



University of California, San Diego  
Graduate Student Association

Council Meeting #1  
Monday, October 13, 2014  
5:00 pm, Price Center Forum

- I. Call to Order [5:06pm]
- II. Approval of Council Meeting #15 (2014) [Minutes](#)
  - A. **Motion to approve, seconded** (Lindsay, Negin)
- III. Approval of Agenda
  - A. **Motion to approve with amendments, seconded** (Jon, Lindsay)
- IV. Public Comments and Announcements
  - A. Department Reps - Jon Monk
    1. If you are not on list sign in sheet, please put sign in on the blank sheet
    2. We need your information to register you as a rep
  - B. Next Council Meeting - Jon Monk
    1. Chancellor Khosla visiting
    2. Craft Center Presentation
  - C. Lobby Core - Timia Crisp
    1. Started up the Lobby Core, if you are interested in what we do please come see me
- V. Special Presentations - Overview of GSA Offices and Summer Update
  - A. Jonathan Monk - President
    1. Introduction of Jonathan Monk: from department of nanoengineering, been involved in GSA for 4 years, started as the social coordinator
    2. GSA represents the graduate students and graduate professionals at UCSD, with departments sending 2-3 reps depending on the size of department
    3. Council Meeting is every other week
    4. GSA organize social activities and influence policies that affect the campus life of graduate students
    5. You all should really consider acting as a committee representative
    6. Rolling out travel grant programs \$300-500 to represent research in your field
      - a) temporary, working hard to get it established
      - b) in order to make it permanent, there needs to be a high demand

7. Member of Council of Presidents - met with UC President Napolitano
    - a) potential UC tuition increases, specifically to the professional school due to competitors having high tuition fees
- B. Holly Dembinski - VP Academic Affairs
1. Holly sick, thus Jonathan Monk send her report
  2. Holly is responsible for appointing committees that deal with academic issues
    - a) Academic Senate - discuss a range of issues, changes to curriculum, look at reviews of graduate departments
  3. plan GSA events - phd career fair, interdisciplinary awards
- C. Negin Nazarian - VP Financial Affairs
1. Oversee finances of the GSA, budgeting and travel funds
  2. Work with Fund Manager in Business Life
  3. Funding requests to be distributed based on various categories for student orgs
  4. Responsible for hiring of elected and appointed officers
  5. Summer
    - a) closed up the budget from 2013-2014 according to new budget
    - b) rate increase of \$7 per student for next year
    - c) major changes to the website
    - d) Finance Committee dates chosen soon
    - e) out of San Diego for most of fall quarter
- D. Timia Crisp - VP External Affairs
1. Garrett Bredell (Legislative Liaison for National Affairs) & Zohreh Aghdam (Legislative Liaison for state and local affairs)
  2. Acts as the advocacy for graduate student to administrators and UC wide, federal representatives
  3. Go on lobby visits to DC, Sacramento, local offices
  4. Not part of UCSA this year
  5. Lobby Course - want other grad students to become part of the process
  6. Speaker series this year, election viewing party, meeting your representatives
- E. Lindsay Freeman - VP Student and Campus Affairs
1. Plan student activities for cultural and social events
  2. Handa Yang - Cultural Events Coordinator, Alex Georges - Social Events Coordinator, Dan Jacobsen - Social Events Coordinator are supervised by her
  3. Summer Funds - Summer BBQ, social hours, orientation events
    - a) Fall Quarter's Free For All with custom prizes

4. Campus Committees
  - a) Building Advisory - overseeing new building in 2017
  - b) STAC - transportation funds
5. Create Lofty Tuesdays days for grad at the Loft with Carl Demaio, Scott Peters
6. Opening of the graduate lounge - see emails to get
7. Execs coffee and donuts every other Wednesday to talk
  - a) next Wednesday 9am 10am will be the first one, be sure to check emails

F. Don Johnson - VP Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

1. Introduction: GSA 5th year, council rep to chemistry department
2. Position is events and policy oriented
3. Events - 2 internal committees reporting to
4. Policy - representing in town halls
5. Appoint to external committees - child oversight, climate council, advisory committees
6. Sit on RSHACK
7. Finishing up Child Care, grad internships - career development site, mentor selection process

VI. Call for Committee Vacancies

A. Vice President of Academic Affairs - talk to Holly

1. Academic and Judicial
2. Academic Information Technology
3. Library
4. Planning & Budget
5. Senate Awards

B. Vice President of Financial Affairs - emails will be sent out

1. Student Fee Advisory Committee
2. Sport Facilities Advisory Board
3. University Center Advisory Board

VII. Appointments

A. Appointment of Haydee Smith as GSA Chief of Staff

1. *Motion to approve, seconded* (Negin, Don)

B. Vice President of Academic Affairs

1. Academic and Judicial Committee: Amelia Ray, Sophia Georghiou
2. Academic Integrity Review Board: Shounak Ghosh, Daniel Freilich, Tavina Claiborne, Suzanne Rohrback, Elaine C Pirie, Navarre A Gutierrez-Reed, Jason T Stofleth, and Allan Ward
3. Academic Freedom: Jason Stofleth

4. Campus & Community Environment: Lindsay Dawson
5. Educational Policy: Stephan Mir
6. Graduate Council: Holly Dembinski and Jon Monk
7. International Education: Sophia Georghiou
8. Preparatory Education: Jamie Schiffer
9. Representative Assembly: Holly Dembinski and Jon Monk
10. ***Motion to approve, seconded*** (Negin, Don)

C. Vice President of External Affairs

1. Garrett Bredell- Legislative Liaison for National Affairs
2. Zohreh Akhavan Aghdam - Legislative Liaison for Local and State Affairs
3. ***Motion to approve, seconded*** (Don, Nathaniel)

D. Vice President of Student and Campus Affairs

1. Alex Georges - Social Coordinator
2. Dan Jacobsen - Social Coordinator
3. Handa Yang - Cultural Coordinator
4. ***Motion to approve, seconded*** (Don, Mukanth)

E. Vice President of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion:

1. Diversity Committee:
  - a) Co-chairs Jessica Blanton and Tara-lyne Pixley
  - b) Adam Morgan, Kris Nelson, Nathaniel Wood-Cohan, Amelia Ray, Lynn Waterhouse
2. Chancellor's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women:
  - a) Amelia Ray
3. Climate Council:
  - a) Jessica Blanton
4. Sexual Assault Workgroup and the Office of Students with Disabilities Advisory Committee:
  - a) Kris Nelson
5. ***Motion to approve, seconded*** (Mukanth, Negin)

F. Vice President of Financial Affairs:

1. Finance Committee
  - a) Mukanth Vaidyanathan: Chair
  - b) Haydee Smith
  - c) Johnny Zhou
2. Student Fee Advisory Board
  - a) Mukanth Vaidyanathan
3. ***Motion to approve, seconded*** (Don, Negin)

VIII. Finance Bills

A. DRF 01

1. Appropriate \$50 from DRF to Alexandra Kottari from the Hellenic Student Association for the event “The Hellenic Heritage of Southern California”. The award winning documentaries by the Greek Heritage Society of Southern California will be screened following a Q&A session. The funding will be used for posters, flyers and decoration in price center.
  2. ***Motion to approve, seconded*** (Negin, Mukanth)
- B. GRF 01
1. Appropriate \$500 from GRF to Moein Khazraee from the Cultural Iranian Student Association for the event “Traditional Iranian Music Concert”. CISTA have invited well known Iranian musician Kourosh Taghavi and his band to perform live in concert followed by refreshments, and recruiting new members. The funding will be used for purchasing food, non-alcoholic beverages and printing flyers.
  2. ***Motion to approve, seconded*** (Negin, Don)
- C. GRF 02
1. Appropriate \$60 from GRF to Ryan Ly from the Electrochemical Society at UCSD for the event “UCSD ECS General Body Meeting”. The funding will be used for purchasing food and supplies.
  2. ***Motion to approve, seconded*** (Negin, Mukanth)
- D. GRF 03
1. Appropriate \$400 from GRF to Michelle Kim from the Queer Engineers Scientists and Technical Professionals for the quarterly social hours for QUEST. The requesters are expecting 60 graduate students to attend and the funding will be used toward purchasing food, non-alcoholic beverages and printing flyers.
  2. ***Motion to approve, seconded*** (Negin, Don)
- E. GRF 04
1. Appropriate \$800 from GRF to Viraj Deshpande from the Association of Indian Graduate Students for the event “Diwali festival”. The requestors are expecting 120 graduate students to attend according to their sign-in sheets from last year and the funding will be used for food, rentals and equipment.
  2. ***Motion to approve, seconded*** (Negin, Mukanth)
- F. GRF 05
1. Appropriate \$250 from GRF to Tony Yen from Jacobs Graduate Student Council for the “JGSC Coffee Hours”. The requestors are expecting 120 graduate students to attend each quarter and the funding will be used for coffee and snacks.
  2. ***Motion to approve, seconded*** (Negin, Mukanth)

G. APRF 01

1. Appropriate \$300 from APRF to Lindsay Dawson from Advanced Professional Degree Consulting Group (APDCG) for their event “McKinsey Interviewee Info Session”. This event is designed to help graduate students find out more information on one of the top-consulting firms, McKinsey & Company, interview processes and questions. They are expecting 50 graduate students to attend according to their previous sign-in sheets and the funding will be used for Refreshments and printing.
2. ***Motion to approve, seconded*** (Negin, Mukanth)

H. APRF 02

1. Appropriate \$375 from APRF to Hao Ye from the R User Group for their biweekly meetings during the year. They are expecting 10-15 graduate students to attend each meetings and the funding will be used for purchasing pizza using the GSA discount.
2. ***Motion to approve, seconded*** (Negin, Mukanth)

IX. Announcements

- A. Council Meetings in 2 weeks, every 2 weeks at 6pm for rest of year
- B. Reception in GSA office, please seek out officers to see what just happened, ice cream and cookies will be served
- C. Rep Training Event to go over Robert Rule of Order
  1. Email chief of staff for registrations, chat to graduate coordinator to approve

X. Adjourn [5:36pm]

- A. ***Motion to adjourn, seconded*** (Don, Nathaniel)