General Council Meeting Minutes – October 5, 2016

7:08 PM Call to order by Lewis

7:09 PM Introductions, Sign-in, and Voting Members reminder

- 4 special affairs officers – one spot not filled (Alumni Adviser)

7:14 PM Request to change agenda items. Motion to approve the agenda.

- 0 - Abstentions, 0 - Opposed, 23 - Favor

7:15 PM Motion approved to change agenda items

- 0 - Abstentions, 0 - Opposed, 23 - Favor

7:15 PM Request to approve appointed officers

7:17 PM Motion approved for officer appoints

- 0 - Abstentions, 0 - Opposed, 23 - Favor

7:18 PM Review of Quarterly and Academic Year Goals

- Lewis – primary focus will be on funding. Option 1: Fee deferment, Option 2: Request for free enrollment in deferment plan
- Maiko – sustainability, basic needs, and housing via UCSA systemwide and on UCR campus
- Shawn – housing and rec center fees

7:24 PM Introduction to the Student Regent’s Office and Goals for the year

- Marcela Ramirez – student regent elected from UCR
- Focusing on graduate student issues- student support, basic needs, food & housing insecurities
- Office located in HUB 361, Welcome to drop in with ideas
- Work collaboratively with undergraduates
- Recruitment tour for following years’ UC Student Regent Position

7:31 PM R’Pantry Presentation

- Coordinator Introduction
- Free basic needs supplies, includes emergency, child care, food, staple items
- Check facebook page for hours or ucr.edu/rpantry
- Education and outreach – meet needs past emergency
- Goals: Increase resources and address systemic issues to meet long term goals
- Working on graduate student hours only
- Located in Bear’s Den (across from Scotty’s, next to ATM)
- Food Day

7:35 PM ASUCR & VCSA Changes
• Discuss potential changes for ASUCR
• Chancellor wanted to place Vice Chancellor Student Affairs (VCSA) Office in charge of ASUCR
• This happened over summer
• Changes to GSA only with (indirect) supervision, no influence on governing power or autonomy

7:37 PM TA Deferment Issue
• First paycheck from TA appointment comes in November, for October
• Requesting to defer all fees until November
• Option 2: Enroll everyone in fee deferment plan free of charge (smaller payments)

7:41 PM Student Services Fee Advisory Committee
• Committee that decides what to do with student services fee
• 3 seats for graduate students available
• Need one more member – if interested, see Lewis
• Have voting power
• Get student services fee back for whole year for appointed member
• Question – some things that should be supported by the university and not from the student fees, reports not updated – Lewis will follow up about the reports
• Question – time commitment – meets on T or R between 3-5 pm – TBD

7:50 PM Bylaws for the Sustainability Committee (Section VIII-M)
• Make committee more inclusive for others to be a part of sustainability within GSA
• Funding for sustainability projections on campus – can pitch ideas, general council votes
• Question – funding from GSA or sustainability office? Joint position, Sustainability Office pays liaison’s stipend, GSA gives working budget of $10,000
• Question – how related to grad students? Empower grad students to become more involved in sustainability, surveys, give grad students opportunity to participate in, funding for grad student-only projects
• Question – university should support more funding

7:58 PM Motion Approved to make bylaw change to Section VIII- M
• 0 - Abstentions, 0 - Opposed, 23 -Favor

7:58 PM Public Relations Officer Duties Bylaw Change
• Change last year – PRO in charge of agenda items – remove this responsibility from bylaws
• Responsibility goes back to president

7:59 PM Motion approved to remove Section 26C
• 0 - Abstentions, 0 - Opposed, 23 -Favor
8:00 PM Formation of Basic Needs Committee
- Formation of ad hoc committee
- Vote to elect Holly Mayton as chair of committee

8:01 PM Motion approved form ad hoc committee
- 0 - Abstentions, 0 - Opposed, 23 -Favor

8:02 PM Motion approved to make Holly Mayton chair of ad hoc committee
- 0 - Abstentions, 0 - Opposed, 23 -Favor

8:02 PM Internal GSA Committee
- Mini GSA Reps – have to serve on committee for funding
- Send email out to reps with digital survey for committee preferences
- Return within 48 hours

8:04 PM Mini-GSA Funding
- $300, unless over 50 members
- Releasing $100 each quarter, will accumulate for this year (ends before June 1st)
- Will release 1/3 of funding each quarter if in good standing
- Can be rolled over for following quarters
- Business expenses
- Application and new reimbursement form online – file with GSA office within 7 business days from event
- Question – how strict is reimbursement? University polices, see form for details
- Question – pathway to get more money during a certain quarter? Talk to Shawn

8:10 PM Events and Allocations Committee - Disjunctions 2016 “Crude Matter” Conference
- English department, co-sponsorship
- Requesting $2,000
- October 28-29, 2016

8:12 PM Funding approved for Disjunctions Conference
- 0 - Abstentions, 0 - Opposed, 16 -Favor

8:13 PM Events and Allocations Committee – So. California Eukaryotic Pathogen Symposium
- 6th Annual Conference
- Requesting $1,300
- November 2nd, 2016

8:15 PM Funding approved for Southern California Eukaryotic Pathogen Symposium
- 0 - Abstentions, 0 - Opposed, 22 -Favor
8:15 PM  Review of GSA Budget
- Budget approved in June 2016
- ~$6,000.00 more from Chancellor’s office
- Not on budget – money from graduate division, change of dean,
- Year 2 of 3 years for $60,000 for CTG
- Graduate Division money took too long for payment – took $25,000 from reserve last year to pay for travel grants
- Request approval for budget

8:20 PM  Motion passes to approve Budget
- 0 - Abstentions, 0 - Opposed, 23 -Favor

8:20 PM  Sustainability Liaison Update
- Introduction from Peter Byrley
- Goal is to make GSA events more sustainable
- Develop programs/events to focus on sustainability

8:21 PM  DIAL Officer Update
- Introduction from Kayleigh Anderson-Natale
- Position description and introduction
- Working on compliance – grad student training
- Develop workshops, TA training
- Data collection and analysis
- Office hours on T 9:00-10:00am, W 1:00-2:00pm, & R 10:00-11:00am, HUB 203

8:23 PM  GSHIP Officer Report
- Introduction from Christina Guest
- Updating website for current benefits
- Email Christina for questions/concerns

8:24 PM  Officer Reports
- President – meeting with new grad division dean, met for fee deferment, next general council meeting on Nov. 2nd
- EVP – food pantry box in GSA office
- VPAA – online
- COD Alma – no updates
- LL Holly – online
- AGSM AAO Summer – online
- AAO’S – online

8:26 PM  New Business – None

8:26 PM  Meeting Adjourn