



University of California, San Diego
Graduate Student Association

2017-18 Council Meeting #9
Monday, February 26, 2018
6:00 pm, Price Center Forum

I. Call to Order 6:03pm

II. Approval of Agenda, approved

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes [5 minutes]

- A. [Minutes from CM8](#), approved

IV. Public Comment and General Announcements [10 minutes]

A. Public Comment

1. Vis Art department will have Ph.D symposium this weekend.

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

1. Friends and Trivia, this Tuesday 7-9
2. GSA Town Hall, with free food and beer

C. Upcoming Cultural Events (Cultural Events Coordinator)

1. March 1 - 8pm Uncle Vanya (Old Globe) - [tickets not on sale](#)
2. March 27- 7pm American Mariachi (Old Globe)- [tickets still on sale](#)

D. GSA Communications and Standing Rules (President)

1. Please reference email sent last week.

E. CAPS focus group (VP Campus)

1. CAPS focus group will be releasing survey soon, anyone who fills out will automatically receive a \$5 to Starbucks.

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

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

1. Move to approve as slate, approved.

VI. Transportation Referendum [5 minutes]

A. Mark Derdzinski (President)

1. [Modified Referendum language](#) awaiting UCOP approval (see comments)
2. The duration of the program has been increased to 6 years instead of 5 years. Consequently, the cost will be higher as the trolley is more expensive. The change will allow us collect more data on trolley ridership.
3. There are words in red are suggestions that has been rejected.

B. Q&A (President)

1. Community Coordinator: What is the probability that this kind of fee will be covered by departments?
 - a) There are conversations being had on this topic.

VII. Proposed Bylaw Change: Additional Social Coordinator [15 minutes]

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

1. [Executive Summary of Proposal](#)
2. We removed one of social coordinator at the time of creation of the VP Social Campus. However, the work is much heavier than we anticipated. It is challenging to host events with only two people as it is hard to ask people to volunteer.

B. Q&A (Vice President of Social Affairs)

1. Hailey: Does social coordinator get compensated?
 - a) It is an appointment position, and they get compensated for around \$2000 per year.
2. Rep: Is there any drawbacks to appointing an additional social coordinator?
 - a) We have the budget to cover the compensation. It is not a con, but more of people to have a chance to get involved and get paid.
3. Eric: Is the budget based on current budget or after the referendum?
 - a) Current.
 - b) Eric: What is a social programming committee? Is the chair someone that is too help you run events?
 - c) It is less about that.
4. Quint: Would it be possible to split it into smaller positions?
 - a) Would like to bring a full coordinator on board to help with planning event, because it is a lot of work doing things like answering email and taps.
5. Rachael: How soon would you like to have someone?
 - a) As soon as possible.
6. Culture Coordinator: Do you think one of the position to be appointed in the fall? To get the one year grad students to participate.
 - a) The honest answer, is that we need support immediately.
7. VP Finance: Do you need the social coordinator just temporarily (e.g. winter spring)? Especially the summer tends to be less busy
 - a) We wanted to bring more event during the summer, so with

a long term appointment will be beneficial.

VIII. Committee Report: GSA Policy Platform [45 minutes]

A. On behalf of the Legislative Advocacy Committee:

Kimberly McCabe (Vice President of External Affairs)

Hailey Kwon (Chair of LAC)

1. A platform that details policy priorities. The committee will revisit this document every quarter.

B. Q&A

1. Rep: What would happen as a result of passing this?
 - a) This will be posted on the website, to show that what GSA supports as an organization. It gives us directions to how to react to different bills.
 - b) Rep: A lot of these bullet points are expensive, e.g. ensure affordable grad tuition. Would people be using that to pass things?
 - c) Yes, if there is a budget that does not support affordable grad tuition, we would be able to react quickly.
2. VP Social: How did you decide on the structure of this? Like the sub sections and titles.
 - a) Originally we had many different sub section. But each has like one bullet point. So we decided to put them together to make it easier to read.
3. Chief of Staff: What do you think it will be updating this?
 - a) I would like to have a date to update it.
4. Rep: How often are you reporting back to council?
 - a) We want to present to council every week, but there is a lot of smaller bills that is difficult to constantly be reporting back to council. So with this document, we will be able to decide whether we should support or not support.
5. Rep: What happen if we all want the same result, but different people want a different way to take things. What happens?
 - a) It will still be a conversation for each bill to see if it fits the document. When it comes to a tough ones we will come back to council.
6. Fong: So who will be capable of using GSA funds to achieve things, without letting council know?
 - a) It would be the advocacy team that goes to DC. If it is something that's more complex, we will come back to council.

- b) Hailey: this document does not give anyone power to use the money to achieve things.
- 7. Quynh my: What happens if we don't pass it?
 - a) It will make the committee's job much harder as we don't know what you want.
 - b) Hailey: Goal of this project is to have something for gsa to agree on and guide the committee's future work.

C. Debate:

1. Rep: I think it would be valuable to add something with regards to citizenship since people who are on visa are especially targeted.
2. Rep: Move to amend “, non-US citizens,” under Student Rights.
 - a) Second
 - b) Vote to adopt amendment: Approved.
3. VP Social: Move to amend participant to “such as”.
 - a) Approved.
4. Christina: I personally reily you to bring this to my attention. I am concerned, that with this document, that you would avoid bothering council. Please use this document as a guideline but please still bring it to council, even if you think it fits with the guideline.
5. Rep: I think document is stopping the debate on issues, and allows people to bypass council and take action on behalf of council.
6. VP External: A tax Bill, we called and changed the bill to make it better for grad students. However, still people who emailed us stating that they disagree with the action and yet we didn't have a document to point to that supports out action.
7. State Legislative Liaison: Sometime when we go into meetings, with this document it will allow us to have the support for our point from students. It does not mean we will bypass council, however, we would have a consensus from grad students that will support our arguments on bills.
8. Rep: The concern of this is transparency. Is there documents that list the bills and conversations that is being voted on that will allow council to become aware of the situation?
9. VP External: We have quarterly newsletter that we send out. We also have monthly meetings with the committees that we want everyone to come and join the conversation.
10. Erica: How often will this be revisited?
11. President: This is only to adopt the document. We have no time frame yet.

12. Erica: Move to amend to include **“This document will be reconsidered”**.
13. VP External: Move to amend to include **“This document will be reconsidered yearly during the Fall Quarter.”**
- a) Second.
 - b) Rep: Move to amend to include **“At least”**.
 - (1) Rep: Objection, would like to make it a bylaw change rather than just a statement.
 - (2) Vote: Approved.
 - c) Rep: Move to amend to change **“reconsidered”** to **“reauthorized”**.
 - (1) Second, approved.
 - d) Rep: How binding is this question. What if council fails to follow this document.
 - (1) President: That would be the failure of the next council.
 - e) Bob: There is still no transparency to the system. It seems that you can justify any kind of action with the three pages of Bullet point. Move to amend to include **“and once per quarter any legislative actions performed on behalf of this document must be presented to the Council for debate.”**
 - (1) Second.
 - (2) VP External: Objected. It is a lot of work to bring so much extra work to bring a debate to council every two weeks.
 - (3) Sabrina: I object with this. Because there is a quarterly report already. It will takes a lot of too much time. If people are really interested in the issues, join the group.
 - (4) VP Social: Call to question, second.
 - (5) Vote: not passed.
 - f) VP Academic: Amend to add a comma.
 - (1) Approved.
 - g) Vote: Approved.
14. John: I think something like this is definitely helpful. There is still concern with it being broad.
15. VP Academic: Move to table to next council meeting.
- a) Second, tabled.

D. Vote on adoption of [GSA Policy Platform](#)

IX. Appointments [5 minutes]

A. GSA Election Commissioner (President)

1. Rachel Flanagan

B. GSA Elections Committee (Council)

1. Burgundy Fletcher (Ethnic Studies)

C. Approved.

D. President: There will be email sent regarding interest in writing opinion statements

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

A. Christina: We are getting ready for council meeting election and when election nomination will open up.

B. Community Coordinator: March 3rd at 3pm, there will be community police town hall.

XI. Adjourn 7:38PM

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	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$85.00
General Request Fund	\$10,000.00	\$5,540.00	\$4,460.00	\$0.00	\$4,460.00
Academic & Professional Request Fund	\$11,000.00	\$4,812.00	\$6,188.00	\$630.00	\$5,558.00
Lounge Improvement Fund	\$4,500.00	\$1,120.00	\$3,380.00	\$0.00	\$3,380.00
Diversity Request Fund	\$5,500.00	\$3,865.00	\$1,635.00	\$230.00	\$1,405.00
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?
APRF18	90	630	Plate Tectonics Symposium at SIO	2018-05-09	SIO	No	N.A.
DRF9	40	230	Women in Science mixer hosted by 500womenscientists and WMIS	2018-03-14	SIO	No	No

Description of Events:

APRF18: To celebrate the 50th anniversary of SIO's contributions to the advancement and overall acceptance of the theory of plate tectonics, a group of graduate students at Scripps Institution of Oceanography are organizing a symposium to be held at the Scripps Seaside Forum on May 9-10, 2018. Of the many people and institutions involved in the Plate Tectonics Revolution of the late 60s and early 70s, a notable portion were SIO graduate students and postdoctoral scholars, many of whom will speak on their experiences during the symposium in May. This student-led, two-day celebration will feature shared talks, panel discussions (including a panel featuring women geoscientists), and a lunch to connect alumni and current students.

DRF9: This is a networking event to gather the women in science focused groups for graduate students at UCSD. 500womenscientists has a large "pod" of scientists in the San Diego area and they would like to meet to determine what the group wants to accomplish and how they might be able to make an impact on important California and National policies while networking.

Upcoming Events:

Fund	Location	Title	Time	Organization/Department
APRF13	Bonner Hall	Graduate RNA Club	02/09/18 ~ 03/21/18	Biology Department
APRF17	Surfside (SIO)	CAPAM spatio-temporal modelling workshop- Pizza Mixer	02/28/18 17:00-20:00	SIO
APRF3	SIO VH300	Growing Up in Science (speaker: Amro Hamdoun)	03/01/18 12:30-14:00	SIO
GRF10	SIO Sumner auditorium	Grad Student Screening of Blue Planet II	03/01/18 18:30-20:00	SIO
APRF15	Roosevelt Room	Case Interview Night	03/01/18 17:30-19:30	APDCC
APRF12	Visual Arts Facility, Structural Material Engineering Facility, University Art Gallery	2018 Art History PhD Research Symposium	03/02/18 -03/03/18	Visual Arts Department
GRF7	Visual Arts	2018 Open Studios	03/03/18 18:00-22:00	Visual Arts Department

	Facility		0	
GRF8	Price Center East Ballroom	APhA/CPhA presents Pharmacy Star	04/23/18 18:00-20:00	APhA/CPhA
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