

Meeting Minutes 11/18

- I. Call to Order: [6:10 pm]
- II. Approval of Agenda
 - A. *Motion to amend agenda: move item 9 (finance bills) to item 5, before presentations; seconded*
 - B. *Motion to approve agenda, seconded*
- III. Old Business: Approval of Council Meeting 3 Minutes
 - A. *Motion to amend Council Meeting 3 Minutes: Change Question B on APRF 04 from "No, typically they're the same people" to "Yes, there are different people"*
 - B. *Motion to approve, seconded*
- IV. Public Comment and Announcement
 - A. There are still committee openings available! Lots of important decisions are made in these committees, see Ted or Jordan for more details
- V. Finance Bills
 - A. DPRF 05:
 1. Question: 40 people attend each event?
 - a) No
 2. Question: how many were not from the department?
 - a) Not many, it is usually the same students every time
- VI. Presentation on Current Transportation Survey Results: Ted Stinson
 - A. TPS referenda: TPS is in a \$1.6 million deficit. Bus program costs TPS about \$3 million annually. If we want to keep these services, we have to pay for them. Transportation is auxillary so they can only raise their own money. Extensive surveys over the last year have been conducted: an informal one in Winter 2013 and formal ones held by AS and GSA individually in Fall 2013.
 - B. GSA Survey received 1000 respondents. We want to review the questions with Council
 1. Do we need these shuttles? 70% rated shuttles between 6-10, with 10 being absolutely essential.
 2. How should we pay? From the Winter 2013 survey, it is clear that the student body wants and needs these services, and that they want a student fee referendum. 60% were opposed to a user-based system
 - C. Questions:
 1. Do we have a breakdown of how many respondents live off-campus vs. on-campus?
 - a) Not currently, we are still evaluating the responses
 2. Data is still being generated, correct? My concern is that we're moving towards a referendum too fast; why not wait until the survey is closed?
 - a) The short answer: I spoke to Gary Ratcliff and he said that you get most of your respondents in the first phase anyway, and you don't

expect statistically for there to be a shift from later respondents. The second reason is that reason is that AS is moving forwards and we want to work with them. We don't want to be left behind by their motivated response toward the crisis.

b) I see the point but for the sake of being scientific, I think we should wait until the survey is over.

i) I think that's a fair stance; we shouldn't do anything drastic until the survey is over.

3. Agree with the previous point. Those who take the shuttle will of course answer that they need them. It's unlikely that the percentages will change with this large a sample

a) We did ask how students get to campus, let's look at that date: 70% are off campus who use these shuttles (those who don't walk/drive at all to get to campus)

4. For further clarification: do we have some background knowledge of the graduate population? That might shed some light on the response we got

a) I'm not sure what the percentages are; I'll look at the data or ask around. We did the best we could and used SOM, Skaggs and OGS to email as many people as we could reach.

b) Someone else did a survey: students are 50-50 on/off campus

c) For clarification, how can half of the grad population live on campus? It seems dubious given the size of the population

d) I found 2012 data: 2713 students and 1000 family members, so about half do live on campus

VII. Draft Council Resolution 4: Jeremy Turak-Davis

A. *Motion to change to "multiple possible referendums," seconded*

1. We might not need to pluralize it because its already up to each council's discretion

2. *Objection:* the logistics of how it works is that the language has to be identical to the language adopted by the undergraduate council, and it'll have to be vetted by administrative bodies. All parties interested will consider multiple options and agree on one, not many

3. This was an attempt to correct the language regarding the charge of TPS

4. *Motion fails*

B. *Vote to approve Resolution 4: 37-2-1. Resolution passes.*

VIII. Presentation: Graduate Parents Survey Results: Brandon Stephens & Don Johnson

A. We want to go over the results of the GPS. Lack of affordable childcare is one of the biggest obstacles to finishing a PhD. survey administered by Childcare Oversight Committee and students. Don sent it out in August, got back 140 surveys (70% of parent population). There was a survey administered in 2009

(138 people surveyed) for comparison. Majority of students don't use campus care because it's expensive and there is a long wait list (often more than 1 year). Purpose of survey: see why students aren't using campus care, what they are using, and what can be done to remedy solution

1. Demographics between 2009 and now haven't changed much. Roughly 50% of student families are near or below the poverty line (\$33000 total income for a family of 3)
2. 50-60% of student parents have one child, 30-40% have more than one child. Average amount spent on childcare: \$1000/month.
3. For those not using UCSD Childcare--why aren't they using it? Because of the high cost and/or wait (60% said one or both was the reason)
4. If one parent doesn't work, why not? Because the other parents wants to stay at home: 45%, they have difficulty in finding work: 30%, other reasons: they have a disability, etc.
5. There is a linear relationship between income and use of care: the more money a family makes, the greater chance of them using UCSD childcare
6. Comparisons of care of cost across UCs: other campuses have made significant moves towards more affordable, less costly care. UCSD needs to do this as well.

B. Remedial options:

1. Advocate for student service fee
2. Scholarships/grant program
3. Reduce cost of care for students (this is being discussed in the current TA union negotiations)
4. Increase enrollment of children of students in ECEC and create part-time care options to create more flexibility for parents

Move to extend time

5. This is a crisis—people are choosing between feeding their kids and working like crazy to keep their kids in care
6. The UC gets money from the state for things like this, but since we're in La Jolla, prices get skewed. 13% of student parents get a subsidy, but if you don't qualify, and you're making 30,000, your chances are next to nothing of getting your kids in. In the summer its worse--you have to take your kid out of care because you don't get subsidies in the summer.

C. Questions

1. Why bring this to GSA? What are you asking for from us?
 - a) Basically we want you to see/understand the numbers before we show you the resolution that we are planning to present to GSA

IX. Appointments

- A. Martin Boston to GSA Diversity Committee and Diversity and Equity Committee to the Academic Senate

X. Call for Council Meeting 5 Agenda Items

XI. Adjourn [7:24pm]