



University of California, San Diego
Graduate Student Association

2017-18 Council Meeting #15
Monday, June 4, 2018
6:00 pm, Price Center Forum

I. Call to Order 6:12pm

II. Approval of Agenda

- A. Tabled VIII-XI indefinitely
- B. Approved.

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes [5 minutes]

- A. [Minutes from CM14](#)

IV. Public Comment and General Announcements [10 minutes]

- A. Public Comment
 - 1. CSE: Questions about why budget is being cut?
- B. Upcoming Social Events (Vice President of Social Affairs)
 - 1. Karaoke night at the Loft
 - 2. Wedsest 5-7, the stage room, last town hall
- C. Upcoming Cultural Events (Cultural Events Coordinator)
- D. Open Calls for 2018-19 Appointed Officer Positions
 - 1. Paused until budget passes

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

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

VI. Startup Funding for Graduate-Specific CARE Education Prevention Specialist [10 minutes]

- A. Mark Derdzinski (President)
Hayley Weddle (Chief of Staff)
 - 1. [DRAFT Resolution: Startup Funding for Graduate-Specific CARE Prevention Education Specialist](#)
 - 2. Chansollar office is committed to supporting a Graduate-Specific CARE Education Prevention Specialist. GSA will provide start up funding.
- B. Q&A
 - 1. Sarah: How much in reserve
 - a) 300k
 - 2. Jacob: What is the cost?

- a) Up to 120k.
- 3. Sophie: How did the conversation go with basic needs, how is the budget go about?
 - a) Want to spend more time to look at basic needs and see what the position is like.

C. Debate

- 1. Sophie: In support of that.
- 2. Sarah: Care was helpful during undergrad, however, it was not able to provide support to me as a grad student.
- 3. VP Social: Incredibly needed on campus. Move to approve.
- 4. Vote:
 - a) 42, 0, 0 adopted

VII. GSA 2018-19 FY Budget [60 minutes]

- A. Zihan Xu (Vice President of Financial Affairs)
Sabrina Berkamp (GSA Finance Committee Chair)

- 1. [Summary Slides](#)
- 2. [Bylaw Amendments](#)

B. [Budget Proposals](#)

- 1. Including Professional Staff
 - a) [Job Description Bullets & Sample](#)
- 2. Without Professional Staff

C. Comments from GSA Committees

- 1. [GSA Executive Committee](#)
- 2. [GSA Finance Committee](#)

D. Debate

- 1. Campus: Move to reduce certain line items to put 1400 to DPC in the staff proposal.
 - a) Sophia: Why is the reducing food insecurity?
 - (1) The pantry has reduced a lot of outside fund and state funds. What is missing is administrative support at the pantry, instead, devote 5% of the staff time to pantry. The dollar amount is not a huge impact to the pantry.
 - b) Rep: Is dpc fixed?
 - (1) It fluctuate based on number of student.
 - c) Cos: There was some conversation on the sturcutre of dpc, does it have to happen during budget?
 - (1) It can happen whenever.
 - d) Rep: Can council change the budget next quarter?
 - (1) Yes, anytime

- e) Cos: There was concern on losing dpc. Would this amendment change how dpc is allocated?
 - (1) The dpc scales according to the proportion. DPC can be not affected if they have been using it especially if there's a restructuring.
 - f) Move to amend to not cut external org membership.
 - (1) Objection.
 - (2) VP Social : VP external is specially stated that it was a reasonable cut.
 - (3) Sophie: Just contact vp external, and that's what she said.
 - (4) Thomas: Can we make it up with reserve.
 - (5) We can, but cannot accpet the motion right now.
 - (6) VP Campus: Since vp exnteral siad that is it resonable, we shoudl vote on this then take money out of reserve if needed. Call to question
 - (7) Vote:
 - (a) Fails.
 - g) John: Call to question
 - (1) Vote: Approved.
2. John: Move to only consider a budget without staff.
- a) Second, Object.
 - b) VP A: We have restored DPC. Support having a staff member
 - c) Rep: There is no rush to have a staff person right now. We should pass a budget today.
 - d) VP Social: There was a lot of push back, and exec board tried to come back with a new proposal that takes into account your comments. This org is not sustainable the way it is.
 - e) Sabrina: The staff budget is financially unsustainable. Concerned that we will run out of a reserve without a fee referendum.
 - f) President: There has been talk about this budget being unsustainable. Any budget we pass is unsustainable without a escalator. The only reason why we have been seemingly surviving is because of an increased students enrollment. Our sustainability is dependent on our ability to pass a referendum. Execs gave strong recommendation, yet this

body seemed very averse at listening to execs. The unwillingness for this body to accept the recommendation of the people that they elected that this org is unsustainable.

- g) Sophia: That was the most inappropriate use of the time as the chair, it seems that you are only trying to sway the council. benefit of staff is only for execs, finance has said that this is not sustainable and yet many of these people is not workable. GSA has their own independence on campus and not having to answer to administrative. Council needs to know that how much grad student money is going back to administrative. Execs expressing that they need staff, is because they are underpaid. We should be raising the execs pay as opposed to hiring one full time person.
 - h) President: Chair is free to speak during meeting, encourage this body to rewrite bylaws. A staff member does not determine what rules we must go by.
 - i) COS: A shared staffed with as is not possible in the next 5 years. GSA staff is not an administrative staff. I would like to pay execs more, but would not give me any time to work on stuff as im working 30 hrs right now. It will not fix the problem.
 - j) Rep: I do not think it is not the right thing to pay for the staff, but we should pay the ecxes more.
 - k) Rep: I think we should think of what should exce do on not spending time on GSA with a full time staff.
 - l) Sarah: The staff is useful in the many way, but we do not have a fee increase. And it is unsustainable in the next two year, and funding the summer rec program. Move this call be done in a roll call manner. Failed.
 - m) VP Campus: I think the idea isn't to pay execs more but to offload the work to a staff. Running a referendum with a staff will allow us to have better outreach.
 - n) Vote:
 - (1) Yes: 30, No:4, Abstein: 2
3. Sabrina: Motion to change the budget and add back to dpc.
- a) VP Social: object adding the funds back to dpc against finance recommendation.
 - b) VP A: Did we run out of any of these fund?
 - (1) Sabrina: We get close.

- c) Rep: Call to question.
 - d) Votes: Approved.
- 4. Bob: Call to question
 - a) Second, Object, Failed.
- 5. Rep: Move the \$500 for the chair position to move to summer pool party.
 - a) Approved.
- 6. Cos: Move the food insecurity to other basic needs initiative.
 - a) Approved
- 7. VP A: We should to pay summer rec fee through reserve, and increase exec pay for 1000.
- 8. Thomas: Take money from basic needs and community award and distribute it to the 7 elected officers.
 - a) Second, objection.
 - b) Cos: We were not zeroing out basic need funds, we just moving that amount to the staff.
 - c) Erica: Move to call to questions.
 - (1) Rejected.
- 9. Rep: Increase exces pay and to fund a part time position.
 - a) Sarah: Quickly approve the budget, then come back to talk about the details. Call to question. Objection
- 10. Call to vote on budget as it.
 - a) Budget Approved.
- 11. Mike: Void mandatory transfer to reserve and distribute it to exes
 - a) Rejected.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: GSA Attendance Policy [5 minutes]

- A. Hayley Weddle (Chief of Staff, Governing Docs Chair)
Bobak Hashemi (Governing Docs Member)
 - 1. [Presentation slides](#)
 - 2. [Standing Rules for Attendance Policy](#)
- B. Sophia Hirakis (Governing Docs Member)
Melissa Viperman-Cohen (Governing Docs Member)
 - 1. [First Vote on Constitutional amendment](#)
- C. Tabled to CM1.

~~**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Proposed Amendments to Constitution [5 minutes]**~~

- ~~A. Sara Rivera (SIO Representative)~~
 - ~~1. [First Vote on Constitutional amendment](#)~~

~~**X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Proposed Amendments to Elected Officer Bylaws [10 minutes]**~~

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

~~1. [Proposed Amendments to change Parliamentarian to Council Chair](#)~~

~~**XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Proposed Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws
[5 minutes]**~~

~~A. Sara Rivera (SIO Representative)~~

~~1. Presentation on Elected Officer and Financial Bylaws~~

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

~~**XIII. Adjourn 8:30pm**~~

Appendix A: Finance Bills

Fund	# of Grad	Amount	Title	Time	Organization /Department	Funded Before?	AD?
APRF31	30	220	Spring LinkedIn Lab and Professional Headshots	2018-05-24	Grad Life	Yes	No
DRF13	41	287	Powwow 101 Workshop	2018-06-01	Neurosciences	No	No
FFF3	70	490	8th Annual UCSD Powwow	2018-06-02	Neurosciences	No	No
GRF15	30	210	Paint Your Research	2018-06-08	Biology	Yes	No
LIF3	100	900	Lounge Improvement	-	Chemistry & Biochemistry	Eligible	-

Description of Events:

APRF31: The Graduate Climate and Community Interns will provide a workshop and one-on-one guidance for improving your LinkedIn page, resume, CV, or personal website. FREE coffee and breakfast included! In addition, the Graduate Student Association (GSA) and Grad Life are offering FREE professional headshot photos to the first 50 grad students to sign up. This event was held in Fall and Winter of this academic year.

DRF13: On Friday, June 1, from 12 PM to 2 PM, the American Indian Graduate Student Association will be hosting a workshop to introduce powwow dances, traditions, and etiquette to UCSD students, to help them feel more welcome and prepared to attend the UCSD Powwow the following day. We are working with the GSA Cultural Coordinator to host this event and advertise especially to graduate students.

FFF3: This is the eighth annual Powwow at UCSD. Over the last few years, the event has been growing, with last year's two-day powwow being one of the most successful yet. This year, the main event will be on Saturday only, with a workshop conducted the day before to help introduce and promote the powwow to UCSD students and help them to know what to expect on Saturday. This year, AIGSA is also taking on a much greater role working with NASA to plan and organize the both the workshop and the main event, a collaboration we hope to continue in the future. We also hope that taking part in this event, we can help our new organization to grow and better engage with and serve Native American graduate students on Campus.

GRF15: Social hour where we have graduate students express their research creatively through painting. We will provide some pre-packaged snacks and painting supplies. BioEASI has hosted this event several times in the past, generally twice a year.

LIF3: Couch: \$500, Microwave: \$60, Toaster Oven: \$80, Coffee Pot: \$60, Bagel Slicer: \$20, Rug: \$80, Vacuum: \$100.

Upcoming Events:

Fund	Location	Title	Time	Organization/Department
APRF29	Geisel Library	Digital Humanities (DH) Research Group May Meetings	05/31/18 16:00-18:00	Literature
APRF30	Fung Auditorium	Dr. Rhodes Drug Delivery Seminar	05/24/18 16:35-18:35	BioEngineering
DRF12	PC East Ballroom	Celebration of Africa	05/24/18 18:30-21:00	ASA (Undergrad)
APRF20	Cymer Room of SME Building	NanoXpo	05/25/18 13:00-16:00	NanoEngineering
GRF14	Student C. Stage Room	Spring General Body Meeting	05/26/18 19:00-23:00	CISTA
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	\$8,432.00	\$1,568.00	\$210.00	\$1,358.00
Academic & Professional Request Fund	\$11,000.00	\$8,276.00	\$2,724.00	\$220.00	\$2,504.00
Lounge Improvement Fund	\$4,500.00	\$1,120.00	\$3,380.00	\$900.00	\$2,480.00
Diversity Request Fund	\$5,500.00	\$4,739.00	\$761.00	\$287.00	\$474.00
Family Friendly Fund	\$1,200.00	\$420.00	\$780.00	\$490.00	\$290.00