



General Council Meeting 5 Minutes February 1, 2017

Location: HUB 355 (UCR)

Time: 7-8 PM

Items for discussion:

7:08 Roll Call

7:09 Announcements

- If you have conferences, events etc of things going on in your discussion this would be the time to do so. As long as they are an announcement that does not require
- Regents adopted increase in tuition. Will affect professional programs (PDST, or professional degree it will affect them. Please let your peers know
- Please return metal forks that were supplied here (part of sustainability)
- Looking for presenters on diverse issues related to women, Feb 8, 50\$ stipend for presenters

*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.

7:11 Approve minutes from last meeting

Online: gsa.ucr.edu

Vote unanimously approved

7:12 Approve General Council Agenda

Vote unanimously approved

7:12 New VPAA Confirmation/Election Vote

Nichole Ginnan has been selected by the hiring committee and confirmed by the E-Board

Although the only applicant, Nicole was an extremely strong applicant.

Part of GSA for 3 years: as an AAO, GSA rep and GSA travel grant coordinator where she budgeted over \$200,000 that is awarded to GRAD student

Motion to confirm Nicole as VPAA 39 approved, 0 opposed, 1 abstentions

Vote approved

7:15 New SOM AAO

Confirm Kevin Westbrook as AAO for SOM
He is not present so we will postpone
Vote

7:16 Announcement for CTG Coordinator

Nicole has resigned and the position is now open to be filled

This is a paid position with the GSA. The Call for Applicants is open from February 1-15, 2017. Cover letter of interest, CV and special qualifications. The call will be sent out this evening via email

Contact Nichole Ginnan with questions about the position.

7:17 AGSM AAO Position Open

Call for Applicants

7:18 Riverside City Councilman Andy Melendrez

Try to engage with as many UCR students as possible since UCR is so involved in our community. What does the City Councilman do? They have the biggest impact on our lives: potholes, sidewalks, light water, police department and fire department, libraries, museums, approving plans for sewer plans etc. Responsible for neighbor complaints and how to address issues.

In third term currently, work on part time basis. There is a city manager, city council employ three people: the city manager, clerk and attorney. So everything the

So what does the mayor do? Interprets the policy and shares with the community with one single voice and answer any questions the community may have

This is a general description of what councilman does. Andy Melendrez: Self-employed as an expert witness, where he serves to evaluate cases and form an unbiased decision. So although this is a part time job, it requires a tremendous amount of time and dedication.

Issues he is currently working on: engage with chancellor, part of athletic association at UCR, with student housing in and around UC campus etc.

Questions about government, Riverside community?

- Why are there diversity issues with lack of women and ethnic backgrounds in the Council? Is it from not underrepresented running?
- They are running 3 Latinas ran for mayor but were not elected.

What is the city doing and what are they doing to address the less than perfect infrastructure on campus?

- When we have Chinese investors or know professionals that want to become engaged in the city, Andy Melendrez brings up UCR. About making more investments in riverside and what connections they have in Riverside. A lot of companies are hesitant to invest in Riverside, and a lot of work goes into making these investors more comfortable and inform them of our city

Are there any plans being put more bike lanes around the campus?

- This project began 12 years ago. So working on making more safe bike lanes. A big problem is between the curve and black top makes it difficult to ride on and safety issues. There is a bicycle masterplan for multiple lanes for bikes. Working on widening the bike lanes

Is there a conversation in the city for making Riverside a refugee/ sanctuary city?

- Many want California a sanctuary state, others ask for sanctuary cities.
- Our police department does not currently ask for your legal papers, or where you are from etc. If you do not have your registration/license they let you go home and hold the car but do not take action to investigate whether you are legal etc.

Office: (951) 826-5991 feel free to call to discuss any issues may have
For the interest of time we may instead hold specific topic sessions

7:40 Elections Update for 2017-2018

Elections in April, please contact current officers for more information about positions.
More information will be sent out in the email on job descriptions

7:41 Statement from the UC Council of Presidents Response to the Executive Order on Immigration

Response to executive order on immigration (does affect 2,000 plus graduate students)
Any questions or comments regarding this
See attached draft for more information

7:43 Events and Allocations

- a. Anthropology 37th Annual James C Young Colloquium “Spaces, Places, and Faces: Papers in Honor of Dr. Wendy Ashmore” April 15th, 2017. \$2000.00 **Vote:** 36 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstention
 - i. The longest UCR graduate student run conference
- b. Neuroscience 7th Annual Brain Awareness Day, April 14th, 2017. \$2000.00 (from conference allocation) + \$250.00 (coming from outreach fund) **Vote:** 34 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
 - i. Purpose to promote awareness for elementary, high school students to college and neuroscience. Funding will be spent on transportation and food
- c. Chemistry UC Chemical Symposium, March 27th, 2017. \$2000.00 **Vote:** 40 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
 - i. At UCLA conference center (it is a UC systemwide, 25% UCR students)
 - ii. Questions: why is the chemistry dean pull back on the funding from \$2000? And this is because the department is smaller. This conference is inclusive for all students.
 - iii. The money will go for registration
- d. Biology Southwest Regional Herp Fest, February 25, 2017. \$450.00 **Vote:** 39 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
 - i. Lightening talks
 - ii. Received a lot of money from CNAS and department funding
 - iii. Registration is open for all students and will be held in genomics building
- e. Hispanic Studies, April 14, 2017. \$1100.00 **Vote:** 36 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
 - i. Did not ask for money last year, this year they do need funding. Will have three writers attending

7:53 Travel grant update

- f. Update from CTG Coordinator (VPAA)
- g. Brief discussion of CTG projections from 2017-2018

7:53 Finance update

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02. Updates:

R’Pantry: Grad pantry is open. Located in UOB every Thursday (1:30-3:30) due to logistics we could not hold two days but one day for two hours. Staffing for the R’Pantry is the issue, hoping to be able to extend this to more open hours. So far it has been successful. GSA is committed to creating events that are social (twice a quarter is the expectation) located in the HUB organized by the GSA council. If you were unable to attend the R’Pantry, this would be another opportunity.

If interested in being trained on discussing food insecurity. There is a 20 min training. Train evp@ucr.edu

How can we advocate more hours? Currently it is brand new launch, so first need to collect data on amount of grad students using this. Grad is on our side

DIAL: Feedback on diversity issues

Launching google code so you can provide feedback

Feedback looking for is the format useful? Any quick comments?

If you would like to lead a discussion, it doesn’t have to be your field of research (i.e. you are a women in science (looking for intersectionality). This will be posted on the facebook

Sustainability:

New office in the UV

Sustainability forum is coming up (attend and voice issues about sustainability at UCR)

Again any issues you would like to bring up, Peter has meeting every Friday

Match funding on office of sustainability

8:03 Officer reports are online

- a. Will be put online in the next days or so

8:03 Structure and Value of GSC Meetings

Eliminate unnecessary business for General Council

Criteria:

Issues impacting more than one college

Issues that require a vote

Issues mandated by Constitution and Bylaws

Pertinent updates on ongoing projects

Increase GSC participation in agenda setting and discussion

Purpose: to engage department reps in the GSA goals and agenda

8:04 New Business

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

8:05 Meeting Adjourned