UCR GSA Council Meeting Agenda
April 2nd, 2014 7:00pm HUB 355

7:00pm Call to Order
• Approval of Agenda
• Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

7:05pm Updates
• Campus climate and Elections update - EVP

7:30pm Proposal Approvals and Updates for April 2014 – VPAA
• Neuroscience mini-GSA – Brain Awareness Day
• Medicine waves

7:40pm Publicity officer updates
• Club
• Grad bash day change
• Update on role of representatives – resolve complaints of students not getting emails

7:44pm President updates
• Graduate lounge
• Beer and wine license
• TAPS proposal
• MoU – Chancellor’s travel funds

7:55pm Open Forum

8:00pm Adjournment

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Officer Reports for Council Meeting
April 21st, 2014

President - Sandeep Dhall

1. Student reorganization
   - Meeting with the UCSA Jim Sandoval
   - Danny Kim exiting the University to take up new role at CSU
   - Proposal and structural changes to the Student Affairs Division

2. Meeting with the Chancellor and VCSA
   - Discussed agenda for the Napolitano meeting
   - UCR’s status on NRT fees and upcoming COC meeting with the President
     a. Works now in progress to recognize the MOU between the Chancellor and graduate students for the travel grant support money.
     b. Discussion of the new health center and monetary investments.

3. Meeting with the Graduate Dean
   - Scholarship money, fellowship
   - Realizing the need for supporting during graduate education
   - More use of the resources provided
   - In works to increase industry relationship
   - Upcoming provost meeting with the dean and Students at Irvine discussed
   - Plans to work on the NRT and to get the UCSD model.

4. Graduate Meeting with President Napolitano

Date: 2/12/14

Participants: CP/UCSA: Justin Chung (UCI GSA), Kareem Aref (UCSA President), Tim Ma (UCI LL, UCSA), Nicole Robinson (UCLA GSA), Jaron Brandon (ASUCM),

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<td>Follow up on recommendation for the Graduate Issues Report-Justin, Rebecca, Cameron</td>
<td>Funding stress: quarter to quarter, semester to semester, am I going to get funding. Departments don’t offer years out for funding, that even though I can usually work out, it is extremely stressful</td>
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<td>JC: Funding guarantees, helps with retention</td>
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<td>Napolitano: For the students that it is a problem, why?</td>
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<td>CA: grants can drive up</td>
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<td>RO: One time funding granted to departments, cohorts jumped from 4 to 12 (Politics), and existing students were just told that even though the standard had been to have people covered, now being told, no funding/TA-ships, find your own funding.</td>
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<td>JC: Departments don’t want to make promises, normative is what you will get but it can change. The best programs offer full funding, guarantees help with recruiting the best.</td>
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<td>Napolitano: Let me get some numbers punched out and talk to the chancellors about it and will get back to you. Are guarantees 5 years standard?</td>
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<td>CA: Depends on department, differs greatly</td>
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<td>RO: Not just a discussion about offering new packages, but also addressing what happens to current students.</td>
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<td>Napolitano: Let me look into the money</td>
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<td>PDST-Kelly</td>
<td>• KP: Generally pleased with policy changes, deals with issues we</td>
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<td>• UCSA/CP: Submit comments on policy by</td>
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**Action item(s)**

- All: Follow up on Council of Chancellors discussion on this in March about costs of funding guarantees
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<th>Getting the UCSA money from State?</th>
<th>JC: What do you want in terms of support from students about getting money from State?</th>
<th>• JC: Can we participate in that?</th>
<th>• Dorr: Each campus will create team, will include current doctoral student and will have someone from your GSA. Make sure you know about it. Travel will be covered.</th>
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<td>Napolitano: Organized in Sac, pound on legislators, like speakers budget, reach out to speaker and ask how you can support him in getting that adopted. Identify legislators in your campus area, talk about how great the UC is, etc.</td>
<td>KA: Did that will CSSA and SSSCC leadership last week and will be doing that at our Student Lobby Conference.</td>
<td>• Napolitano: Incoming speaker from SD, no experience in higher ed., so go see her, invite her to campus, etc. Key things to keep legislator attune to: research university, that’s why we cost more, appreciate the role of research and graduate students within it.</td>
<td>• All: Lobby as usual</td>
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| Follow up meeting? | Napolitano: end of May? | All: Yes | Ensure follow up meeting on Grad/Prof issues in May (aiming for Mondays or |
3. Student Health Advisory Committee meeting.
   - The survey responses this year was really good.
   - Topics of the changes that would be asked for, including premium changes, depending on co pays for visits and medication to be looked into.
   - Bids to go out immediately after decision by the committee is taken in the next meeting.
   - Plans to combine dental and medical to reduce costs.
   - Definite need to educate International students about medical options.

5. Highlander Union Board meeting
   a. Introduction of the new head for management of HUB services
   b. Report on the finance needed and referendum for HUB2
   c. HEAT tickets selling to be rethought and be made available in a manner that it not being blackmarketed
   d. Bylaws to be looked through by all members and revised at the next meeting.
   e. Approval of request for HUB use for events in 2014-2015.

6. Alumni Board meeting
   a. Presentation by Dean for School of Public Policy and plans
   b. Presentation on UCR 2020 and the target to reach $40000000. Discussed the where we are, what can be done and ways to reach.
   c. Golden key presentation
   d. Dance marathon support to raise money
   e. GSA president report
      i. Need to connect Industry alumni from UCR.
      ii. Willingness from the executive board to help frame the above mentioned
   f. ASUCR report

Vice President - Darcie McCelland Descalzo

- Attended first meeting to discuss candidates with Provost search committee

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- Worked with Graduate/Prof issues director Paul Escobar and other members of the GSA executive committee to hire to create Professional Development Survey
- Worked with UCSA board to cover cost of creating PD Survey; budgets approved 2/14
- Worked with UCSA executive director to establish PD Mini-GSA committee breakout at UCSA board meeting
- Worked with UCSC Grad/Prof director Paul Escobar to discuss graduate student issues
- Interviewed candidates for UCSA executive director
- Wrote and sent out agenda for Gad/Prof committee breakout at UCSA board meeting
- Continue to have weekly calls with UCSC Grad/Prof director Paul Escobar to discuss system wide graduate student issues
- Attended weekly meetings with ASUCR external affairs office
- Continue to email contact with ASUCR elections reps for 2014 elections
- Participated in meetings with the GSA steering committee
- Worked on sending announcement in March

• Met with UCSCA president Kareem Aref to grad issues for him to discuss at February meeting with President Napolitano
• Sent out announcements soliciting for additional members of SLC delegation
• Attended UCSA board meeting in Merced 2/1/2014
• Submitted grad/prof comments on PDST policy to UA committee and ED Louise Hendrickson so they could be submitted to UCOP

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<td>1. Conference Funding Budget</td>
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<td>a. Funded $8,170 toward UCR graduate student conference</td>
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<td>i. ~63% of yearly budget ($13,000 total)</td>
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<td>ii. $4,830 in conference funds still available</td>
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<td>2. Student Conference Applications</td>
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<td>a. Neuroscience mini-GSA – Brain Awareness Day</td>
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<td>i. GSA Funding Request: $2000.00 (~48% of total $4100 budget)</td>
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<td>ii. GSA has funded last years (GSA funded $1500 last year (2012-2013) (~40% of the total conference budget)</td>
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<td>iii. Strong support from home department and from many other departments throughout campus</td>
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<td>1. Neuroscience (confirmed)</td>
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<td>2. Working on funding contributions with:</td>
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<td>Psychology, Grad Division, CBNS department,</td>
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iv. Strong outreach to UCR graduate student community and other universities
   iv 1. Inviting K-8 grade students from local students to participate
   iv 2. Inviting 9th grade students from Riverside STEM academy
   iv 3. Inviting educational booths
   iv iv. Projected attendance (~600 participants in total) - ~100 graduate students

ev. Run free educational booths

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ii. Mini-GSA Education in Antiquity Conference
   ii 1. GSA funding request: $300 (~32% GSA Support)
   ii 2. $925 total budget
   ii 3. Already confirmed $625 in funding from History department
   ii iv. First time conference
   ii 2. Outreaching to CHASS departments
   ii iv. Working with many departments within the university
   ii 2. Comparative Literature (co-sponsor)
   ii 3. Outreaching to CHASS departments
   ii iv. Bringing in various keynote speakers
   ii 1. Also will have two panels of 6 graduate students presenting
   v. Projected attendance ~30-40 graduate students
   vi. Event occurs on April 12th, 2014

3. Mini-GSA Active Members
   a. 1431 active members in mini-GSAs per StudentLife
   i. 19% increase since beginning of 2014
   ii. 37% increase since beginning of current academic year

4. mini-GSA Activations
   a. Plant Pathology
   i. Undergoing activation with StudentLife (should be officially active very soon (1st week of March))
   1. Computer error with activation attempt
   ii. Will bring in approximately 30 graduate students
   b. Engineering mini-GSA
   i. Currently advising on creating a mini-GSA

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Public Relations Officer – Michael Young

1. Winter Grad Bash Report
   a. Despite better advertising, lower turnout
   i. Similar amount of pizza eaten, suggesting more people chose to return for seconds.

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Winter event has historically lower attendance, so the turnout is not surprising.

3. Joint UCI Vegas Trip
   a. Participation up 50% compared to previous joint UCI trip.
   b. UCI agreed to pick-up UCR students from campus, which should make it easier for future joint events where we share a bus with UCI.

4. Coffee Socials
   a. Tentatively scheduled for the 18th-20th from 11:00AM to

3. SHAC meeting at Feb/13/14
   a. Survey Result and Discussion
      i. Around 2100 student response.
      ii. 80% from undergraduate. 20% from graduate student.

   b. PPACA Compliance for 2014-2015
      i. Adjust our insurance payment for more appropriate insurance coverage.
      ii. Next SHAC meeting will come out result.

   c. Optional Benefit Changes
      i. Change some payment ratio for other optional benefit to see how low or high to our insurance payment.
      ii. Our broker will bid price for us included optional and original insurance plan.

Following is the list of reimbursements I approved in the month of February 2014. These amounts might change when they actually get reimbursed.

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- Feedback states that there were no outstanding questions and that there was a clearer understanding of the CTG process.
- Plans to implement mandatory workshops and incorporate this into future CTG job requirements.

vi. All feedback states that there were no outstanding questions and that there was a clearer understanding of the CTG process. Plans to implement mandatory workshops and incorporate this into future CTG job requirements.

vii. Plans to implement monthly workshops and incorporate this into future CTG job requirements.

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1. Attended UCSA February board meeting at UC Merced
   a. On the SLC steering committee

2. Highland Lobby Corps meets every Wednesday at 4 pm in ASUCR conference room
   a. Assembly Bills: AB420, AB1549, AB1558
   b. Senate Bills: SB836, SB841, SB845

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1. GSA Sub Groups
   a. Integration and past activities
      i. On Friday the 21st the MBA body had a social gathering. As AAO I attended the event to garner student interest and ideas.
   b. Planned activities
      i. Due to funds available to Business School of UCR we, the MBA/MPAc/MFin program, would like to use a portion of the funds to plan another event for the students. The event will be a token of an ongoing GSA interaction with Business School of UCR.

2. CHASS Rep Coffee Social
   a. Created Doodle-poll, emailed all CHASS Reps
   b. Our first Coffee Social will be on February 26th at 9:40am to 10:40am in HUB 203
   c. Developed agenda items
   d. Emailed CHASS reps about Coffee Social

3. Undergraduate Research Assistant Website
   a. Met with Office of Undergraduate Research committee
   b. Reviewed efficacy of current undergrad research website, directed students to incorrect page, Office of Undergraduate Research not searchable in UCR directory.
   c.Reviewed options for the graduate students posting lab positions through ScotJobs?
      i. Later email correspondence revealed that it’s not possible for graduates to register as “employers” through Scott Jobs, leaving the project essentially where it started.
      ii. Replied to ScotJobs and Undergraduate Research Opportunities doodle poll.

4. Volunteered to help at GSA’s GradBash

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