

## GSA Council Minutes 10/02/2013

-Meeting called to order @ 7:03 pm

-Approval of the previous minutes:

-2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved

-EVP Darcie: Welcome, update on status of elected officers.

-Grad Success: Passed out list of events including stress relief workshops, TADP events, and grad writing center materials. Email grad success any ideas at [grsc@ucr.edu](mailto:grsc@ucr.edu)

-EVP Darcie: We need a new president, and they need to be adequately connected on campus. Since voter turnout was low, E-board believed best course was to elect an experienced person.

-Motion to vote Sandeep Dhall as new GSA President:

-2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved (Y:39, N:0, A:2)

-EVP Darcie: We also need to install a new public relations officer, and asked the runner-up in the previous election if they would like to serve:

-Motion to vote Michael Young as new GSA Public Relations Officer:

-2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved (Y:39, N:0, A:2)

-Former VPAA Sandeep: Need to appoint the AAOs.

-Motion to vote for Darshana Wickramaratne AAO from BCoE:

-2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved (Y:38, N:0, A:2)

-Motion to vote for Lauren Hale AAO from CNAS:

-2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved (Y:43, N:0, A:0)

-Motion to vote for Danae Gmuer-Johnson AAO from CHASS:

-2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved (Y:40, N:0, A:2)

-Motion to vote for Elizabeth Sturgeon AAO from GSoE:

-2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved (Y:40, N:0, A:1)

-Motion to vote for Alex Chan AAO from Biomedical Sciences:

-2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved (Y:39, N:0, A:2)

-Motion to vote for Jibran Ahmad AAO from AGSoM:

-2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved (Y:38, N:0, A:2)

-Former VPAA Sandeep: Also need an International AAO.

-EVP Darcie: Since our former VPAA is now the president, we will need to solicit for a new VPAA. If not enough applications are cast it will go out on the listserve. We have a cultural problem here, I'm on task forces about grad student use of resources, and students constantly are afraid of negative repercussions from their PIs. If you're interested in this, we're looking to form a special committee about it. See me at the end if you're interested. Dean Childers agrees this is a problem.

-EVP Darcie: The union is working on a new contract, as we currently don't have one (clarification by John Gus, the old one was extended for a short time during negotiations). The resolution pertaining to a new contract has passed at other UC campuses, union members should be getting updates.

-Motion to vote on Union resolution

-2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved (Y:40, N:0, A:2)

-Sandeep: Update on GSHIP, we walked away from the UCOP plan, and have now adopted Aetna.

Sandeep will continue to represent UCR on UCOP's healthcare forum. Information about the new plan is available after the meeting, and there is a staff person in charge of this. Direct future questions about

this to new GSHIP chair Andy Lee.

-EVP Darcie: We have 3 members involved with the UCSA, which is currently working on JOBS, a professional development campaign. Also working to “fix” tenure system. If UC changes, it may serve as a model for others. Also, working to increase opportunities for non-academic bound students, including increased seminars about industry placement, job fairs for graduate students. If anyone wants to help, meetings are this weekend in HUB 355 from 9 AM – 7 PM, open to the public.

-EVP Darcie: We’re also soliciting for people on system-wide committees. Most of these are populated by undergrads, but there should be space for grad students. Also, we’re looking for people to serve as Student Advocates Reagents. They meet once a quarter from Tuesday through Thursday in Oakland.

-EVP Darcie: Make sure to sign up for committees or your GSA will not be considered active. The travel grant committee is “pre-filled” by returning members from last year. Reminder, larger GSAs can now get \$500 reimbursement, but only if they have 2 reps. Larger GSAs and smaller GSAs with 1 rep still get \$300.

-EVP Darcie: The door project from last year is out, as the price has doubled to \$16,000! We will need a new receptionist since ASUCR is pushing for this. This can be an extension of our current assistant, and can be drawn from work study funds to make it cheaper.

-Motion to vote on increasing student worker hours for a GSA desk attendant instead of a new door:

-2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved (Y:43, N:0, A:1)

-EVP Darcie: GSA will fund conferences held on campus, but they have to be presented ahead of time.

-Anthropology presents about annual JYC, asks for \$1500 in supplemental support.

-TEDx UCR presents, need \$2000, still looking for other sources of funding. Suggestion is made that last year GSA contributed ~40% of their budget.

-EVP Darcie: Send in conference requests, we don’t want to run out of money because we didn’t know about planned conferences. Approximately 12-14 conferences funded last year.

-3<sup>rd</sup> SoCal Eukaryotic Pathogens Conference: Lots of UC students, good publicity for UCR. Asking for \$1745 in supplemental support.

-All conference funding requests should make sure to give copies of materials to Sandeep.

-UCSA is being hosted this weekend, host is expected to pay for meals. In collaboration with ASCUR, we’re expected to pay for the ~10% who are grad students.

-Motion to allocate \$400 for UCSA meeting:

-2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved (Y:41, N:0, A:2)

-Chicano students want to co-host a mixer, and would like \$5/head to help cover costs. Sandeep will attend to get a head count.

-Grad bash soon, look for email.

-Potential co-event with UCI. They do interesting events, such as making deals with local bars for happy hour deals for grad students/pub crawls. To do this, we may need a proper social budget.

-Motion to adjourn at 8:28 pm:

-2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved.