



General Council Meeting 7 Minutes April 5, 2017

Location: HUB 355 (UCR)
Time: 7-8 PM

Items for discussion:

7:04 Roll Call

7:05 Announcements

**Upcoming conferences or events that Reps would like to share with the General Council. Items requiring discussion should be submitted to the President at least one week in advance of the meeting to be included as an agenda item.*

- a. DIAL position has been funded for 2017-2018- So this position will continue for another year
- b. GSSF Referendum has passed UCOP and will be on the ballot (mentioned by Peter last quarter)
 - i. Was voted in on December, so this will be a fee increase for grad students
- c. Elections are April 17-20, 2017
- d. Grad R'Pantry Update
 - i. A total of 70 grad students were using this by the end of last quarter
 - ii. Today held the second R'Pantry.
 - iii. Hoping to host this every month at least till the end of this academic year. Please spread the words
- e. Earth Week
 - i. 17-23rd. Sustainability committee is
 - ii. 90% targeted to grad students
 - iii. flyer will be sent out later this week, there will be a 5K, R' garden, etc. This is for the green grants program so please support
 - iv. Sustainability is partnering up with March for Science
 1. Looking for students to get involved. Need great speakers to provide talks at this event
- f. Rep Announcements?
- g. NRSC brain awareness week April 28th, high school students come to campus to learn about the brain
 - i. Looking for booths and presenters to attend this
- h. GSA Facebook—if you'd like to be highlighted or know someone you would like to be highlighted email COD
- i. Thursday night live: Looking for someone interested in serving on the advisory committee meeting? There is a meeting tomorrow 1:00

7:12 Approve minutes from last meeting

Online: gsa.ucr.edu

Vote: approved unanimously

7:13 Approve General Council Agenda

Vote approved unanimously

7:13 Confirmations:

j. CTG Coordinator

Confirm Jose Medrano

Vote: 44 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

k. AGSM AAO Open

l. Positions for 2017-2018 will be announced by the next GSC meeting

- i.** Next meeting we will go into more depth about the open positions. There will be about 10 or so open to be filled (including appointed officers)

7: 15 Guest: Brooke Chang, Title IX Director

Hope to bring her experience to UCR. She helped the Radford University build the program from ground up. Worked as a trial attorney for years before. Very passionate about sexual violence. Brings this to a college campus, because there were scary experiences on campus. Her background, and a passion, helps her embrace those coming forward. Hoping to address those concerns that were brought up, and training with GSA and other graduate programs. To speak about sexual assault, harassment, etc.

Things that are changing: the environment of the office (has changed to be warm and inviting, to allow those to feel more comfortable). Will also have a new website to allow cases to be filed online, and understand the process. This aims to inform the students (mainly the undergraduates). Everything on the process will be transparent, open door policy.

Responsible employees-means you must report sexual incidents. All university employers must be responsible employees, otherwise federal funding will be lost. These are consistent across the country on every campus across the United States.

UCR campus is the most diverse of all UC. Therefore, cultural issues are very integral part of campus life. While planning training, we will be addressing cultural issues as well. There needs to be one on one education for the culture coming for help

Graduate students serve as employees (through TA etc.) but we are also students. The process won't affect you if you are a victim, can either file as student or employee. However, if you are a responding party you will be handled differently.

All campus events will take jurisdiction and if incident occurs during programs (study abroad etc.), or if the members are currently associated in any way to the UC campus then they will take jurisdiction.

Please come to DIAL OH or visit Brook at her office for further questions

7:30 Bylaw Change for GSHIP Officer

See attached

Vote: 37 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

We will have a number of Bylaw recommendations for the May and June meetings

Moving GSHIP position for 10 months to 12 months, as of now it doesn't change the funding for the position. It only is increasing the duration of the position

7:32 Events and Allocations

- m. SoCal Regional MAP Conference, Philosophy: \$512.50 **Vote:** 42 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
 - i. International organization, focus on diversity issues and on feminist philosophy etc.
 - ii. Have a series of workshops that are discussion based- pedagogy, reforming the cannon
- n. Struggles for Governmental Autonomy and Self-Determination in Mexico and Beyond, Ethnic Studies: \$750.00 and \$250 on contingency **Vote:** 42 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
 - i. Held April 19th. Two speakers from Mexico, coming to discuss the impact of victims of the struggles of the current political moment. Will be showing their new film.
- o. 8th Annual Mechanical Engineering Graduate Student Research Symposium, Mechanical Engineering: \$1000.00 **Vote:** 39 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
 - i. Happens annual for 8 years, purpose to allow graduate students the opportunity to give talks and present research. Expecting 75 – 100 attendees. Welcome to all, have invited speaker's (chair of UCLA mechanical engineering department etc.), have panels with alumni.

7:45 Unofficial Transcripts

We are still working on resolving the issue with the Unofficial Transcripts (these make money for the University). We feel strongly, that graduate students should not be required to pay a fee every time would like to view unofficial transcripts. If you would like access to unofficial transcripts, please write a short letter emphasizing the need to have free access to our transcripts (since we apply to grants etc.)

- 1) Interim Grad Dean Kevin Esterling and Shawn will meet with the Registrar
- 2) Grad Council (an Academic Senate committee) has written a letter of support
- 3) We are soliciting department support (chairs, graduate advisors, grad students)
- 4) Email letters of support to gsaucr.projects@gmail.com

Brief Discussion

7:53 Graduate Student Housing

North District Apartments: asking for new idea for grad space

Talking to Andy next week. Can go online and see the planning. The initial offers was giving grad students the 6th floor which are grad suites. We are going to reject this, and get our own building. Things to keep in mind: what are useful things for grad suites, and general thoughts for grad housing on campus

7:55 Student Recreation Center

p. Summer Fees

We are still working on reducing summer fees even more than what we accomplished last year, but it likely will not happen for this summer.

Their offer last year is being offered again: "Summer SRC usage: \$80 for 40 day passes (equals 3-4 visits/week)"

You may not get less, but you can buy additional days for \$2/day

If you leave and return in the same day, let them know so that you do not get charged twice in one day.

For reciprocity with other UCs or unlimited access, the fee is \$208 for the summer.

q. SRC Usage Discussion: Tabling this for next time

7:59 Travel grant update

- r. Update from CTG Coordinator, Jose Medrano
- s. Brief discussion of CTG projections from 2017-2018

8:00 GSHIP

- t. please encourage all graduate students to fill out survey coming out. Will help them figure out what should be focused on next year. Please spread the work

8:00 Upcoming:

- u. May GSC meeting: Bylaw Changes and Budget
- v. June GSC meeting: Budget confirmation, final bylaw changes, visit from the Mayor
- w. End of the Year BBQ & Business Meeting (May): outgoing and incoming Mini-GSA officers
- x. Next year: Leadership Training for GSC Reps, in coordination with Student Life. Examples is navigating how to represent your students but not get in conflict with faculty etc.

8:01 Officer reports are online

8:02 New Business

*If possible, new business should be submitted at least one week in advance as an agenda item

8:03 Adjourned

Bylaw Change Request

Approved by Bylaw Committee on April 3, 2017

Section II: Stipends

A. The following amounts shall be paid to the officers during the academic year as follows:

6. The GSHIP Officer shall receive \$2,750 annually to be paid biweekly, **July** through June.

The request is to extend the term of the GSHIP Officer by two months, from ten months to twelve months. Currently, the term is September through June. This would make it July through June. At this point, this does not change the annual stipend, it just spreads it out over twelve months instead of ten.

Rationale: Graduate Students have health insurance through the summer. This provides a GSA officer to address issues that might arise during the summer. Additionally, the Health Insurance Committee meets during the summer and makes important decisions. It is important that we continue to have a vote over the summer.