

Council Meeting #6  
Monday, January 13, 2014  
Price Center Forum  
6:00pm

- I. Call to Order [6:11pm]
- II. Approval of Agenda
  - A. *Motion to Amend: Add to Article 6 - Appointments: Chancellor's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women: Anna Starshinna*
  - B. *Motion to Approve, seconded*
- III. Old Business - Approval of Council Meeting 5 Minutes
  - A. *Motion to Approve, seconded*
- IV. Public Comments and Announcements
  - A. Grads and Grub: joint social with Alumni Affairs, Friday 5-7 at La Jolla Playhouse. There will be free beer and appetizers and the Chancellor will be speaking
  - B. Cafe Vita Roaming Social Hour coming up, check your emails. They are every Friday with free beer and appetizers.
  - C. Interdisciplinary Research Award: each department nominates one student. You need 2 faculty recommenders from different departments. You will get an email with more details on how to apply. The winner gets a \$500 cash prize and a trophy
  - D. OGS is having an event during the first week of April. It will be a graduate slam/public speaking event with a \$2500 grand prize and \$1000 runner-up prize. Deadline to register is February 28.
- V. Update on Grad Housing Committee: co-chair Emily Goodman
  - A. ARCHAC : Associated Residential Community Housing Advisory Committee. Responsible for advising on graduate and family housing: OMS, Mesa, Atkinson, future building projects
  - B. Committee is made of 12 voting members: 5 graduate students, one undergraduate student, 6 staff, and 6 ex-officio from HDH and GSA. Ex-officio members don't vote, they are only there to advise and help.
  - C. The committee reviews appeals and oversees and approves ARCH budget
    1. There are always lots of questions on appeals. When a student has an issue with the implementation of HDH policy (fines, lease extensions, etc.) the student has the right to appeal. HDH reviews first, but if they can't resolve it, they send it to ARCHAC. The committee then decides to either approve it, deny it, or ask for more information. Usually appeals are not approved: last year, there were 101 appeals filed and only 13 were approved.
  - D. What we're focusing on this quarter:

1. Cafe Vita: there was a need for a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between housing and Cafe Vita. Committee decided to let all grad students use the space, not just residents. As of this week, there is a new MoU.
2. Resident Security: at the end of summer there was a petition going around about residents' security concerns, especially bike theft and breaking into cars. It gathered more than 200 signatures. The committee talked about both solutions that cost money and those that don't. Some non-costly ideas: a lights and sirens bulletin to raise awareness, providing bike racks for apartments. We're still thinking about things as we consider the budget, such as cameras in the parking lot?
3. OMS Parking Structure and Mesa shuttle issue: students who don't live in the community use the top two floors of the parking lot as "free parking." This causes oversaturation of the shuttle. The problem is it's tough to tell who is and isn't a member of the community. It's becoming a large problem, so transportation distributed special stickers to members of the community. ARCHAC was not consulted, which people of the community were upset about: community members may have guests who need to get on the shuttle, there are children, and caretakers of children, who need the shuttle, etc. We've asked them to halt, so for the time being they're still giving it out but it won't be enforced until spring. We are asking for a "no staff parking" sign so non-community members won't park there.
4. Childcare: we were given a presentation about the issue early in the year. The problem is cost--most grad students don't qualify for subsidies. We'll continue considering it throughout the year.
5. Pets: we are reviewing the current pet policy. Atkinson allows no pets besides fish but we are allowed up to two cats in Mesa. Service animals are allowed, but more and more dogs are showing up. We're conducting a survey amongst all grads: 580 have taken it so far but we need a lot more responses. There are associated issues with pets, such as fur, dander, and bugs, so we are looking at the policy for living somewhere that had a pet living there before. Please take the survey!

E. What we're discussing this coming quarter:

1. Budget: last year there was no increase in rent, but we don't know about this year; it's likely that there will be some changes.
2. Considering changes in the turnover policy: what happens when you move in and out of an apartment?
3. Considering adding a workout room to Mesa/OMS apartments
4. Continuing to work with police about security issues
5. Changing the pet policy to reflect the results of the survey

6. The Chancellor has approved a new graduate family structure to be built in the next few years. We're considering who is going to be on the advisory committee, etc.

#### F. Questions

1. I want to add a couple points and my own two cents. In regards to childcare, since the resolution has passed and the administration has looked at the survey, there is serious talk of a workgroup comprised of VCs/Chancellor to put together a childcare co-op system or offer a cheaper, outside option. Another thing: low-cost initiatives from the resolution are already underway and being looked at, showing that GSA has some power in these issues. Biggest thing: the budget hasn't been changed since last year, but because of the transportation deficit and possible change to the pet policy, that may change.
2. One concern for residents: the use of musical instruments. Our contracts say playing instruments is not allowed in Mesa, but for someone like me, it's a type of stress relief and something I've been doing since I was a child. I also live right next to the child-care unit. I agree there should be quiet hours, and residents should take individual responsibility, but no musical instruments at all as a policy is not a good idea
  - a) We've done this before: students have brought a policy to us that they want changed, and we've accomplished it, such as the policy on Christmas lights. We're happy to look into it and I'll make sure it gets put on the agenda for the next meeting. Musical instruments are under the noise policy, but we're able to change things around.
3. Any identification of what kind of building will be built?
  - a) It's all pretty secretive, but the parking issue will be looked at. The building committee hasn't even been put together yet, so we'll keep you all updated on that.
4. There was a rumor going around that that North Mesa would be torn down and replaced, is that true?
  - a) No, we've just paid off the mortgage on Mesa. It would make no sense to tear that building down now. It's going to be an entirely new structure in a new location.
  - b) Another point: the Chancellor doesn't want to consider the on-campus locations which were proposed. There's a possibility that it'll be where the Miramar apartments are, but there's been no final decision yet.
5. Do you know how much Mesa/Miramar residents pay for the shuttle?
  - a) I don't know it off the top of my head, but I can find it and report back

- b) \$44,000 comes from residents.
- 6. I heard La Jolla del Sol is close to being paid off, is that true?
  - a) Yes, and there's discussion about whether to make it into family housing, but no final decision yet.

VI. Appointments

A. Finance Committee appointments: Mukanth Vaidyanathan, Haydee Smith, Patricia L Owiti

1. *Motion to approve, seconded*

B. VP Internal Appointments:

- 1. Jonathan Frost, Advisory Committee on Sustainability
- 2. Cory Stevenson, Student Conduct Standards Group
- 3. Sophia Hirakis and Linh Nguyen, Community Standards Board
- 4. Bryan Arias, UCAB
- 5. Paul Tchir, SFAC
- 6. Daniel Garcia, East Campus Planning Advisory Committee (ECPAC)
- 7. Daniel Garcia, Campus/Community Planning Committee

a) *Motion to approve as a slate, seconded*

VII. Call for Council Meeting 7 Agenda Items

A. Chancellor will be visiting and talking about the Strategic Plan. It will be emailed out, please take a look and email any questions.

VIII. Adjourn

A. *Motion to adjourn, seconded* [6:41 pm]