



University of California, San Diego  
Graduate Student Association

2017-18 Council Meeting #7  
Monday, January 29, 2018  
6:00 pm, Price Center Forum

**I. Call to Order 6:03**

**II. Approval of Agenda**

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

- A. [Minutes from CM6](#), approved

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

- A. Public Comment
- B. Upcoming Social Events (Vice President of Social Affairs)
- C. Current Status of GSA Fee Referendum (President)
1. Appointment of Election Manager
  2. Will be responsible for selecting the body that writes the Pro and Con statement.
  3. Referendum has been reviewed by UCOP and returned with only one required change.
- D. Accessibility Town Halls Enabling New Solutions (ATHENS) Program (DAC Chair)
1. February 22, 2018, at CCC 12-3pm
- E. Student Regent Town Hall (President)
1. Rafi Sands, Student Regent Advisor
    - a) Town Hall: Monday, February 5 4-5:30pm at PC Forum
    - b) [Facebook Event](#)
    - c) If you have questions about becoming part of Student Regents and other questions.
  2. Application Deadline: February 25

**V. Presentation: Strategic Plan for Inclusive Excellence [20 minutes]**

- A. Diane Forbes Berthoud (Assistant Vice-Chancellor EDI)
1. To lead and plan strategies to improve inclusive excellence.
  2. Community organization
  3. Set of campus engagement program
  4. Had focus group, will have more in the future.
  5. Interview over 200 people. Had 300 people make comment on the

website (Over 5~6000 page views).

6. One big ideas voiced is disabilities services. There are theme related to individual and group recognition. Another theme is related to pay gaps and family accommodation. Is continuing outreach to Med school and SIO to engage them into diversity conversation and initiatives.
7. Human Resources Council: Campus will not be allowed to ask about past conviction for employment to screen people. Will not be asking salary history. Continue implicit bias training. Will be one of the first STEM Hispanic serving campus. Top 9 for LGBT services in the nation.
8. Diversity.ucsd.edu, platform with info on student and staff demographic.

B. Q&A

1. Sabrina: ICE agents recruiting on campus, you raised concerned whether or not they are in uniform and ICE cars.
  - a) We recognized that there are students who would be triggered by it. But also there's students that might be interested in doing that kind of work. So they are not prohibited from coming back, however we will be more aware of their presence.

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Disbursement of Reserves for CAPS Focus Groups  
[15 minutes]**

A. Betty Ramirez (Vice President of Campus Affairs)

1. \$2000 to go to a team not related to CAPS that will access CAPS mental health services. VP Campus will be overseeing the money.
2. \$2000 for an mental health event. It is not put together yet because I am still waiting for results from the focus group. Welcome feedback for the kind of events you are interested in seeing.

B. Q&A

1. Sophie: what do you anticipate for using the money?
  - a) The focus group will be using the money to facilitate survey engagement. And the event will be for an events.
2. Sociology Rep: CAPS has their own survey. As this non related thing, can we ask CAPS for the data.
  - a) Their funding is mandated for clinical hours, and they can't fund leadership groups.
  - b) Sociology Rep: but we already filled out another survey.
  - c) This is a more holistic approach and not just redoing all the

survey.

3. Chemistry Rep: So money can't be used for personal advancement, so does the gift card counts?
  - a) President: It can't be used for personal gain, but giving gift card is the same as providing food at events.

C. Debate:

1. Chemistry Rep: Seems like a worthwhile cause. There's attention that needs to be given to mentor ship.
2. Rep: Can we can get the data from it? Because it seems like CAPS's data is always locked somewhere.
  - a) VP Campus: We definitely need the data to go out. I am not going to plan an event that is not beneficial to the students.
3. VP Academic: The students in the certificate program who spent their first quarter learning about leadership positions. Then push for initiative for campus. They are asking us for funding because their certificate does not cover money. \$2000 is a very reasonable for an event. We will end up with data that will be directly benefit students.
4. Haleh: So this survey is also to inform use what kind of events we should have?
  - a) VP Campus: The focus group is doing an holistic research. Looking for grad students to give feedback on their mental health experiences.
  - b) Haleh: Will there be the added component of what kind of event does student wants? So we don't waste money on the an event with low attendance.
  - c) VP Campus: It is partly because their clinical hour is 9-5, so beyond that CAPS is doing unpaid work. With the money, we can host an evening workshop. Will recommend focus group to put this part in the survey.
5. Sophia: Grad students know it's about that data, it is important that we have access to it. Want to reiterate that a lot of people are interested in seeing it. When we have the survey we should have an section that talk
6. Rep: Will this group have access to CAPS data.
  - a) VP Campus: CAPS would be collaborating with them, and the tolls and data for them to make a well developed survey.
7. John: I support for the first \$2000. My hesitation is the \$2000 for the event. The concern is that CAPS does not offer the service that they need. We don't need to highlight CAPS more because people

aren't unaware of CAPS.

8. Sam: Where does focus group usually get their money from?
  - a) VP Campus: I am not sure. This is the first time we work. But most likely everywhere.
9. Lera: The second \$2000 is up to \$2000 does not mean we will spend the entire \$2000. We can change the event to the way students want it.
10. Rep: I am concerned about spending the money when we know that there's service.
11. Anthropology Rep: It is important to acknowledge that although there is data on it, there might be confidentiality concern that would prevent it from being shared. So it is good to have another survey that we have control over.
12. VP Social: It is legitimate to be frustrated at CAPS. But this is a good way to change the conversation.
13. Lera: If you remove the open ending questions from my survey, it will just be a scale, it won't be hard to give that to us.

D. [DRAFT Council Resolution](#)

**VII. Disbursement of Reserves for Graduate Career Fair [15 minutes]**

A. Vladimir Jovanovic (Vice President of Academic Affairs)

1. We are part of the Gradvantage. Many find that they lack professional development and having trouble adopting in a career setting. Hope 2-3 career nights per quarter.
2. Career fair is not very applicable to grad student. We want to create a career fair that focuses on Grad students. It will be around undergrad career fair. It will be requesting up to \$15000. We will anticipate for a huge turn out. Networking events that is more casual. They are ready to bring the people from the company.

B. Q&A

1. John: Why can't we have our own private career fair?
  - a) VP Academic: I want to get this up and running for Spring so it is hard to organize one. Companies that are coming in has to pay to come in. So it will be difficult to convince them to come in for another second time because they have to pay.
2. Thomas: How is the companies chosen?
  - a) VP Academic: Usually whoever that's willing to pay the amount to come in.
3. VP Social: How far advance will you be able to circulate the companies that are coming?

- a) VP Academic: There will be a standard list of people who usually come into. So we can gauge how many people want to come and organization it properly.
- 4. Culture Coordinator: How will it be organized that it will be beneficial for social studies?
  - a) VP Academic: This is why I want to fund this ourselves because then we can invite organizations that are not STEM focus who might not come in otherwise.
- 5. Sabrina: So I know now we have Grad career week? how is it different?
  - a) VP Academic: Career week is limited to around 100 people. it is a 5 day week training and professional development.
- 6. Haleh: How it is different from career day that's just engineering. There wasn't food needed and many students came.
  - a) VP Academic: The benefits is that they would benefit people who are non STEM. And they should have some who is trained to talk about career that is non STEM focused. We hold to have a big enough event to not have to turn people away.
- 7. Maya: Grad students need their own networking.
- 8. Michelle: Is this is the same companies as the undergrad career fair?
  - a) VP Academic: Within the time frame that they are here, we will organize a separate event.
- 9. Michelle: But people are usually here for the whole day, would they be willing to stay.
  - a) VP Academic: That's why I want to make it more casual and offer food so it's not the same stressful event with over 6000 people standing there.
- 10. Rep: Have you gotten feedback from company that's exclusively looking for grad students.
  - a) VP Academic: There are companies who are looking people who are grad students because they are looking for specific skills.
- 11. Rep: These events are totally un-targeted. People are allowed to just network?
  - a) VP Academic: Yes, we will also try to gauge the interest.
- 12. Sabrina: Im surprised by the dollar value. What exactly will you spend?

a) VP Academic: It is up 15000, so it is a cap. We are basing this on a Free-For-All.

13. Rep: If you are looking for STEM field from industry, who would you contact? (e.g. government.)

a) VP Academic: I am not sure how much connection the people I work with have with government and nonprofits. But I will bring that up in the next meeting.

14. Sabrina: Move to reduce the amount to 15000 to 10000.

a) Second, Objection.

15. Sabrina: I know it is up to 15000 but it's a lot of money. I don't see how you can see 15000.

a) VP Social: I don't think VP Academic will overspend. Catering and venue and transportation can be extremely expensive.

16. Vote to adopt amendment:

a) Yes: 3 No: 23, fails

C. Vote to adopt resolution

1. Yes: 32 No: abstain:1, adopted.

D. [DRAFT Council Resolution](#)

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

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

B. Move to approve as slate, approved.

### **IX. Appointments [5 minutes]**

A. Call for GSA Elections Committee (Council)

1. ONE Vacancy

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

### **XI. Adjourn 7:49pm**

## Appendix A: Finance Bills

| 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<br>0 | \$85.00         | \$0.00              | \$85.00                                 |
| General Request Fund                 | \$10,000.00<br>0 | \$4,330.00<br>0 | \$5,670.00      | \$710.00            | \$4,960.00                              |
| Academic & Professional Request Fund | \$11,000.00<br>0 | \$3,902.00<br>0 | \$7,098.00      | \$560.00            | \$6,538.00                              |
| Lounge Improvement Fund              | \$4,500.00       | \$1,120.00<br>0 | \$3,380.00      | \$0.00              | \$3,380.00                              |
| Diversity Request Fund               | \$5,500.00       | \$2,885.00<br>0 | \$2,615.00      | \$980.00            | \$1,635.00                              |
| Family Friendly Fund                 | \$1,200.00       | \$420.00        | \$780.00        | \$0.00              | \$780.00                                |

| Fund   | # of Grad | Amount | Title                            | Time                      | Organization /Department | Funded Before? | AD?  |
|--------|-----------|--------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|------|
| APRF13 | 10        | 70     | Graduate RNA Club                | 2018-02-09<br>~2018-03-07 | Biology Department       | Yes            | No.  |
| APRF14 | 30        | 210    | ClearView Info Session           | 2018-02-13                | APDCC                    | Yes            | Yes. |
| APRF15 | 40        | 280    | Case Interview Night             | 2018-03-01                | APDCC                    | Yes            | N.A. |
| DRF7   | 40        | 280    | Gifts from Deaf Culture          | 2018-05-10                | Linguistics Department   | No             | N.A. |
| DRF8   | 150       | 700    | Culture Fusion                   | 2018-05-17                | CHSP                     | Yes            | N.A. |
| GRF8   | 125       | 500    | APhA/CPhA presents Pharmacy Star | 2018-04-23                | APhA/CPhA                | Yes            | N.A. |

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|------|----|-----|--|------------|-------|-----|-----|
| GRF9 | 30 | 210 | Winter 2018<br>General Body<br>Meeting | 2018-02-24 | CISTA | Yes | No. |
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**Description of Events:**

**APRF13:** 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 (Feb 9th and March 7th). We have been meeting once a month since 2016.

**APRF14:** The APD Consulting Club is hosting a ClearView Healthcare Partners information session. If you are a PhD student, MBA, or Post-doc candidate interested in Life Sciences Consulting we strongly suggest you to attend this event to gain an insight from one of the best firms in the field. Refreshments will be provided, courtesy of GSA. ClearView Healthcare Partners is a premier life sciences consulting firm with offices in Boston and New York City serving clients in the biopharmaceutical, medical device, and diagnostics spaces.

**APRF15:** This event will go over the basics of how to approach a case interview followed by 2 mock interviews hosted by experienced students. Mock consultant interviews are held to practice for entering job market. This event is hosted once a year and it's quite popular.

**DRF7:** The event will include a performance by Wink, who performs the story of his childhood as a child of deaf parents entirely in ASL (with an interpreter for hearing audiences), followed by a panel with four members of the Deaf community exploring ASL, audism and the diversity and richness within deaf culture.

**DRF8:** Culture Fusion Is CSHP's largest annual event that celebrates the diversity and culture of the graduate students and faculty at UCSD Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. At this event, both students and faculty showcase their talents through singing, dancing, MC-ing, cuisine, fashion style, and creativity. Attendees will also be educated on CSHP-UCSD's Global Health Education event that will have taken place in early Spring. Pharmacy students organize this Global Health Education event to reach our and raise health awareness to an underserved community in San Diego.

**GRF8:** Pharmacy Star is an event celebrating the student pharmacists from UCSD Skaggs School of Pharmacy, where they compete in a competition to showcase their talents, knowledge and style. At the end of the night we will crown a winner. This will be their 6<sup>th</sup> annual event.

**GRF9:** 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. This will be the 7<sup>th</sup> GBM of CISTA.



**Upcoming Events:**

| <b>Fund</b>   | <b>Location</b>   | <b>Title</b>   | <b>Time</b>                     | <b>Organization/Department</b>  |
|---------------|---|--|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>APRF10</b> | <b>Bonner Hall 2130</b>   | <b>Professional Image Night</b>                      | <b>02/07/17<br/>5:30-7pm</b>    | <b>APDCC</b><br><b>RSVP:</b><br><a href="https://photonight2017.eventbrite.com">https://photonight2017.eventbrite.com</a> |
| <b>APRF3</b>  | <b>SIO VH300</b>  | <b>Growing Up in Science (speaker: Amro Hamdoun)</b> | <b>03/01/18<br/>12:30-14:00</b> | <b>SIO</b>  |
| <b>APRF12</b> | <b>Visual Arts Facility, Structural Material Engineering Facility, University Art Gallery</b> | <b>2018 Art History PhD Research Symposium</b>       | <b>03/02/18<br/>-03/03/18</b>   | <b>Visual Arts Department</b>   |
| <b>GRF2</b>   | <b>Jacobs grad lounges.</b>   | <b>Jacobs Ping Pong doubles Open 2018</b>            | <b>02/02/18<br/>5-8pm</b>       | <b>JGSC</b>   |
| <b>GRF7</b>   | <b>Visual Arts Facility</b>   | <b>2018 Open Studios</b>                             | <b>03/03/18<br/>6-10pm</b>      | <b>Visual Arts Department</b>   |