

General Council Meeting Minutes - April 6, 2016

- 7:05 PM: Call to Order by Edgar
- 7:05 PM: March minutes approved unanimously from March General Council Meeting
- 7:06 PM: Reviewed and approved April General Council Agenda
- 7:09 PM: Union Update: Department Concerns
Description of duties form (for those TAing)
Contact sheet with mini-GSA for any union concern (have liaisons)
Survey will be sent out (to the mini-GSA contact) to forward to grad students in that department
Union can: Space for OH issues, Work Flow Grid (recommended to fill out to document # hrs working), document all verbal conversations with prof. in email
Any grievances must be addressed within 30 days (or it will be dismissed)
Contract is main protection for union to advocate for us: uaw2865.org (i.e. workload violations, retaliation etc.)
W 4-6 pm entomology building 161 (training) email was sent out
- 7:24 PM: Announcements
- TEDX UCR annual event April 23rd (Reza Aslan and others featured)
Theme is reaction can check out their website
 - REC center meeting this month about lowering summer fees and about grad opportunities with rec center (they are open with tailoring opportunities specifically for grad students)
 - Entomology insect fair April 30th 10 am Free
- 7:24 PM: CTG Campaign Results + Graduate Division Coalition
- \$60,000 for CTG. Keep applying and thank grad division
 - Grad division applied for Travel grant to fund \$250,000 for next year
- 7:34 PM: Lewis announces application open for: Diversity and Inclusion Liasion
- email went out/iLearn/website/fb page 1 year position, pays tuition, TA salary has office space
 - work on discrimination/harassment/surveys etc. specifically for grad students
 - applications are to be sent to Lewis and Ashley Ricker (read call for more details)

- 7:38 PM: Elections Update: Need President (Lewis will stay until fall 2016)
- Promote voting amongst peers and FB event (ask everyone to attend)
 - Referendum for lowering cap on constitution (from 20% to 10%) because the last change made to constitution was in 2007 due to low voter turnout
 - Need about 600 people
- 7:41 PM: Referenda Update
- Takes 3 weeks to review any fee referendum at UCOP after campus review.
 - Sustainability fee and GSA fee increase referenda can't be added for this election cycle
- 7:42 PM: Request to Create Sustainability Fund
- Since not on ballot, we need fund out of our reserve budget.
 - Proposing: \$10,000 from reserve for *next years'* committee to fund:
 - Sustainability grants for grad projects (up to committee to decide fund allocations) and sustainability labs, and grad events more sustainable (less waste production during meetings or events)
- 7:48 PM: Motion Approved to Create Sustainability Fund for \$10,000. *Approved*
- 25 votes for, 0 opposition, 9 abstentions
- 7:52 PM: Request to Increase EVP's UCSA Travel Budget by \$2,000 This year and for Next Academic Year. *Approved.*
- Past budget for travel of this position was \$10,000. Was cut to \$7,000 for this year but funds are now too low for Edgar to make the remaining meetings for this year. Request to increase Edgar's travel budget and additional \$2,000 from reserves for this academic year (puts total budget up to \$9,000)
 - 25 votes for, 0 opposition, 11 abstentions
 - Approved to increase EVP's budget next year's budget up to \$9,000.
 - 23 votes for, 0 opposition, 12 abstentions
- 8:01 PM: Request to Create Council of Presidents Travel Budget. *Approved*
- For next year increase budget by \$2,000 so President does not need to continuously pull from VP as has been occurring in the past years
 - 23 votes for, 0 opposition, 12 abstentions

- 8:05 PM: Voter Registration Resolution
- Will send out and will vote next meeting
 - When registering for school all data needed to register to vote is provided during this process, so school would like to automatically register students to vote (can opt out)
- 8:08 PM: Proposal for M. Eng. Mini-GSA hosted Symposium (\$1000) is approved
- 28 votes for, 0 opposition, 4 abstentions
- 8:09 PM: Co-sponsorship ME-GSA (7th annual symposium, May 13th 8:30-3:00)
- Graduate student presentation, posters, guest speakers (1 from UCI, newer faculty in their department)
 - Good publicity for ME department (since engineering is new)
- 8:11 PM: Finance Officer Update
- \$65,000 + Reserve Update
 - We are on track
- 8:12 PM: Open Forum + New Business
- GSHIP officer (how is number of students has two insurances- school and another)
 - USHIP serves as secondary insurance (picks up portion, left over portion from other insurance.
 - USHIP is expensive and is not as beneficial for us
 - AETNA is first option
 - ANTHEM second
 - Both have larger provider options
- 8:15 PM: Officer Reports
- Posted online for officer reports
- 8:16 PM: Meeting Adjourn

