

GSA Council Meeting #15  
Monday, June 2, 2014  
6:00pm, Price Center Forum

- I. Call to Order [6:06pm]
- II. Approval of Agenda
  - A. *Motion to approve, seconded*
- III. Old Business - Approval of Council Meeting 14 Minutes
  - A. *Motion to approve, seconded*
- IV. Public Comments and Announcements
  - A. *Motion to only allow UCSD students to speak, seconded*
  - B. Rep from history dept: I'm collecting information regarding students' experiences of the 10-quarter rule (which says students can't be employed as TAs or Readers for more than 6 years). This rule has been limiting students' ability to graduate on time. We're looking into how this rule affects different departments; please talk to me if you see this happening in your department.
    1. Explain further please
      - a) The university puts a limit to how long you can be employed
      - b) Social science and humanities departments are particularly affected, but it's hard to get leverage because this only affects some students in some departments. We're looking to see how widespread the problem is.
  - C. *Motion to limit speaking time to 1 minute, seconded*
  - D. I'm Josh, an undergrad now but will be a graduate student next year. I'm here to talk about the Che resolution. GSA and co-ops have been at odds with each other for the past 4 years. I work in the general store and represent coops on AS. GSA decertified the Che already in December 2012, so I'm not sure what this resolution will do except ruin the relationship further.
    1. *Motion to extend time by 1 minute, seconded*

In 2012, the GSA just went ahead and did it without asking for any input from the Che. At that time we were in negotiations for rent so we didn't know what to do; the resolution didn't help. We didn't get formal notice about the resolution passed at the last GSA meeting either, and now I only get a few minutes to talk..

      2. *Motion to extend time by 1 minute, seconded*
        - a) *Point of Information:* we have a place to talk about this later.
          - i) He is not a member of Council and won't be allowed to speak then

This is just symbolic, and just says that you hate us. I ask that you please reconsider the resolution. I wanted to point out where the information in the resolution is wrong, but I don't have the time.

a) President: to answer some of the points raised, the resolution in 2012 was done to try and get the coops to cooperate and abide by the MSA rules. As President I've been to many meetings with the coops but have had bad experiences; they haven't been cooperative.

V. Finance Bills

A. LRF 2: \$500 for improvement of the Political Science department's lounge in the Social Sciences Building

1. *Motion to approve, seconded*

VI. Draft Council Resolution 10: Decertification of the Che Cafe Collective

A. Draft of the resolution was sent out via the listserv

1. Has it changed since the last meeting?

a) Not substantially. Last time we passed it without notifying the Che Collective; this time we gave appropriate notice and updated some of the numbers we received from UCEN. That too was sent out through the listserv.

2. *Motion to approve, seconded*

a) *Objection*: I'd like to move things around and change the wording to make the resolution clearer. 2 main changes: add clause "in these areas" to specify what parts of the MSA the Che has been in violation of, and add clause "see attached evidence" to clearly point of how the Che has violated the MSA.

(1) *Point of information*: in the previous motion the question was called, so we need to vote to close the debate. We need a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote to close it.

(a) Vote: fails, debate resumes

b) *Point of information* directed to Campus Counsel: thoughts on these additions?

(1) I would make the observation that the MSA empowers the GSA to decide whether the coops are acting in the best interest of students. I think the resolution would be clearer without the "in these areas" clause: the MSA is a binary, "yes or no" document

(2) Another point: I wouldn't include the reference to "attached evidence" because each individual member

might have their own personal experiences, have heard things around campus, etc.: there might be more evidence NOT included in the attachment

(a) Agree with and accept second point, but the Che doesn't violate all aspects of the MSA, just certain parts of it so I would want to keep the specific references to which parts of the MSA are violated.

c) *Motion to amend resolution*, as advised by Campus Counsel, to remove "as referenced above" clause, *seconded*

d) *Point of information*, directed to Campus Counsel: does this satisfy what you had previously mentioned?

(1) In my opinion this resolution answers the question that is posed to the GSA by the MSA, that is "is the Che acting in the best interest of students?"

e) Vote on Draft Council Resolution 10: 24-2-3, passes

## VII. Appointments

### A. Committee on GSA By-law revisions

1. Nathaniel Wood-Cohan, Don Johnson, Negin Nazarian, Jon Monk

a) *Motion to approve, seconded*

### B. Committee on GSA Travel Grants

1. Negin Nazarian (Chair), Jon Monk

a) *Motion to approve, seconded*

### C. Committee for STAC Charter

1. Ted Stinson, Jeremy, Jon Monk, Lindsay Freeman, Harrison Carter, Dan Jacobsen

a) *Point of Information*: do you have to be present during the summer?

(1) You can Skype in

## VIII. GSA Activities recap 2014-15: Rahul Kapadia, GSA President [5 mins]

A. I was very lucky to be your president; we had a very productive year.

1. I attended regular meetings with Janet Napolitano. One of the main things to come out of the meetings: idea of a special grad conference with delegations from all 10 campuses. Main issues: competitiveness of stipends, diversity, non-resident tuition. Some of these discussions will help the TA union negotiations as well.

2. Travel grants: \$75,000 from the Chancellor, Student Affairs, and Academic Affairs; they will start next year. Especially beneficial for departments who don't have the money to send students to

conferences.

- a) Idea for next year: UCI has a university-wide conference where grads present their research
3. Improving campus spirit: new event called Grads and Grub. We held five this year with 100+ attendance and 20-30 alumni at each one. We received positive feedback; Dean Barrett was impressed and has committed money for this event.
4. Social Committee: thanks to Jon, Lindsay, and the rest of the committee: we had more than 600 people at each free-for-all, which is record-breaking. Cultural activities: tickets for all events were sold out. In the past we would lose money on cultural events, huge success this year thanks to Timia
5. Internal affairs: the transportation referendum we wrote and passed guarantees sustainable transportation for all students; thanks to Ted, Harrison, everyone else who helped. ARCHAC has been very active; after lots of pressure the Chancellor has signed off on new grad housing: 1400 more beds in the next 3 years with fixed rent increases. Worked with UCEN/UCAB for Starbucks to bring in more revenue.
6. Brandon and Don: worked on SHIP for parents and grad students' dependents so everyone can have affordable healthcare. Breakthrough for childcare as well; the issue was brought to the attention of the Chancellor and administration.
7. Bill of Responsibilities and Rights: have been working on this for years and wanted some conclusion this year. Last update: Graduate Council unanimously approved it. We were promised some conditional endorsement from the whole Senate; hopefully that will come through soon.
8. External team: withdrew from UCSA this year, which was a good decision. Many other GSAs are also considering leaving. Also worked on improving professional development: got Napolitano and Chancellor to understand its importance to grad students.

IX. Adjourn [6:36pm]

