



University of California, San Diego
Graduate Student Association

2017-18 Council Meeting #2
Monday, October 23, 2017
6:00 pm, Price Center Forum

I. Call to Order

A. 6:03 pm

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes [5 minutes]

A. [Minutes from CM1](#)

IV. Public Comment and General Announcements [10 minutes]

A. Public Comment

B. SLACK (Chief of Staff)

1. Used for internal communication forum for council.

2. **Email Chief of Staff if you have any question or you have not been invited.**

C. IdeaWave campaign for Strategic Plan for Inclusive Excellence (VP EDI)

D. Cultural Events on sale (Cultural Events Coordinator)

1. Grinch

a) <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gsa-presents-discount-tickets-to-dr-seuss-how-the-grinch-stole-christmas-at-the-old-globe-111117-5pm-tickets-38643642174>

b) <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gsa-presents-discount-tickets-to-dr-seuss-how-the-grinch-stole-christmas-at-the-old-globe-11217-tickets-38643487712>

2. Romeo and Juliet

a) <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gsa-presents-discount-tickets-to-romeo-and-juliet-at-the-old-globe-with-usd-shiley-graduate-theatre-tickets-38998123437>

3. Nutcracker (Nov 1st at 12noon)

a) <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nutcracker-ballet-at-civic-theater-sunday-dec-17th-performance-2017-tickets-38643942071>

b) <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nutcracker-ballet-at-civic-theater-sunday-dec-16th-performance-2017-sensoryautsim-friendly-tickets-38644129632>

4. FREE- Raptor Event Dec 9th 11am in Mesa 9126 community room
 - a) Survey on interest <https://goo.gl/forms/8iKK04URJoixJKcV2>
(for food purchasing)
5. Jan 19th - San Diego Gulls Hockey Tickets

E. Announcement

1. Sophie: If anyone is interested in joining at the grad rep for GISOI email Sophie.
2. Melissa: First GSA Free or All this Friday. 6-11 pm at Price West Ballroom

V. Presentation on UAW [20 minutes]

A. Hosam Yousif (Head Steward), Tara Pixley (Head Steward)

1. [Summary of UAW Presentation](#)
 - a) Grad students are all student workers.
 - b) UAW 2865
 - (1) Prior to UAW, graduate students were not able to have worker compensations.
 - (2) Prioritizes union member, provides assistant relating to contracts.
 - (3) 17% wage increase from the previous contract negotiation. UAW will continue negotiate for graduate students.
 - (4) Bargaining survey used to collect student concern
2. Contact email: uaw2865-sd-stewards@googlegroups.com
3. Questions:
 - a) Sophie: What do we get our constituent to get involved?
 - (1) We have monthly membership meeting, it is a great way to be updated on what is going on.
 - b) UAW: Bargaining in the past without GSR's direct involvement has benefited GSR.
 - c) Rep: How do you bargain for wage? At what level?
 - (1) We bargain with UCEP. In the past we have set a minimum. But we do not bargain for less wage.
 - d) Christina: Is the survey intended for the current member or does that make you a member?
 - (1) We will not accidentally make you a member. You will have a choice. Our bargain for everyone. We are always trying to bargain for the graduate student body as a whole. However, having a higher membership percentage will increase our bargain power.

- e) Rep: How does one join?
 - (1) Contact us to sign up for the membership card.
 - (2) Rep: Is there a way to make it easier?
 - (3) It is of our interested to make it that way, but it is currently required.

VI. Presentation on Accessibility Town Halls Enabling New Solutions (ATHENS) Program [10 minutes]

- A. Sophia Hirkakis (DAC Chair)
 - 1. [Summary of ATHENS Program](#)
 - 2. It focus on address seen and unseen disabilities and making changes to allow better accommodation.
 - 3. Email Sophie or VP EDI if you are interested in joining.
 - 4. Potential first meeting is on 11/22

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

- A. Zihan Xu (Vice President of Financial Affairs)
 - 1. FFF2
 - a) Move to change name to Coast Fall Fling, date to **10/31/17, approved.**
 - 2. Move to prove as a slate, approved.

VIII. Vote on Ratification of UCGPC Charter [20 minutes]

- A. Anupam Garg (Legislative Liaison for State and Local Affairs)
 - 1. [Charter for Ratification](#)
 - 2. [UCGPC Resolution Explaining/Authorizing Charter Ratification](#)
 - 3. [UCGPC Budget](#)
 - a) Approving this budget will allocate the funds that was previously paid to UCSA.
 - 4. Question:
 - a) Rep: What is happening with UCLA and their fee waiver?
 - (1) The have opted to stay in UCSA, and send a proxy to this organization.
 - b) Burgundy: Was leaving UCSA lead by UCSD? Is this organization that all graduate student association be joining? Or just a few.
 - (1) Council has voted to leave UCSA 3 years ago. However we did send a rep to the meeting. The charter agreed to move to the new organization. There was 9 graduate body present at the summit voted to leave. It is unclear whether UCLA is in UCSA.
 - c) Rep: Why are we spending the same amount of money that

was spent at UCSA on this new organization?

(1) This allows us to advocate at a separate level. This won't take the same amount of resources that was needed for external officers to travel to attend frequent meetings. And we can allocate this funding to lobby at Sacramento.

d) Eric: How is the response from the UC offices and to regain connection with other orgs?

(1) The UC offices has been responding positively so far. But we do need to continue having the connections.

5. Comments/Debate:

a) Vladimir: I am in full support for this. The UCSA is not organized enough for us to advocate for graduate students. Because undergraduates has a bigger voice in UCSA, that why we need a separate body.

(1) Move to ratify,

b) Sophie: I fully support it, but I think we need to have our consistent read it and think about it before the next meeting. Caution the council to think about it.

c) Melissa: This line item was already going to go to UCSA if we were still a member. But it would be a strong show of support if we are to go forward with it tonight.

d) Ruhl: I am at full support.

e) Rep: I encourage you all to consider this positivity as graduate has special issues that needs to be addressed.

f) Anupam: This vote is not approved to allocate to the funds, it is voting to

g) Jacob: If UCLA already voted to leave, why does the finance officer have a say?

(1) Mark: Move to leave and to ratify is a separate matter.

h) Quint: It is important to get this organization up and running so we can have accuracy going at the state level.

i) Sophie: I am in favor of this, graduate students needs to be separate voice. But we need to discuss it before we can approve it.

j) Rep: If we ratify it, are we joining it?

(1) Mark: We are already a member of the interim organization. To ratify it, we will endorse all the clauses and for it be to the voice of the graduate

student body voice.

6. Vote to ratify:

a) Yes: 47 No: 0 Abstain: 0

IX. Committee Reports [10 minutes]

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

1. [Executive Committee Summer Activity](#)

2. Questions and Comments:

a) Eric: What constitutes a mentor?

(1) Is it used as a broad term. Basically the primary point of contact for these defense.

b) Mark: The Executive Committee posts the report quarterly, I encourage you to read it to keep up to date.

X. Appointments [5 minutes]

A. Student Fee Advisory Committee (VP Finance)

1. Mark Derdzinski

2. Hayley Weddle

B. Sports Facility Advisory Board (VP Finance)

1. Walter (Quint) Frauman

C. GSA Finance Committee (VP Finance)

1. Sabrina Berkamp (Chair)

D. University Centers Advisory Committee (VP Campus)

1. Wil Schreiner

E. Campus/Community Planning Committee (VP Campus)

1. Sophia Hirakis

2. Firas Eid

F. Well-Being Cluster Student Advisory Board (VP Campus)

1. Sean Paknoosh

G. ARCH Advisory Committee (VP Campus)

1. Anindita Bhattacharya

2. Madhura Som

3. Sophia Hirakis

4. Tatiana Zavodny (Co-Chair)

5. Ian Hamilton

6. Burgundy Fletcher

H. GSA Legislative Advocacy Committee (VP External)

1. Hailey Kwon (Chair)

2. Chris Fisher

3. Walter Frauman

4. Carolina Mayes

5. Burgundy Fletcher
 6. Daniel Koothoor
 7. Landon Klein
 8. Gabriel Pratt
- I. GSA Diversity Advisory Council (VP EDI)
 1. Sophia Hirakis (Chair)
 2. Chandler Puritty (Co-Chair)
 3. Beverly Naigles
 4. Aleena Arakaki
 5. Tara Pixley
 6. Bridget Lawrence
 7. Joselph Geumlek
 8. Ariel Weingarten
 9. Carla Nienes
 10. James Crawford
 11. Marie Adomako
 12. Lynn Waterhouse
 13. Nima Mousavi
 14. Kim McCabe
 - J. GSA Academic and Judicial Committee (VP Academic)
 1. Betty Ramirez
 2. Valerie Sapp
 3. Sabrina Berkamp
 4. Stacey Livingstone
 - K. Gender Identity Sexual Orientations Issues Committee (VP EDI)
 1. Vladimir Jovanovic
 - L. Move to approve all the appointment, second, approved.

XI. Call for Council Agenda Items [5 minutes]

XII. Adjourn

7:38pm

Appendix A: Finance Bills

Funding Requests:

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	\$600.00	\$9,400.00	\$0.00	\$9,400.00
Academic & Professional Request Fund	\$11,000.00	\$1,040.00	\$9,960.00	\$711.00	\$9,249.00
Lounge Improvement Fund	\$4,500.00	\$320.00	\$4,180.00	\$0.00	\$4,180.00
Diversity Request Fund	\$5,500.00	\$2,010.00	\$3,490.00	\$490.00	\$3,000.00
Family Friendly Fund	\$1,200.00	\$70.00	\$1,130.00	\$350.00	\$780.00

Fund	# of Grad	Amount	Title	Time	Organization /Department	Funded Before?
APRF4	10	56	Graduate RNA Club	2017-10-30	Biological Science	Yes
APRF5	55	375	R-Users Group	2017-11-01~ 2018-06-08	SIO	Yes
APRF6	40	280	TGSAXSDCASEA career mentoring and law workshop	2017-11-15	TGSA	No
DRF4	70	490	QuEST Fall Mixer	2017-11-09	Neurosciences	Yes
FFF2	50	350	Coast Fall Festival	2017-11-04	Physics	No
GRF2	58	400	NanoOlympics	2017-12-18~ 2017-12-22	JGSC	No

Description of Events:

FFF2: This is a celebration of Oktoberfest, fall, and of welcoming new Coast residents. It is a family friendly event with bratwurst, sauerkraut, apple cider, and games. All grad students are welcome to attend.

APRF4: 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 own work.

APRF5: The R users group is beginning its seventh consecutive year. The goal of the R users group is to use a social environment to familiarize students with R, which is a free open source programming language for statistical computing (see <http://www.r-project.org/> or the R wiki at <http://rwiki.sciviews.org/doku.php> for more information). It is a great resource and is commonly used for many applications across disciplines. The R users group is open to all ages and experience levels, though in the past attendees have mainly been graduate students and postdoctoral researchers from both SIO and main campus. As we have in the past, we plan to meet once per week this academic year in a casual setting, taking turns presenting data and discussing data analysis options using R in a dynamic social environment. We advertise mainly through the GSA mailing list, as well as through student mailing lists at SIO (we are always seeking to broaden our reach, so if possible we would greatly appreciate GSA assistance with advertising (i.e., using the new student digest) to specific upper campus-based student lists). This year, we plan to continue alternating meetings between locations at SIO and upper campus (pending host availability and desire).

APRF6: Establish mentorships between grad students and UCSD alumni for further career and academic advises. Also emphasize on clarification of migration law.

DRF4: Quarterly social hour for QuEST: Queer Engineers, Scientists, and Technical professionals. This is primarily a networking event for the queer STEM community, serving primarily UCSD graduate students.

GRF2: Up to 20 teams (including 8 teams from 8 engineering programs) will participate in pingping, soccer, basketball etc. (TBD)

Upcoming Events

Fund	Location	Title	Time	Organization
APRF1	Price Center East Ballroom	Breakfast with Industry	11/07/17 7:00-10:00	BEGS

APRF2	TBA	Coffee Chat Series with Alumni	10/18/17~ 12/01/17	Jacob Grad Student Council (JGSC)
APRF3	SIO Hubbs Hall 4500	Growing up in Science	11/7/17 11:30-13:00	SIO
DRF2	Multi Purpose Room/Matthews Quad	Diwali 2017	10/28/17 18:00-22:00	AIGS
DRF3	Dolores Huerta-Vera Cruz Room	Fall2017 GBM	10/29/17 10:00-16:00	Cultural Iranian Student Association (CISTA)
GRF1	EBU2 courtyard	Interdepartmental Social Hours	10/25/17 15:00-16:00	Material Science
FFF1	Coast Community Room	Halloween at Coast	10/31/17 17:00-19:00	SIO