



University of California, San Diego
Graduate Student Association

2017-18 Council Meeting #6
Tuesday, January 16, 2018
6:00 pm, Price Center Forum

I. Call to Order 6:07pm

II. Approval of Agenda, approved

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes [5 minutes]

- A. [Minutes from CM5](#), approved

IV. Public Comment and General Announcements [10 minutes]

A. Public Comment

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

1. Wednesday 1/17 - Skaggs Pharmacy School Winter Luau Roaming Social
2. Thursday 1/18 - Trivia at Rough Draft Mesa Nueva

C. GSA Winter Representative Retreat (President)

1. Monday January 22, 5-8pm, The Stage Room (formerly Porter's Pub)

D. Current Status of GSA Fee Referendum (President)

1. Is currently on the EVC's desk.

E. Strategic Plan for Inclusive Excellence: Grad Student Focus Groups (Vice President of EDI)

1. Wednesday January 17th, 2-3pm, Grad Student Lounge
2. Monday January 22nd, 10-11am, Grad Student Lounge
3. [Website](#) to RSVP and find more information

F. DPC info session/ office hours (Vice President of Financial Affairs)

1. January 19th, 12pm - 1:30pm at GSA Office, Finance Chair and VP Finance

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

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

B. Major Events Policy

1. The Event Sponsor anticipates over 100 persons are likely to attend;
2. The event is a Dance, regardless of the number of anticipated attendees; or

3. Alcohol is intended to be served at the Event.
- C. Sophie: I would like to strike a bill from the agenda as they do not have a time scheduled time.
 1. VP Finance: Sometimes they need to reschedule.
- D. Move to approve as a slate, second, approved
- E. Rep: How big is the CSE department?
 1. VP Finance: It is the biggest department.

VI. Student Transportation Fee Referendum [15 minutes]

- A. Betty Ramirez (Vice President of Campus Affairs)
 1. Summary of U-Pass Negotiations and Q&A
 2. We are renewing the service as it will expire in the next year. There will be an increase of \$6.75 and we are working to have the service for the next 5 years.
 3. This needs to be passed because it needs to be on the ballot for spring.
- B. Q&A
 1. Daniella: If this does not pass, we will not have the services?
 2. President: If there is any amendment made, we will need to resubmit this language to both student body, MTS and negotiation will reset.
 3. Rep: Is STAC a new group?
 - a) This group will be forming again this year, and will be taking on more responsibilities.
 4. SIO Rep: Was there a history of relationship with MTS?
 - a) When we pass this referendum, then that information will be needed.
 - b) President: The current U-PASS the result of the relationship with MTS.
 5. Rep: Is there data on how many people that uses it. What is the percentage?
 - a) 70% of grad student has used it, 20~30% uses on a daily basis.
 6. Hayley: Is the increase to cover more service?
 - a) The fee will only cover the MTS and NCTD excluding the premium express routes.
- C. Debate:
 1. Sophie: Who is providing oversight of the excess fund?
 - a) President: STAC.
 2. VP Campus: We are looking at languages that has been approved,

we are under a time stress, hence I urge you to support this.

3. VP Social: The VP Campus and everyone on the committee has been working hard since last summer. This is necessary services for undergrad and grad student. We should consider supporting this.
4. Sophie: It is our responsibilities as the rep to be educated on this matter. As a point of information, there were reps will not vote on this because they were not sure who will be overseeing this.
 - a) President: STAC is commissioned by the join effort of CFO and Matthew.

D. [Vote on Approval of Referendum Language](#) to be submitted to students, pending administrative approval

1. Yes: 37 No: Abstain:
 - a) Unanimous approval.

E. President: Thank you to those who has worked on this negotiation: Betty Ramirez (GSA VP Campus), Lesly Figueroa (AS President), Patty Mahaffey (AVC Student Life), Curt Lutz (Commute Solutions), Eliud Escobedo (Business Process Innovation), Josh Kavanagh (Director of Transportation Services), Brian Gregory (Executive Director Strategic Partnerships), Jon Heinlein (Business Contracts), Mercedes Munoz (Executive Director), Financial and Budget Management (Chancellor's Office), Heather Belk (AS Director).

VII. Disbursement of Reserves for Advocacy Travel [15 minutes]

A. Kimberly McCabe (Vice President of External Affairs)

1. An additionally \$5000 from the reserves so we can bring more people to UC. We were only able to bring execs (and legislative leisan) in the past. However, we gotten a more pack schedules daily. We are bringing less diversity to the table with only two execs.
2. We hope to bring a total for 4 different people per DC trips to bring more diversity. It will cost

B. Q&A:

1. Sophie: Have we increased this funding before? How has that been beneficial?
 - a) VP External: We spent around 5% over in our budget because we were bringing individuals who are not Execs. It was important because we were able to bring people who were integral in creating the white paper.
2. Rep: For the four people who will attend, two of them will be execs?

- a) VP External: We want to make sure we use the resources to the max. So one execs who knows can act as the leader and 3 other individuals.

C. Debate:

1. Sophie: I support this. This is a positive thing for career development for those are interested in policy making.

D. Vote:

1. Unanimous approval.

E. [DRAFT Council Resolution](#)

VIII. Disbursement of Reserves GSA and HDH Snow Day [15 minutes]

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

1. 2000 to help their snow day. It is a family friendly event. Bring snow to the Coastal Apartment.

B. Q&A

1. Rep: What will the 2000 go to?
 - a) The shuttle service and helping with security services.
2. SIO Rep: What other type do we do with HDH and how much are they contributing?
 - a) We collaborate with them multiple times in a quarter. It is a long standing relationship. They are contributing around \$20000.
3. They want to make this annually, but we communicate that this is not something we can budget yet.
4. Rep: Why snow?
 - a) As opposed to?
 - b) Rep: It's not holiday anymore, why snow?
 - c) HDH is really excited to collaborate with GSA. we have an event for fall and spring, so they would want to have a winter events. They want to have events that helps bring people together to feel like they are part of something. We went into the conversation after they decided on the snow, so we are not sure.
5. Tran: How many do you anticipate will attend:
 - a) 3000-4000
6. VP Social: This is not coming from any line items, it will not impact any of our social events.
7. Valerie: If there money left in the family friendly funding.
 - a) No, we don't have the budget for it because it is a new event.

8. Rep: How necessarily is the bus.
 - a) We have had multiple events with HDH and many are coming from different part of the campus housing, not having shuttle service will lower the number of attendance.
9. SIO Rep: Is there any outreach going on, that promotes engagement in GSA?
 - a) HDH is going to ask for GSA to volunteer as staff.
10. Tran: Will it be open to undergrad?
 - a) No, it will solely for Grad students.

C. Debate:

1. Erica: I believe we have a moral obligation to have family friendly events. Snow isn't very suitable, please tell them that in the future.
2. Chemistry Rep: I will vote yes. There are not many children in the Coastal apartments. So will most of the children be coming from other communities? Is that why we need the shuttle? I am not sure if the grad students will appreciate having children coming to the community.
3. VP Social: I will bring up the sustainability concern. We are trying to host this events to make people feel like they are part of the community. The shuttles is mostly for grad students.
4. Physis Rep: I will vote yes. But it is a little off putting that they planned an event, then just ask GSA for money. I don't know if we want to get into the habit of subsisting events from outside.
5. VP Campus: This is the first time we will have a big event for the families.
6. Clint: I think we are missing the opportunity if we do not have someone from GSA present that will engage with people. There is a difference from people who are running around running the events, and people who are sitting at one stop
7. Rep: I think the children will absolutely love it and I plan to attend. But it is expensive. The shuttle makes sense because there's no parking. I agree it is a miss of opportunity, but when parents are with family, they are not really there to get information.
8. Chemistry Rep: I hear the physics rep' concerned. HDH has been funding events for grad students without GSA, so they are not in such mindset. They might just need some assistance with getting the bus. You can also suggest events to HDH.

D. [DRAFT Council Resolution](#)

1. Vote:

a) **Yes: 27 No: 2**

b) **Approved.**

IX. Disbursement of Reserves for CAPS Focus Groups [15 minutes]

A. Betty Ramirez (Vice President of Campus Affairs)

1. To help CAPS focus groups to research on grad student mental health to identify gaps that in CAPS services and grad student needs. At the end of the quarter when they finish their research, will put on an mental health events in the next quarter that will respond to the research. \$2000 for this quarter and \$2000 for the event.

B. Q&A:

1. Culture Coordinator: Why can't CAPS fund their own survey.
 - a) I am not sure, but it is for grad students,
 - b) If they do not have funds from us, they will likely try to find other sponsors. But they will less successful.
2. Chemistry: There was an advertisement today on student of color workshop. Is that the same kind of event?
 - a) No, CAPS has different events for just grad students but with very low attendance. The \$2000 is going to help with the focus group to conduct research.
3. Rep: Can you describe the event? And you say people don't really go.
 - a) There are a lot of possibilities for the events. The events can take a different forms, it could be one big events or serious of small events.
4. Physis Rep: I have not had any kind of interaction with CAPS, what gives you confidence that the \$2000 will be used for worthwhile things?
 - a) They have hired a grad specific counselor and they have updated the procedure for grad student to transfer outside services. We don't give much attention to CAPS besides the small committees.
5. Laura: I am assuming that we are restricting ourselves to an events. There are many people who said that CAPS does not work for themselves. Do we have to restrict yourself to just one event to something more general?
 - a) Right now I have listed as 1 events. But I am open to ideas.
6. Rep: If we get the survey, and the results indicating that there certain departments needs more assistance. Will that result be able to be used to push for changes in a higher level.

- a) CAPS: The results is meant to used for CAPS to better allocate resources that were not well allocated.
 - b) Rep: Could CAPS use the result to push for changes within department.
 - c) Yes.
7. VP Campus: Nothing is set in stone for the events, we want to see what the result is in the survey.
8. SIO Rep: Why can't we survey them online since that seem like will lead to the biggest participation.
9. Thomas: So where does the \$2000 budget come from.
- a) The \$2000 for the focus group, CAPS has already have an budget.
 - b) CAPS: The budget will be used for food for around 200 people and gift card incentives, and food and adjustment for the event.
 - c) The \$2000 for the events is the good cushion for the different kind of events we will have.
10. Culture coordinator: We got an survey online in the summer of 2017, so has CAPS analysed that data?
- a) It might have went to another committee. This focus group is lead by postdocs and graduate students to doing research for grad students.
11. John: It seems like that there's a set plan for the first \$2000 but not the second \$2000. Is there a reason why we need to approve the \$4000 now?
- a) Within the next few weeks, Campus Committee will discuss the details for the events.
12. Sophie: Basically CAPS has a bunch of events for grad students that people don't show up. Why are we giving caps \$4000 dollars if we cannot know if people will be attending.
- a) You are not giving it to CAPS. You are giving it to the focus group who are in collaboration with CAPS. The event will be led by me in collaboration with CAPS.
13. Culture coordinator: So this is being done by 3rd party for CAPS. Has CAPS agreed to take the result and act on it.
- a) That is the responsibilities for the event in Spring. I will be going to CAPS to see how we will utilize the funding to host the events, whether it will be going to departments to present the results or hosting bigger events.

C. [DRAFT Council Resolution](#)

1. Approved.

X. Appointments [5 minutes]

A. Call for GSA Elections Committee (Council)

1. ONE Vacancy

a) Paolo Gabriel (ECE Rep)

b) Teodoro Martinez (GPS Rep)

c) Move to table appointment to next council meeting, second.

B. GSA Governing Documents Committee (Chief of Staff)

1. Sophia Hirakis

2. Veronica Uribe

3. Paula Santa Rosa

4. Bobak Hashemi

C. GSA Student Affairs Committee (VP Campus)

1. Valerie Sapp (Chair)

D. Move to approve as slate, approved.

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

XII. Adjourn, 7:50pm

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	\$1,350.00	\$8,650.00	\$2,980.00	\$5,670.00
Academic & Professional Request Fund	\$11,000.00	\$3,912.00	\$7,088.00	\$490.00	\$6,598.00
Lounge Improvement Fund	\$4,500.00	\$320.00	\$4,180.00	\$800.00	\$3,380.00
Diversity Request Fund	\$5,500.00	\$2,710.00	\$2,790.00	\$175.00	\$2,615.00
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?
DRF6	25	175	HSA Vasilopita cutting and EduTrip 2018 information session	2018-01-28	Hellenic Student Association (HSA)	No	Yes
GRF4	300	1155	UCSD Graduate Winter Luau	2019-01-17	School of Pharmacy	Yes	Yes
GRF5	25	175	Rosa Parks Tutoring Program Winter Kickoff Meeting	2018-01-22	MAE Department	No	Yes
GRF6	150	350	Love Made Audible: A Serotones Charity Concert	2018-01-25	Serotones	Yes	Yes

GRF7	200	1300	2018 Open Studios	2018-03-03	Visual Art Department	Yes	N.A.
APRF12	70	490	2018 Art History PhD Research Symposium	2018-03-02 ~ 03-03	Visual Art Department	Yes	N.A.
LIF2	750	800	New Espresso Machine	2018-02-01	CSE Department	Not last year	N.A.

Description of Events:

DRF6: The Vasilopita is a Greek tradition where members of a community break bread together to signify unity and prosperity in the upcoming year. The Hellenic Student Association has historically held this event in conjunction with our annual EduTrip information session to welcome the UCSD and San Diego community to learn more about our outreach efforts.

GRF4: Every year, the Skaggs School of Pharmacy hosts a luau event for all UCSD graduate students. The UCSD Graduate Winter Luau will be a night full of socializing and music! This event is a great opportunity for all graduate students to come together to celebrate the beginning of the Winter quarter and meet other students from other departments. Competitive games with prizes for the winners will be held throughout the event. All graduate students will be invited. Food and beverages (beer, sangria, and non-alcoholic options) will be provided to all attendees.

GRF5: A chance for tutors to come together to reflect on the past quarter of tutoring and to brainstorm ideas for improving the program.

GRF6: Third-annual charity concert to benefit the patients receiving healthcare at the UC San Diego Student-Run Free Clinics. GSA funding will be used for food and refreshments. Free to all graduates.

GRF7: Approximately 40 artists will open their studios and welcome the public into their process and practice. Open Studios also features exhibitions, screenings, and publications produced in the Department of Visual Arts. Open Studios occurs annually and has been a successful part of the visual arts department for many years.

APRF12: Speakers and workshops on an art historical theme. This will be the 11th annual Art History PhD Research Symposium.

LIF2: We are requesting funding to be used towards the replacement of a nice espresso machine for the graduate student lounge. In approximately 2002, we were gifted a nice espresso machine for graduate student use. Graduate students in the department have maintained this machine for the past 15 years, including professional servicing and/or repair every few years as needed. The machine has been struggling for the past two years, and despite filtering, the harsh San Diego water and years of use have finally taken their toll. The most recent cost estimates to get the machine in fully working order exceed its value, and we're further concerned that more repairs may only be bandaids on an ailing machine. While the old machine was valued at \$6000 when purchased new, we have selected a replacement machine that has similar features, is by a

reputable brand, and should be inexpensive to service and maintain costing about \$2600. It is our belief that this machine should last us for another 15ish years.
<https://clivecoffee.com/product/lucca-m58-espresso-machine-by-quick-mill/>

Upcoming Events:

Fund	Location	Title	Time	Organization/Department
APRF1 1	SME Building 248	2017-2018 Cross-USA Lecture at UCSD	01/26/17 5:30-7:30pm	Structural Engineering