham is, hesitant to put my department's name on this person that do

not know who he is.

- h) Mia: It is important to memorize that GSA appreciate that he has pushed for housing.
- i) Ed: I do not think that I can personally make this in the name of the department that I represent. Move to postpone it indefinitely.
  - (1) Mia: Objection, what is the nature of the postpone? Does your department not care?
  - (2) President: postponing it indefinitely removes the topic from conversation unless someone brings it up.
  - (3) VP Social: Call to question
    - (a) Vote to postponed indefinitely:
      - (i) Yes: 24 No: 3, postponed indefinitely

B. Comments from GSA Committees

- 1. GSA Student Affairs Committee
- 2. GSA Governing Documents Committee

**XI. Proposed Amendments to Elected Officer Bylaws [10 minutes]**

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

- 1. Proposed Amendments to change Parliamentarian to Council Chair
- 2. Sophie: As soon as the president speak, it will quickly sway the council. It is dangerous that the president has an overwhelming power in council.
  - a) If a council has voted to elect me as the president, keeping the president as silence is not productive.
- 3. VP Academic: I think the president still gets a lot of power to circulate the agenda, but as the chair you still have the power to silent certain conversation.
  - a) The agenda shouldn't be up to the president.
- 4. VP External: How is this position paid?
  - a) Ideally I would make Chief of Staff also the chair as they are the only neutral body very involved in gsa.
- 5. Lynn: My first year involvement with the GSA, it was told quiet by the president that my comment was stupid.
  - a) The purpose of the president should have been to advocate for the body and not to silence people. I have a lot of idea that I would like to share to help student grow.

**XII. Appointments [5 minutes]**

A. WASC Reaccreditation Advisory Committee (President)

- 1. Maya Azarova, approved

B. GSA AJC Chair (VP A)

1. Thomas Grubb, approved

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

**XIV. Adjourn 8:00pm**

## Appendix A: Finance Bills

Fund	# of Grad	Amount	Title	Time	Organization /Department	Funded Before?	AD?
APRF29	15	70	Digital Humanities (DH) Research Group Meetings May	2018-05-17 2018-05-31	Literature	Yes	Yes
APRF30	30	210	Dr. Rhodes Drug Delivery Seminar	2018-05-24	Bioengineering	No	Yes
DRF12	30	210	Celebration of Africa	2018-04-28	ASA	No	Yes
GRF13	45	315	TGSA Night	2018-05-18	TGSA	No	Yes
GRF14	50	350	CISTA Spring GBM	2018-05-03	CISTA	Yes	Yes

### Description of Events:

**APRF29:** This is a continuation of our Digital Humanities (DH) Research Group meetings for the month of May. We will continue our training on Python and working with the corpus of UCSD student newspapers to produce our final product/analysis by the end of the quarter. This will be for our meetings on 5/17 and 5/31

**APRF30:** Dr. Rhodes, CEO of Drug Delivery Experts, will be delivering a seminar about his experience and knowledge in the field of Drug Delivery with graduate students.

**DRF12:** African Student Association of UCSD will be hosting an event to the students of UCSD and greater San Diego region to showcase the traditions and cultures of several different African countries. \* This is an undergrad org.

**GRF13:** TGSA Night is set to be an academic event. We invite two to three guest speaker to give talks of their field. We expect all member from different region and background can share their knowledge then ignite new ideas. Speaker1: *Joey Talia*, The Future with Robotics. How would the future of food and cars dramatically change by robotics? Speaker2: *Yi-An Lai*

Chit-Chat Chot. Towards building a human-like chatting machine: overview of recent developments and limitations of chatbot technology.

**GRF14:** 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. Food will be served to attendees.

**Upcoming Events:**

Fund	Location	Title	Time	Organization/Department
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
GRF12	GPS courtyard	LASO Fest	05/11/18 16:00-19:00	LASO
DRF8	Price Center East Ballroom	Culture Fusion	05/17/18 18:30-20:00	CHSP
APRF28	2130 Bonner Hall	LEK Case Competition	05/17/18 16:00-19:00	APDCC
APRF23	UCSD Social Building, RM107	2018 UCSD-UCLA Graduate Student Conference on Culture, Health, and Mind	05/19/18 9:00-18:00	Anthropology
APRF20	Cymer Room of SME Building	NanoXpo	05/25/18 13:00-16:00	NanoEngineering
APRF26	Eckart sea cave (SIO)	Growing Up In Science (May)	05/31/18 12:30-14:00	SIO

FUND	Budget Funds	Funds Approved	Funds Remaining	Funds Under Request	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	\$7,767.00	\$2,233.00	\$665.00	\$1,568.00
Academic & Professional Request Fund	\$11,000.00	\$7,996.00	\$3,004.00	\$280.00	\$2,724.00



<b>Lounge Improvement Fund</b>	<b>\$4,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,120.00</b>	<b>\$3,380.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,380.00</b>
<b>Diversity Request Fund</b>	<b>\$5,500.00</b>	<b>\$4,529.00</b>	<b>\$971.00</b>	<b>\$210.00</b>	<b>\$761.00</b>
<b>Family Friendly Fund</b>	<b>\$1,200.00</b>	<b>\$420.00</b>	<b>\$780.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$780.00</b>