



UCR GSA Council Meeting Agenda

December 4, 2013 7:00pm HUB 355

- 7:00pm** Call to Order
- Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Minutes from previous meeting
- 7:05pm** Bylaw Changes
- Please find the bylaws sheet attached for changes made
- 7:10pm** Budget
- UCSA
 - SFFAC
 - Budget for socials
- 7:23pm** Proposals Approvals for December
- **(dis)junctions 2014**
- 7:26pm** Proposals for December – New Format
- Arts and History
- 7:29pm** Officer Reports –in brief 1 min each
- GSHIP Chair
 - Secretary/Webmaster
 - International Student Affairs Officer
 - PR officer
 - Legislative liaison
 - COD
 - VPAA
 - EVP
 - President
- 7:40pm** CTG officer presentation
- 7:50pm** Open Forum
- 8:00pm** Adjournment

Officer Reports for Council Meeting December 4, 2013

President - Sandeep Dhall

Nothing to report.

Vice President - Darcie McCelland Descalzo

Nothing to report.

Vice President of Academic Affairs – Preston Williams

Nothing to report.

Public Relations Officer – Michael Young

Nothing to report.

Health Insurance Officer – Wei-Ting Lee

Nothing to report.

Finance Officer - Tushar Nangnure

Since the last e-board meeting there haven't been major changes in budget but the increased EVP travel budget, which is now reflected in the budget. Apart from this, so far **\$645.25** has been reimbursed to the mini-GSAs for their meetings. The GSA expenses like council meeting food, gradbash expenses, etc. have been reimbursed and add up to **\$3007.87**. EVP travel has been reimbursed for **\$952.49** so far. Presidents UCOP travel has been reimbursed once for **\$580**.

Departmental Requisitions					
Date	Department	Person	Reason	Amount	Remarks
9/27/13	EEOB	Kathleen Foster	Quarterly Meeting	\$133.31	
9/24/13	History		Meeting	\$175.15	
9/26/13	Music	Nana Kaneko	Welcome meeting	\$90.75	
3-Oct	Chemistry	Valerie Nicholas	General Meeting	\$22.77	
4-Oct	EEOB	Alexandra Prokuda	Meeting	\$155.09	

16-Oct	Sociology	Matthew Grindal	Monthly meeting	\$29.16	
9-Oct	Anthropology	Jennifer Cullin	New year meeting	\$39.02	
				\$645.25	

GSA requisitions

Date	Person/ Dept.	Amount	Reason	Department	Remarks
6/26-6/29	Darcie	\$531.55	UCSA Board Retreat		
09/06- 09/08	Darcie	\$420.94	UCSA meeting		
	Darcie	\$390.81	Sunday Lunch at GSA	GSA	
21-Oct	Michael Young	\$1,088	GSA Merchandise	GSA	
30-Sep	Michael Young	\$186.40	Council meeting food	GSA	
25-Oct	Michael Young	\$200.38	Council meeting food	GSA	
25-Oct	Michael Young	\$172.70	Executive meeting	GSA	
18-Oct	Sandeep Dhall	\$580	UCCOP Meeting	President	
20-Oct	Michael Young	\$29.98	GSA social	GSA	

Items with **boldface emphasis** will be voted on.
Each mini-GSA in good standing is eligible to

14-Oct	Michael Young	\$939.60	GradBash	GSA	
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Secretary/ Webmaster – Matt Valdez

Nothing to report.

Conference Travel Grant Coordinator - Amanda James

Summary of the November CTG committee meeting:

- Committee approved December travel
 - World: (2) @ \$360
 - US (8) @ \$315
 - SW (15) @ \$270
 - Total: 25
- No appeals at this time
- Matt updated the website for CTG’s
 - Caps are posted as approved by October CTG Committee Meeting
 - Working on some finer changes to wording in the FAQs section
- Planning on “GSA CTG Workshops”
 - Will be offered early Winter quarter before the historic “conference rush” which occurs March/April.
 - Offer several dates and times to accommodate student’s schedules
 - Will cover the most pertinent materials regarding application and reimbursement
 - We will consider capping the event to 20 or less participants per workshop to help everyone on a more personal basis
- Reminder: committee approved travel increases at the Oct CTG Meeting which will be implemented **Dec 1st, 2013** and are as follows:
 - **International/World \$600 - World**
 - **North America \$500 - Alaska, Canada, HI, PR & MX**
 - **United States \$400 - Continental**
 - **Southwest \$300 - OR, CA, NM, AZ & NV**
 - **Attendee \$100 - Worldwide**

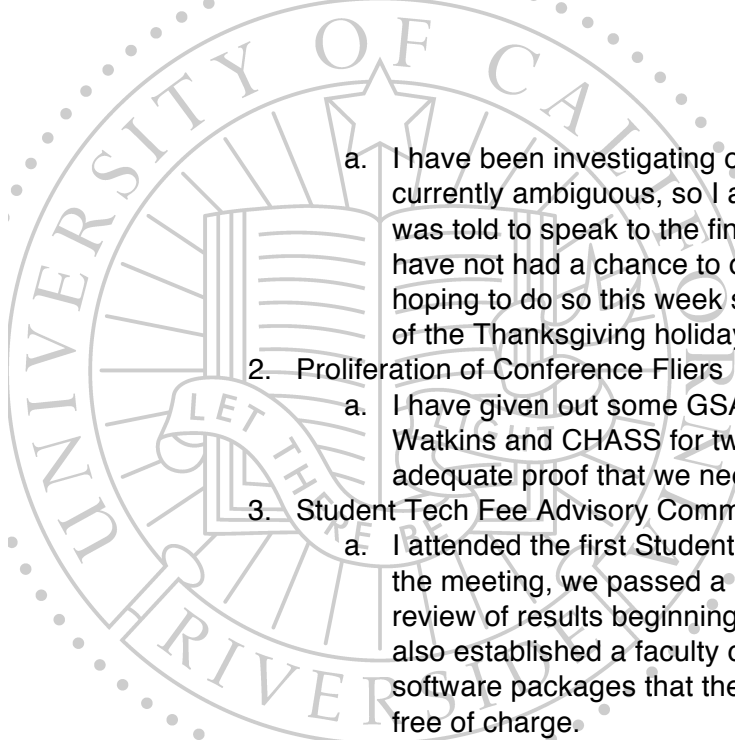
Max Payout: \$7290.00

Legislative Liaison - Nicole Sparks

Nothing to report.

Campus Organizing Director - Lewis Luartz

1. Inquiry on Nonprofit Status



a. I have been investigating our status as a nonprofit organization. This status is currently ambiguous, so I am uncertain if we are eligible for external grants. I was told to speak to the finance person on the ASUCR side of office, but I have not had a chance to do so (she is never in during my office hours). I am hoping to do so this week since my office hours are on a different day in light of the Thanksgiving holiday.

2. Proliferation of Conference Fliers

a. I have given out some GSA conference grant fliers out to the departments in Watkins and CHASS for two weeks. I am hoping that some exposure will be adequate proof that we need more funding.

3. Student Tech Fee Advisory Committee Meeting

a. I attended the first Student Tech Fee Advisory Committee meeting. During the meeting, we passed a resolution to fund Grad Quant for 2 years, with a review of results beginning in year 2, and an annual review thereafter. We also established a faculty committee charged with determining any new software packages that the STFAC should license and provide to students free of charge.

4. UCSA Budget Update

a. I have completed the UCSA budget with Interim Executive Director Louise Hendrickson and have been asked to present it to the GSA due to (a) my familiarity with it, and (b) the need for GSA to now approve the budget.

Academic Affairs Officer Reports for Council Meeting December 4, 2013

Biomedical Sciences – Alex Chan

Nothing to report.

Bourns College of Engineering - Darshana Wickramaratne

1. Contacted Adam Daniels at UCR Student Life to ensure that any BCOE Mini GSAs not registered with Student Life for the 2013 - 2014 academic year were successfully registered using the Highlander Link website. This is an ongoing process given there are a number of inactive mini GSAs within BCOE.
2. Met with Tin Dinh (UCR Undergraduate CNAS Senator) on 11/13/13 at the ASUCR conference room to discuss his plans to update the UCR Undergraduate Research website. As AAO officer for BCOE, provided feedback on possible layout and content for the new website. Also initiated contact with different graduate student program officers within BCOE departments to inform them that such a website is currently slated for development.
3. Upcoming: Commence plans to organize a BCOE college wide conference for graduate students to showcase research. Initial steps include meeting with the Dean of BCOE.

College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences – Lauren Hale

Your AAO's are working in unison with a representative from UCR's undergraduate student government to arrange a online site to advertise available positions for undergraduate student researchers. This gives graduate students a direct way to reach out for assistance when needed.

Also, keep a look out for a new feature of our GSA page; a consolidated calendar of guest speakers from departmental seminars in CNAS.

Graduate School of Education – Elizabeth Sturgeon

Nothing to report.

Anderson Graduate School of Management – Jibrán Ahmad

Nothing to report.

College Of Humanities, Arts, And Social Sciences- Danae Gmuer-Johnson