

Council Meeting #3

October 28, 2013

6pm, Price Center Forum

- I. Call to Order [6:09pm]
- II. Old Business
 - A. Approval of Council Meeting 2 Minutes
 - <https://docs.google.com/a/gsa.ucsd.edu/document/d/1CRmlb5j6fTs8E0Aj6ixLvJasGWnidwTNWmJhip457rQ>
 - Minutes Approved
- III. Public Comment and Announcement
 - A. There are still many committee openings, see Ted for details
 - B. Christmas Carol Tickets are on sale for \$25 (Show is on Dec. 6). Will send out an email with more details, please advertise to your departments
 - C. Rep Registration: remember to have your department coordinator register reps!
 - D. UC SHIP Open House: 10am in SHS building on Wednesday, will go over changes to SHIP
- IV. Special Visits
 - A. Samuel Chang, Student Chair of SFAC, UCAB & SFAB
 1. Students pay \$972 in student services fees every year. We also pay for RIMAC, University Centers, etc
 2. UCSD is the 4th most expensive UC. UCSC and UCSB have about 30 referendums each and Davis students pay \$1000 for ICA fees, which is why they're so expensive.
 3. History of SFAC: in the 1970s, it was mandated that the school needed money for only student services. The master plan of the 1960s (3-tier education system) created student fees. Increased to \$324/quarter in 2011. SFAC charged with assessing how money is spent. Money goes to colleges, Legal Services, OGS, AS and GSA get a little, deans are paid with this money, etc
 4. UCAB: currently a deficit of \$262701. Expenses: \$11 million. UCAB facilities (Price Center, Old Student Center) in bad shape. University centers can't use the UCEN fee that students pay unless UCAB approves it. Long complicated history of how/why fees were increased, but they were.
 5. SFAB: responsible for Canyon View, RIMAC, and Main Gym, etc. 8 million expected expenses and \$51,000 surplus. SFAB can increase the fee every 5 years and has done so 3 times, resulting in the surplus
 6. Each of the three committees has 10 undergrad and 2 graduate students. Undergrads always have majority vote, so graduate voice is silenced. Grad

students are 15% of the school body. Fees are always increasing because they are based on enrollment numbers, and as the campus enrolls more students, more revenue is needed. Why should we care? Because it's our money.

7. Last thing: Che Cafe has 30 days to try and get nonprofit certification, otherwise they are going to default
8. Questions:
 - a) It seems redundant to have both AS and College Council reps on these committees?
 - (1) In 2006, Harry Khanna divorced AS from the College Councils, they are two separate things. AS represents itself, college councils represent each college's students. AS seems to have the power to have whatever it wants; college council reps balance that out

Move to extend time by 5 minutes, seconded.

b) Your numbers seem lower than the ones we have (grad students = 23% of campus population. Are professional students counted in your figure?

(1) No, but even with the larger figure/percentage, grad students are outnumbered

c) GSA passed a resolution last December to ask the Che to default because it wasn't a nonprofit. Why did it UCAB 10 more months?

(1) Because undergrads were reluctant and they are the majority.

At this point it seems all the co-ops are going to default, so AS

chose not to object so the other co-ops won't be gone after

Motion to amend agenda by Ted: finance bills before presentations. Seconded.

V. Finance Bills

1) DFCR 002: \$250, modified to \$125 from GSA. \$125 from another source.

a) *Motion to approve by Negin, seconded*

2) GRF 01: \$700 for Coffee Hour through the Jacobs School of Engineering. \$150 of additional funding will come from the Jacobs School

a) Why the disparity between GSA and Jacobs funding?

1) Answer: that was what we asked for and received last year

b) What about the previous GSA policy about not funding general campus events?

2) That was for when it's the same people coming to every event and it

was exclusive, so we were paying a large amount of money for the

same attendees each time

c) Clarification needed: so only events that are closed to the whole campus count under this policy?

1) It's not so much about being closed to the whole campus as it is about too many recurring attendees.

d) The previous events we applied the policy to were events that were open to everybody

1) This event is catering to $\frac{1}{3}$ of the graduate population, about 1500 students, so there will not be the same problem we saw before. Before, we were paying a lot of money per student; with this event we're paying for a lot more students

e) Will there be sign-in sheets?

1) Yes

f) Last year, was it mostly engineering students or were there students from other departments as well?

1) Maybe 15% were not engineering students

g) How will it be publicized?

1) GSA emails

e) *Call the Question: procedural vote to close debate. Approved.*

3) GRF 04: \$725 for Diwali celebration, co-hosted between Indian Student Association and AS.

a) *Motion to approve, seconded.*

4) APRF 03: Bioeast opportunity for outreach. It's mostly graduate students; just one undergraduate. Asking for \$300.

a) *Motion to approve, seconded*

5) APRF 04: \$375 for R User Group: used for snacks and things for meetings.

a) How many people attend meetings?

1) About 10-15 different people every week.

b) Are they different people every week?

1) Yes, there are different people.

c) Do you have other sources of funding?

1) Yes, SIO department partially funds it. We've asked for less and

less every week because we can get SIO funding

d) How is this event different from the previous event we were strict on?

1) We discussed this in finance committee, this group has shown effort in trying to reach out, get more people, get a variety of people, etc.

e) *Motion to approve, seconded.*

VI. Presentations

A. Survey of Graduate students for transportation

- 1) We are going to survey grad student similar to how AS is surveying undergrads.
- 2) We already got some feedback on the survey, which has been very helpful. Any other feedback?
 - a) #1 is a great catch-all but most people use the same thing daily and a different thing weekly, monthly, etc. Maybe change the question to reflect that
- 3) Based on this data, GSA can pass a resolution asking for what grad students want

VII. Appointments

A. Appoint Paul to SFAC, three people to finance committee

- a) *Motion to approve by slate, seconded.*

VIII. Announcements

- A. The next meeting isn't until 11/18 since Monday 11/11 is a holiday.
- B. A specific policy is needed about repetitive events/attendees. We need a discussion that is general, not attached to a specific bill.
 - a) We will discuss this at the next finance meetings; if you want to be a part of the discussion, come to that meeting

IX. Adjourn

- A. Move to adjourn [7:03pm]