

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