



**Graduate Student Council Meeting**  
**October 11, 2017 7:00-8:00 p.m.**  
**HUB 355 UC Riverside**

### Minutes

#### **7:00 Roll Call**

- a. Introducing Elected Officers on the Eboard

#### **7:01 Announcements**

- a. Facebook Housing Group
  - i. <http://housing.ucr.edu/help-desk/offcampus-housing.html>
  - ii. Last spring GSA created a facebook group
  - iii. Housing is now taking over this project
  - iv. Facebook account has been deleted, and now the campus has its own website for off-campus housing.
    1. Filtered options.
    2. Screened by housing services.
- b. UCSA and the new UCGPC brief update (Maiko)
  - i. Attachment A- will not be voting today
  - ii. This is something that GSC will address in detail and vote on in a subsequent meeting
    3. Next month's vote will be the official one
    4. Pros: More effective representation of graduate student issues
      - a. Questions should be forwarded to Maiko
      - b. Longer discussion next month in General Council Meeting
- b. SRC Classes for Graduate Students (Anu)
  - i. Promoting group fitness classes
  - ii. Getting more grads to go to the rec
  - iii. Group fitness classes are free
  - iv. One page cards available
- c. SRC Cooking classes have openings – register if interested!
  - i. No individual present to say more
- d. R'Pantry Donation Drive (Stephanie)
  - i. Jesse Freedman on Food Security
    1. Wellness Liason- sponsor R'Pantry
    2. Grad pantry in grad success (now closed)- area and hours changing-update by Maiko
      - a. Access to groceries for the student body- separate facility for grad students in the works
      - b. New location in Costo Hall
      - c. UCR is the most food insecure campus in the UC system
        - i. 62% of student population is food insecure

- d. Make sure this information is transmitted to your student population
- e. Tuesday through Friday- Wednesday 4-6 grad only
  - i. Question of staffing- undergrads or grads
- f. R'Pantry pop up for Grads prior to GCM
- g. Grad students can go at any time during opening hours
- h. Asking GC about opinions on hours
  - i. Suggestions- a tues/thurs to offer it to MWF duties
  - ii. Suggestions by CHASS AAO- 4-6 conflicts with some seminar classes, so maybe differentiate the hours so that they have an opportunity
- ii. Donations Drive
- iii. How long and if you can host a donation box for the r'pantry event?
  - 1. Pick up from GSA office with suggested food items and fliers
  - 2. Last year, entire campus was fed for a week from those donations

7:18 DIAL Announcements (Kayleigh)

- i. Monthly diversity discussion groups
- ii. This month first gen students
- iii. Barriers oct 24<sup>th</sup> 3-5:30
- iv. 4-5 CARE office hours
- v. Point person for care advocates
- vi. Non-reporting during those office hours surge 334

7:19 Tommaso

- i. International students- meeting next month with
- a. UAW announcement
  - i. Nichole as liason
  - ii. Bargaining survey
  - iii. 2017 the contract is up so we need to renegotiate
  - iv. Attached is a membership card
  - v. Don't refill out the paperwork if you did it online already
  - vi. SB201 current piece of legislation to give GSR and RA collective bargaining rights
    - 3. Gov has til Sunday to sign it into law
    - 4. Has passed every other hurdle
    - 5. UCI sent out message with gov number to make your voice heard
- b. Rep announcements

**7:20 Approve minutes from last meeting**

Online: [gsa.ucr.edu](http://gsa.ucr.edu)

**Not Applicable, first meeting of the year**

**7:23 Approve General Council Agenda**

**Vote EVP and seconded**

**For: Unanimous**

**Against: 0**

**7:24 Number of reps based on number of members, each rep has one vote in GC. Elected members also get a vote. Appointed Members do not get a vote in General Council. You can always appoint a proxy if you cannot attend. You want to keep your mini-GSA in good standing. Other attendees are welcome to the food and to voice their concerns, just please don't vote.**

**7:25 Approve Bylaws**

Available online for review before the meeting: [gsa.ucr.edu](http://gsa.ucr.edu)

The bylaws were last updated and approved by GSC, June 2017

**Vote Motion to Approve Bylaws**

**And seconded**

**34 vote for**

**No against**

**Or abstention**

**7:27 Approve 2017-2018 GSA Budget – TABLED until November 2017 Meeting**

2017-2018 Budget approved by GSC, June 2017

Minor changes to be approved to clarify new copier lease

**Vote- put off until the President returned**

**Motion to table the approval of tabling the budget vote**

**Seconded**

**38 for**

**Against**

**abstention**

**7:29 Confirm Appointed Officers**

See Attachment B

**Vote**

**Intro of all appointed officers**

**Question: Can we have a brief description of the duties of the appointed officers?**

**Explanation of the duties of AAO's and appointed officers by Nichole**

**Explanation of Legislation Liason and COD by Maiko**

**Further explanation required: Do students reach out to AAO's? Are they just a conduit between Mini GSA and GSA? AAOs handle department affairs, campus wide affairs goes up the chain.**

**Explanation by Nichole: AAOs are here to serve the student body. Specialized AAOs are better able to serve**

**Kayleigh: Please see**

**Motion to combine vote, seconded, approved**

**Motion to confirm appointed officers**

**Seconded**

**For:38**

**Against:0**

**Abstention:1**

**7:41 Approve CTG Committee Recommendation to a limited restoration of CTG caps**

- a. Jose- we've been able to restore caps, the second step will be to increase the annual cap of \$1000- runs from July to June- academic year
- b. International: \$480 restored to \$600
- c. Continental: \$320 restored to \$400
- d. West: \$240 restored to \$300
- e. Attendee: \$80 restored to \$100
- f. Geographic distribution and annual caps remain unchanged
- g. Nichole- please explain their purpose
- h. Jose- we want UCR to be represented at conferences- a reimbursement
- i. **VOTE**
  - a. **Motion, Seconded**
  - b. **For: 42, Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0**

**7:44 Mini-GSA Reps Committee Assignments**

- a. Nichole- you will all be placed on a committee
- b. Sending an email to gauge interests to fit everyone into the most appropriate niche
- c. Lots of emails- after we sent out re-register email- received tons of emails
- d. Contact student life for immediate knowledge of whether or not you are registered
- e. If you have over 50 registered members then you get 2 reps and 500 dollars as opposed to 1 rep and \$300
- f. Will be sending out a google sheet
  - i. 3 tabs
  - ii. Most updated list of who is active and who is not to add transparency
  - iii. 2<sup>nd</sup> tab will be a q&A
  - iv. Reps should check that second tab to make sure their question hasn't already been answered
  - v. Announcement tab to avoid email spam
  - vi. Attempting to streamline communication
- g. As a rep (Maiko) you will be here once a month then you will also serve on a committee during the year. This is your duty as a rep. Make sure that you have a proxy if you can't make it.

**7:48 Brief Lobby Update**

- a. Maiko- stuff on our radar

- b. SB201 senate bill on GSRs unionizing
  - ii. If you are in favor of this, talk to UAW, talk to governor's office, talk to GSR peers
- c. Immigration and DACA
  - iii. Try to be as informed as possible
  - iv. Holly is the point of contact for questions regarding legislative affairs

### **7:50 GSA Social Events – F17**

- a. Quarterly social events
  - i. Opportunity to network with fellow students
- b. Grad Bash at the HUB
  - i. Fall week 6, the date has not been decided upon
  - ii. At the hub
  - iii. Similar to Thursday night live
  - iv. Grad students only
- c. Pre-Thursday Night Live Appetizer Event
  - i. All invited, next week
  - ii. The 19<sup>th</sup> or the 26<sup>th</sup> once the date has been decided
  - iii. Communicate with the folks from Thursday night live
- d. GSA Brewery Tour Interest?
  - i. We're trying to add on off campus events
  - ii. UCR policy does not allow us to buy free beer, but we can pre-organize these events so that people can meet up – hey, group pricing- eventually attract sponsorship
  - iii. You will have to organize your own transportation and beer money
  - iv. Any Thoughts? Political Science Rep: My department would love that'
  - v. Any additional ideas?
  - vi. Yes, from a lot of people, circa 75% The baby definitely votes yes.

### **7:54 Projects/Point Person**

- a. See Attachment C
- b. In addition to regular duties, officers do have specific interests and projects
- c. Please review attachment C to see who works on which issues
- d. May give you an idea of who to talk to or just ask

### **7:55 Sustainability Proposal for Mini-GSAs**

- a. There was a sustainability officer in GSA last year
- b. Previous council voted in that position. There is no money for that now. Grants.
  - a. We do believe it is important to follow sustainable practices
  - b. Carbon Neutral 2025
  - c. Mini GSA Sustainability Certificate
    - i. Greener on environmental issues
    - ii. Also more sustainable in terms of Wellness
    - iii. If you organize a conference and follow our protocol then you will get a certificate plus prizes.

1. Bigger interest, bigger prizes
  2. Interest forms will be going out
- c. Example: Dance Dept sustainable officers
    - a. Recycling receptacles
    - b. Serving sustainable food
  - d. Please bring the information back to your departments
  - e. Must come from the grassroots

**7:58 Project Ideas from GSC – Communicate needs you see**

- a. We need to hear from you about the graduate student/professional development needs that you see.
  - a. You have authority, so what should we be working on
  - b. This is your space.

**Officer reports are online@ gsa.ucr.edu**

**Adjourn**