UCR GSA Council Meeting Agenda
January 8th, 2014 7:00pm HUB 355
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1:30pm Call to Order/Get food

Approval of meeting minutes

Finance from the Well will speak about the new tobacco policy Clearing

7:05pm Approval of minutes for January 2014

7:25pm Officer Reports and Plans

• GSHIP Chair
• Secretary/Webmaster
• International Student Affairs Officer
• PR officer
• Legislative liaison
• COD
• VPAA
• EVP
• President

7:45pm Open Forum

8:00pm Adjournment
Officer Reports for Council Meeting
January 8th, 2014

1. Parking

   a. Meeting with the Director

      i. Parking lot 11a was changed back to a 7am-4pm enforced parking.

      ii. Parking for the graduate students during break was achieved during the period of break from 21st December 2013 to 1st January 2014.

      iii. Parking for graduate students to be during long weekends (Monday and Fridays as per the holidays) in talks.

      iv. Also in talks is to reserve a few parking spots for graduate students every quarter free of cost. Assignment of these spots underway.

      v. GSA will carry a new page on its site in conjunction to TAPS to facilitate better understanding of criteria for fine and its structure.

      vi. Changes in the waiting list for various parking lots to be explained on the website.

2. Graduate Meeting with President Napolitano

   a. Meeting date moved to February

      i. Due to her assignment to lead US for the Winter Olympics at Russia.

      ii. Updates to be given in the March meeting.

      iii. GSRs and TA funding core issues.

3. Provost search

   a. Meeting with the selection firm

      i. Working on contacting various schools for open assessment of the best candidates for the position.

4. SFFAC

   a. Call letter

      i. Application completed with financial report.

      ii. 2014-2015 form submitted to the Chair.

5. UC Student Health Insurance Forum

   a. Student health insurance waiver criteria for the 2014-15 academic year

      i. Review under process.

      ii. To be finalized in March 2014.

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SHAC meeting:

- New chair was elected
- Immediate SHAC meeting to be held in January
- Review about the new plan and strategies to tackle complaints.

- Continue to have weekly calls with UCSA Grad/Prof director Paul Escobar to discuss system wide graduate issues
- Worked with Paul to solicit quotes from companies willing to put together professional development/grad culture survey to distribute to grads system wide in Spring 2014
- Worked with CP Grad Chair Justin Chung to schedule meeting with President Napolitano to discuss grad issues on February 12, 2014
- Identified a candidate for Student Regent and worked with Susan Allen Ortega to support him through application process
- Continue to meet with ASUCR elections reps about preparations for 2014 GSA elections
- Attended ASUCR external affairs meeting and outlined how we can work with them during winter and spring quarters

1. Student Conference Applications
   a. Association of Graduate Students in Hispanic Studies (AGSHS)
      i. 8th Annual Hispanic Studies Graduate Student Conference at UCR: Representations of Violence in Cultural Production
      ii. GSA Funding Request: $1025.00 (Total Budget: $3,075.00 (GSA Request = 30% of total budget))
      iii. GSA has funded previous 2 years (GSA funded $995 last year (2012-2013))
      iv. Strong support from home department and from many other departments throughout campus
         1. $1300 from Hispanic Studies Department
         2. Projecting ~$750 total from: Comparative Literature, Women’s Studies, Latin American Studies, History,
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If you have announcements for the graduate students, send them to Michael Young and he will send them out across the listserve.

b. Planning to build a new health center building
   i. The building has been 50 years old
   ii. Old building has not enough space to serve students
   iii. Students need to pay additional fee if they referral to hospital
   iv. There were 8000 students for 5 providers before, but it’s still 5 providers for 20,000 students nowadays.
   v. The building structure is not stable in somewhere.

b. Seeking for finance aid
   i. Students services fee is not Only 60% students join school health plan
      ii. Need stable income.
      iii. Build a new building need more funds.

c. Student Health Advisory Committee election
   i. The SHAC represent a diverse group of campus interests in promoting the health and wellness of the UCR student enrollment.
   ii. SHAC shall serve as a liaison between the student and the administration of the Campus Health Center, bringing to the forefront issues and concerns from the students.

Finance Officer - Tushar Nangnure

Nothing to report.

Secretary/ Webmaster – Matt Valdez

Nothing to report.

Conference Travel Grant Coordinator - Amanda James

1. Chaired CTG Committee Meeting for December
   i. Committee approved January travel as follows:
      
      | Category   | Quantity | Rate   | Max Payout |
      |------------|----------|--------|------------|
      | World      | 0        | @ $600 |            |
      | US         | 13       | @ $400 |            |
      | SW         | 5        | @ $300 |            |
      | Attendees  | 3        | @ $100 |            |
      | Total      | 21       |        | $7000.00   |

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2. Addressed 3 GSA CTG appeals
3. Processed 13 GSA-November Travel

4. Further planning for "GSA CTG Workshops"
   - Will be offered beginning in February before the historic “conference rush”
   - Materials collected for presentation
   - PowerPoint outline constructed
   - Address accounting rules
   - Creative title
   - Offer refreshments?

5. Reminder: Travel increases were 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

6. Redesigned whiteboard in GSA Office
   i. Rewritten to improve efficiency and clearly disseminate CTG information

Legislative Liaison - Nicole Sparks

1. Nothing to report for the month of December.
2. Meet with Lobby Corp the first week of winter quarter
   a. Discuss upcoming lobby visits for the quarter
   i. More to come after meeting

Campus Organizing Director - Lewis Luartz

Chancellor’s Christmas Party
This event was a gathering for staff, faculty, and GSA representatives at the Chancellor’s home. I had a nice chat with a member of the community who was previously associated with the Council of Presidents in regards to increasing the reputation of UCR. I also had a brief conversation with an associate dean and some faculty.

Conference call with UCSA
I had a conference call with UCSA regarding the UCSA budget. We are primarily looking at cost-cutting mechanisms, and are striving to make certain any additional changes to the already approved budget do not affect any UC campuses. This process is currently ongoing and will be discussed at the upcoming UCSA Board Meeting.
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Academic Affairs Office Reports for Council Meeting
Month Day, Year

1. 7th Annual Symposium for Glial-Neuronal Interactions
   a. January 10th, 2014
      i. UCR Pentland Hills: Bear Cave and Fox Hole

2. Graduate Student Seminars
   a. Starting January 24th, 2014 @ 12:15
      i. 3rd Flood School of Medicine Research Building

3. Invited Speaker Seminars
   a. Dermot McGovern - “IBD: The prototype for personalize medicine”
      i. January 27th, 2014

4. Medical Graduate Student Social
   a. Early February - TBA
      i. Social for SoM medical students and graduate students

Bourns College of Engineering - Darshana Wickramaratne

Contacted Jun Wang (Director of Student Development BCOE) and department chairs within BCOE to determine the best way to consolidate all department seminars within BCOE on to a single web page.

College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences – Lauren Hale

All CNAS departmental representatives: If your department hosts a seminar series which is open to all graduate students, please send me the itinerary of your seminar. I will coordinate an easy-to-view calendar of as many CNAS departmental seminars as possible.

Graduate School of Education – Elizabeth Sturgeon

Nothing to report.

Anderson Graduate School of Management – Jibran Ahmad

Nothing to report.

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

1. CHASS representative meet & greets
a. The idea of meet and greets is a go! Heard back the majority of CHASS representatives in favor of morning meet and greets held once a quarter or more (once a month?), depending on attendance and funds.

ii. The email also contained a reminder about GSA meeting.

ii. Contacted Michelle about reserving the GSA room in the HUB.

2. CHASS representative spring barbecue?

ii. A representative emailed me about the possibility of a spring barbecue. Funds will be an issue, but it's an interesting idea.

3. Continued to serve on Safety Task Force

4. Continued to serve on Culture Committee