

Council Meeting #5
Monday December 2, 2013
Price Center Forum
6:00pm

I. Call to Order [6:04pm]

II. Approval of Agenda

A. *Motion to add finance bills to agenda, seconded*

B. *Motion to consider adding Item 7: Transportation Fee Referendum*

1. *Objection: might lead to long meeting, let's decrease other items.*

a) *Let's consider objection after amending agenda to include Item 7, seconded*

2. *Motion to decrease item 5 and 6 to 15 min each, seconded*

3. *Motion to decrease item 5 and 4 to 15 minutes each, seconded*

4. *Motion to move item 8 and 9 to new item 5 and 6, seconded*

C. *Motion to approve agenda as amended, seconded*

III. Old Business - Approval of Council Meeting 4 Minutes

A. *Motion to approve minutes, seconded*

IV. Public Comments and Announcements

A. There is a petition about security concerns in grad housing and OMS. Petition has 200 signatures and we are meeting with admin to discuss the issues. Police came in to tell us their side. As a committee, we looked at possible options; haven't discussed in detail yet but we're considering suggestions

1. Question: Has this been discussed with the committee?

a) Yes, I'm on the committee; this is what has been discussed

B. A book drive is being held to benefit orphans by an org through the Medical School. The books will be donated to an orphanage in Africa.

C. Grad Parent Network and undergrad parents are holding a holiday party on December 14 from 3-7pm in the Regents apartments. There will be an ugly sweater contest and gift exchange for the kids. Contact Don for more info

D. An email will be sent out about the social on Friday. Let Lindsay know if your department wants to host a roaming social; they are going fast

V. Finance Bills

A. There is only one, to fund a holiday party. Money will be used for food and drinks

1. Question: Is it open to the community? Answer: yes.

2. *Motion to approve, seconded*

VI. Special Visits - Armin Afsahi, Executive Director & Asst. Vice Chancellor - UCSD Alumni

A. UCSD hasn't really developed a strong alumni community. We've used the excuse that we're young, but the truth is it just wasn't a priority for us. 6 years ago, Marye Ann Fox came from the University of Texas where she put a lot of effort into alumni programs.

An example: establishing a student gift. At most private colleges: students give to the institution; we want to establish that here

- B. In 2008, only 68 UCSD graduates donated, which said a lot about this school's lack of relationship with alumni. So the administration put a lot of effort into working with faculty, staff, and students to bring alumni back. Last year was our best year ever: in 2008 only 600 graduates donated to the school. This year 3,000 graduates made a contribution. 25,000 alumni came back.
- C. We're trying to earn a relationship with students. We know grad students give more than undergrads since they have a closer relationship with their departments, which means we need your help. 10% of the total alumni base contributed, but 90% did not--why? How do we make a better case for why students should remain engaged with this institution after graduation? It is in students' best interest: you gain a more prolific network and your lives will be far more enriched.
- D. Chancellor has established a rubric for going forward: "is this supporting our students?" He truly means it and welcomes change. We received very positive reviews on the surveys we sent out: 70% rated it good. But students don't think their mobility or their success is due to UCSD. They don't attribute their success to UCSD. We have alums under 40 years old worth \$2 billion. Many have started companies, businesses, organizations, and we want to reach out to them.
- E. Students say: where were you when I was struggling? A lot of things that were under Student Affairs are now under Alumni Affairs, whether its grad school/career coaching, etc. We've seen a huge increase in alumni engagement just through these changes, but we need your help in engaging alumni. We're thinking of how to engage the GSA. No one in my role nationally has a relationship with their GSA, but we'd like to try and we welcome suggestions.
- F. *Move to extend by 5 minutes, seconded*
- G. Some of the more popular programs: workshop series including interviewing skills and Myers-Briggs assessments, career transitions, etc. We're assessing what we've been doing and making changes. We're working on a PhD Conference on May 15; if anyone is interested let us know.
- H. Questions
 - 1. Suggestion: At smaller schools, the departments are more intimate, some only have 20 students. There is an inherent challenge at UCSD: students have no face and no name. How do we put a personal touch to this? Students feel like numbers, not individuals. When I first graduated, I didn't have enough money to donate, and we're all severely in debt. I'm not in that place yet, I'm still paying for my education. Make sure students don't feel like just another source of money for you.
 - a) You're right, that is an inherent problem as a public school. This generation is the most philanthropic and cause-based generation in decades. Americans are the most philanthropic in the world, but something has happened in the last 10 years: there is a distrust of institutions, governments, banks, etc. We always try to make the case that it's not about how much you give, its about the act of philanthropy.

We try to twist it so its not just that we're putting your money into construction, you're donating towards cancer research, pediatrics, social sciences, etc. It's not always just money.

VII. Draft Council Resolution 5 - Reinvestment in Graduate and Professional Student Parents

- A. *Motion to amend: 7th "be it resolved" section: supports graduate student fee. Remove AS from joint GSA/AS committee.*
- B. *Motion to Vote on Council Resolution 5: 28-0-4.*

VIII. Transportation Fee Referendum

- A. The specific language was sent out over the listserv. After GSA votes on it, it will go through the process: through Student Affairs, both graduate and undergraduate councils, the Chancellor and appropriate Vice Chancellors. Then it will go to the students for a vote.

B. Questions

- 1. Who wrote it?
 - a) It was written by a task force in collaboration with AS representatives, Robert Holden, AVC Gary Ratcliff
- 2. How susceptible is it to amendment?
 - a) It depends on the amendment
- 3. Will grad students be included in STAC?
 - a) Yes, but the setup of STAC hasn't been decided yet. Later grad students will have a say in the setup of STAC.
- 4. Why is there the inclusion 29% towards financial aid?
 - a) UCSD and UCOP policies for all student fees mandate that some of the money from the fee be returned to financial aid.
- 5. What has been the historical amount that is returned?
 - a) UCOP Policy: 25%, UCSD: 29%, other UCs have been using: 33%

C. *Motion to close discussion and take vote, motion passes*

D. *Motion to vote on Transportation Fee Referendum : 29-4-1.*

E. Once it goes to UCOP, it will come back to GSA before final voting

IX. Appointments

X. Call for Council Meeting 6 Agenda Items

XI. Adjourn [6:54pm]