

Council Meeting #14
Monday, May 19, 2014
6:00pm, Price Center Forum

- I. Call to Order [6:05]
- II. Approval of Agenda
 - A. *Motion to approve, seconded*
- III. Old Business - Approval of Council Meeting 13 Minutes
 - A. *Motion to approve, seconded*
- IV. Public Comments and Announcements
 - A. Lots of free food: Sociology dept hosting various events tomorrow.
 - B. Search for Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs is in the final stage: 4 finalists visiting campus this week, go out and meet them
 - C. MBA program: the application is open for 2 more days so advertise to departments
 - D. Last roaming social will be on May 30, Jacobs Hall 3rd Floor Patio at 5pm
 - E. Winners of Chancellor's Dissertation Medal have been decided and will be sent out as well
 - F. Legislative Liaison positions are open, an email was sent out. Please advertise
 - G. Lobby Corps meeting this Thursday
 - H. VP Diversity: if you want to give tours for prospective grad students, get in touch with Don
 - I. Transportation Referendum happening all of this week, please vote.
- V. Council Resolution concerning Che Cafe: Daniel Jacobson, UCAB GSA Representative
 - A. Lots of difficulty recently with the Che Cafe. The draft of the resolution was sent out late so we'll read it out loud. This resolution decertifies the Che and requests termination of the Master Space Agreement and suggests the Che continue operating as a CSI student organization and temporarily relocate to the Old Student Center
 - B. *Motion to approve, seconded*
 1. Vote: 26-1-1
- VI. Presentation from Student Fee Advisory Committee: Representative Paul Tchir
 - A. Passing the mic to Sammy Chang, SFAC Chair. We will be sending out a list of services (and a survey) and an introduction to SFAC. SFAC handles budget allocations and reductions
 - B. The Student Services Fee (SSF): \$972 a year that every student pays. It funds CAPS, SARC, sports facilities, part of it goes towards the student health plan, OGS, commencement and a little to the GSA and AS. SFAC

is the primary consultant for use of the SSF and is recognized by the UC Regents

- C. Council on Student Fees: Like UCSA for all the SFACs throughout the UC system; we meet every quarter and discuss how to use the fee. We came up with a plan for what the SSF should fund. UCOP essentially plagiarized and sent a letter to the Chancellors (not the SFACs). However these guidelines aren't followed because wording is ambiguous, so if the Chancellor believes the SSF should be used differently, he has the power to do so
- D. Student fees are unaffected by budget cuts because students pay the fees—the SSF has nothing to do with the state budget. However, the university enforced “budget cuts” on the SSF-funded units; considerable cuts in the millions of dollars. That money went to staff benefits that were unrelated to students—why? SFAC didn't approve that budget transfer.
 - 1. Example of Crafts Center and OASIS (had to be saved by SSF because SFAC thought it was important even though it's an academic service, not a student service).
 - 2. SSF has become the “savior” for the services that admin doesn't want to continue funding
- E. Questions
 - 1. President: this year, GSA went to SFAC for two things. 1) Travel grants: we had \$25,000 each from the Chancellor and Academic Affairs contingent on getting \$25,000 from SFAC. It wasn't approved. 2) SFAC currently pays the AS director's salary of about \$80,000. We put in a request to pay the fund manager about \$16,000. It wasn't approved. Keep this in mind when filling out the survey.
 - a) Survey will be good tool to let SFAC know what grad students want
 - 2. Recurring theme I've noticed on campus-wide committees: 2 grad vs 8 undergrad reps. That becomes a problem when the things mentioned above are voted on. Whats going on in terms of representation? And do graduate students have allies on these committees, even if there are only 2 actual grad students?
 - a) I agree, I advocate a 1-1 ratio, which is the case on most UC campuses. UCSD bases committee representation on population. That representation may be changed by a 2/3 vote of the committee
 - b) As far as allies: undergrads are not fully aware of the grad experience and grad students' needs because they haven't

been exposed to it. GSA reps are always great and advocate strongly, but those voices get lost. These committee also include professional staff members (Director of accounting, Chair of provosts, etc) and they also are more exposed to the undergrad experience more so than grad

(1) President: We're talking to the Chancellor and VCs to get this changed

(2) Next year's Council should consider improving grad representation on all campuswide committees

(3) SFAC Chair: I agree. I also think it would be a good idea for grad students to run for Chair and Vice Chair positions in their respective committees for more representation.

VII. Finance Bills

A. APRF 17: \$300 for roundtable discussion

1. *Motion to approve, seconded*

B. APRF 18: GSA appreciation dinner for reps and committee members

1. *Move to approve, seconded*

a) *Objection: did we do this last year?*

(1) No, but we did the year before

b) Execs thought that we should incentivize getting involved with GSA and say thank you for people's service this year.

c) Remember it's going to be a line item for next year

d) Committee members don't always come to GSA meetings so this is to appreciate them

e) *Motion passes*

VIII. Appointments

A. *Motion to appoint* Tara-Lynn to Childcare Oversight Committee

IX. Call for Council Meeting 15 Agenda Items

A. Appreciation dinner after next meeting

X. Adjourn [6:45]