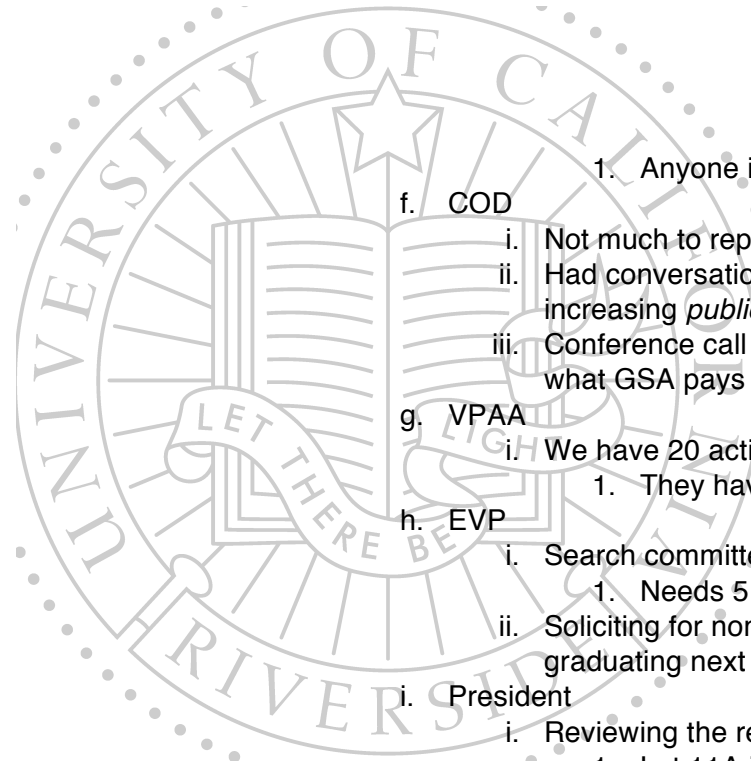


**UCR GSA Council Meeting Minutes**  
**January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 7:00pm HUB 355**

1. Call to Order @ 7:05pm
  - a. Present
    - i. Sandeep Dhall (President)
    - ii. Darcie McCelland Descalzo (Vice President)
    - iii. Preston Williams (Vice President of Academic Affairs)
    - iv. Michael Young (Public Relations Officer)
    - v. Wei-Ting Lee (Health Insurance Officer)
    - vi. Matt Valdez (Secretary)
    - vii. Amanda James (Conference Travel Grant Coordinator)
    - viii. Lewis Luartz (Campus Organizing Director)
  - b. Absent
    - i. Tushar Nangnure (Finance Officer)
    - ii. Nicole Sparks (Legislative Liaison)
2. Approval of Minutes and Agenda
  - a. Motion to approve minutes and agenda. Minutes approved
3. Oronne from the Well will speak about the new tobacco policy *Clearing the Air*
  - a. We are now tobacco free campus
  - b. There is no one designated to enforce the policy, they have released documents regarding confronting violators
  - c. Nicotine cessation products are now subsidized by GSHIP
4. Proposal Approvals for January 2014
  - a. Association of Graduate Students in Hispanic Studies
    - i. Motion to approve budget of **\$1025**
      1. Yea: 34
      2. Nay: 0
      3. Abstain: 1
5. Officer Reports and Plans
  - a. GSHIP Chair
    - i. Discussing plans to expand the Health Center building
  - b. Secretary/Webmaster
    - i. Nothing new to report
  - c. International Student Affairs Officer
    - i. Not present
  - d. PR officer
    - i. UCI Joint outing: Wine Tasting 1/25/14 10am-5pm \$60 for 3 vineyards.
    - ii. Grad Bash will be 2/13/14 at GetAway. We will be starting at 5-7:30pm
  - e. Legislative liaison
    - i. Darcie is filling in for Nicole
    - ii. They are working to get a graduate presence in Lobby Corp

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1. Anyone interested can let Darcie know
    - f. COD
      - i. Not much to report during break
      - ii. Had conversation at chancellors Christmas party regarding increasing *public art* at UCR
      - iii. Conference call with UCSA regarding budget. Nothing will effect what GSA pays
    - g. VPAA
      - i. We have 20 active mini GSA
        1. They have until the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the quarter to activate them
    - h. EVP
      - i. Search committee for next provost
        1. Needs 5 names by the end of the month
      - ii. Soliciting for nominations for Executive Board, most of us are graduating next year
    - i. President
      - i. Reviewing the results of his talks with parking
        1. Lot 11A is now accessible after hours to graduate students
      - ii. We will have a new page on the website about TAPS rules and regulations
      - iii. Provost search continues
  6. Vote
    - a. Motion
      - i. Yea:
      - ii. Nay:
      - iii. Abstain:
  7. Open Forum
    - a. Changed the CTG email address
  8. Adjournment @ **7:50pm**

## Officer Reports for Council Meeting January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014

President - Sandeep Dhall

9. 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 21<sup>st</sup> December 2013 to 1<sup>st</sup> 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.
10. 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.
11. Provost search
  - a. Meeting with the selection firm
    - i. Working on contacting various schools for open assessment of the best candidates for the position
12. SFFAC
  - a. Call letter
    - i. Application completed with financial report
    - ii. 2014-2015 form submitted to the Chair.
13. 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

- b. SHAC meeting
  - i. Meeting- New chair was elected
  - ii. Immediate SHAC meeting to be held in January
  - iii. Have a survey about the new plan and strategies to tackle complaints.

Vice President - Darcie McCelland Descalzo

- Met with other members of Provost Search Committee on 12/19 to discuss job description and next steps
- Concluded service on Innovative Learning Technology Initiative proposal review committee
- Finished interviewing candidates for Vice Chancellor of Planning and Budget and provided feedback to Chancellor Wilcox's office
- Analyzed data gathered from each mini-GSA on grad culture in department and determine next steps for culture committee
- 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

Vice President of Academic Affairs – Preston Williams

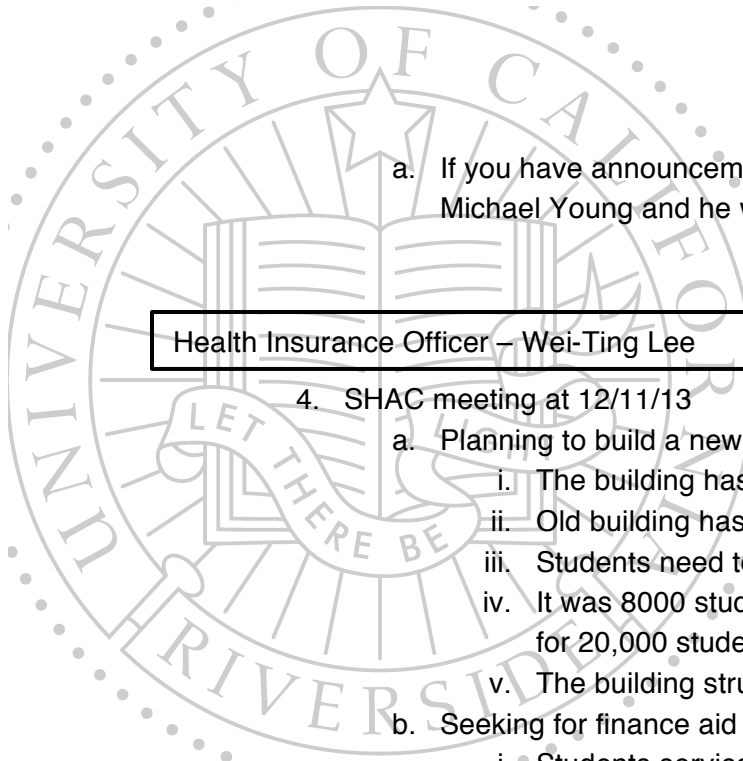
1. Student Conference Applications
  - a. Association of Graduate Students in Hispanic Studies (AGSHS)
    - i. 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Hispanic Studies Graduate Student Conference at UCR: Representations of Violence in Cultural Production
    - ii. GSA Funding Request: \$1025.00 (Total Budget: \$3,075.00 (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,

Chicano Studies, Queer Studies, English, Media and Cultural Studies and Religious Studies

- v. Strong outreach to UCR graduate student community and other universities
- 2. Completed GSA Funded Conference Reports
  - a. TEDxUCR GradNight
    - i. Funded for \$1500
    - ii. Conference Completed on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013
      - 1. Had 124 Attendees – combined between graduate students, undergraduates, faculty/staff/affiliated and unaffiliated attendees
- 3. Activation of mini-GSA
  - a. Currently we have 28 active mini-GSA
    - i. 8 mini-GSAs have been active in the past, but have not registered for this year (2013-2014)
    - ii. Can activated until the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of current quarter (Winter 2014) and receive funding immediately
    - iii. Have 1,173 active members in graduate mini-GSAs
      - 1. 22% increase in active members since 10/31/13
  - b. Working with 2 new mini-GSAs to become active
  - c. Have an activation guideline form that will be on our website soon
- 4. Funding Guideline Map for mini-GSAs
  - a. Layout the various ways to receive funding from GSA and help direct with forms/deadlines
    - i. Interactive on our website
  - b. The goal is to have this up by the beginning Spring 2014 quarter

Public Relations Officer – Michael Young
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- 1. UCR-UCI Group Social
  - a. Wine tasting in Temecula
    - i. Event will be January 25<sup>th</sup>, leaving at around 10 AM.
    - ii. Ticket price is approximately \$60.
    - iii. Contact Michael Young for ticket purchase.
  - b. White water trip?
- 2. Winter Gradbash
  - a. Still at the Getaway
  - b. Like last time, there will be more options for toppings.
  - c. Event time extended from 2 h to 2½ h.
  - d. Tentative date is February 13<sup>th</sup>. 2014.
- 3. Announcements



- a. If you have announcements for the graduate students, send them to Michael Young and he will send them out across the listserve.

Health Insurance Officer – Wei-Ting Lee

- 4. SHAC meeting at 12/11/13
  - a. 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. It was 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.

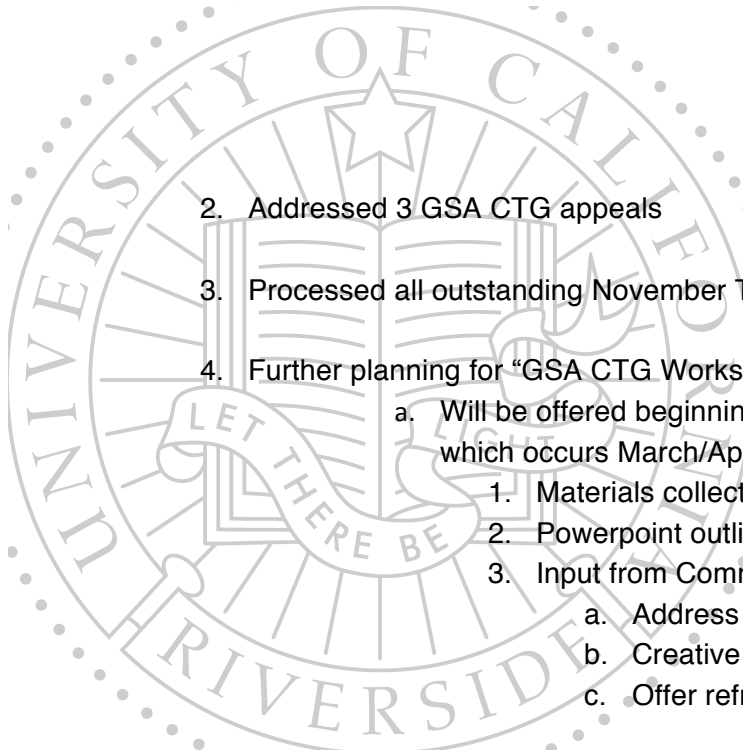
Secretary/ Webmaster – Matt Valdez

Nothing to report.

Conference Travel Grant Coordinator - Amanda James

- 1. Chaired CTG Committee Meeting for December
  - i. Committee approved January travel as follows:
 

World: (0)	@ \$600	
US (13)	@ \$400	<b>Max Payout: \$7000.00</b>
SW (5)	@ \$300	
Attendees (3)	@ \$100	
Total: 21		



2. Addressed 3 GSA CTG appeals
3. Processed all outstanding November Travel
4. Further planning for “GSA CTG Workshops”
  - a. Will be offered beginning of February before the historic “conference rush” which occurs March/April.
    1. Materials collected for presentation
    2. Powerpoint outline constructed
    3. Input from Committee
      - a. Address accounting rules
      - b. Creative title
      - c. Offer refreshments?
5. Reminder: Travel increases were implemented **Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013** and are as follows:
 

<b>International/World</b>	<b>\$600 - World</b>
<b>North America</b>	<b>\$500 - Alaska, Canada, HI, PR &amp; MX</b>
<b>United States</b>	<b>\$400 - Continental</b>
<b>Southwest</b>	<b>\$300 - OR, CA, NM, AZ &amp; NV</b>
<b>Attendee</b>	<b>\$100 – Worldwide</b>
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.







## Academic Affairs Officer Reports for Council Meeting Month Day, Year

Biomedical Sciences – Alex Chan

1. 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium for Glial-Neuronal Interactions
  - a. January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014
    - i. UCR Pentland Hills: Bear Cave and Fox Hole
2. Graduate Student Seminars
  - a. Starting January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 @ 12:15
    - i. 3<sup>rd</sup> Flood School of Medicine Research Building
3. Invited Speaker Seminars
  - a. Dermot McGovern- “IBD: The prototype for personalize medicine”
    - i. January 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 – Jibrán Ahmad

Nothing to report.

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

1. CHASS representative meet & greets

a. The meet and greets are 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.

i. 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?

a. 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