



# **General Council Meeting 4 Minutes January 11, 2017**

**Location: HUB 355 (UCR)  
Time: 7-8 PM**

**Items for discussion:**

**7:05 Roll Call**

**7:06 Approved minutes from last meeting**  
No opposed

**7:06 Motion to approve and alter General Council Agenda**  
No opposed  
No abstained

**7:06 Announcements**

**Board of Regents (discussing the raise in tuition, increase 2.5% each quarter). There is a campaign (Fund the UC). Although this campaign is undergraduate targeted, it may also If you'd like to support this campaign you can sign the petition: [Fundtheuc.org/petition](http://Fundtheuc.org/petition)**

**General vote to engage what the interest is for increasing the student body by 900 graduate students across the UC system (issues: already have funding issues, security, housing security etc.) Email Holly your input so she can bring it up at the regents meeting. The regents will be casting a YES or NO vote. We would need people to voice any concerns at this meeting.**

**Science Library map printing will be increasing the fees Tremendously. If this concerns you, you can talk to the announcer after the meeting.**

**7:11 President Update: Resignation and Appointment of New President**

**Lewis is resigning and officially leaving office 1/29/17.**

**VP (Maiko rejected the offer to serve as president)**

**Shawn was nominated: Motion, Second, all in favor: 38, Opposed: 0, abstentions: 0, Passes 38**

**Lewis will be sitting on Alumni association.**

**7:17 New President Confirmation**

**7:18 Referenda**

**Sustainability Referendum (was emailed)**

**Discussion:**

**Director of sustainability was fired last quarter; also greens lab coordinator was fired abruptly. A result of these firings, there was an anger and out-lash from faculty and students as they were outraged by a lot of push backs and hindrance to making the campus sustainable.**

**Jeff Kaplan (Jeff.Kaplan@ucr.edu) is serving as the new sustainability director**

**It is crucial now to get people who are interested**

**Throughout UCR history, there has not been any funding for students who would like to pursue sustainable projects. Because of this it has been heavily administrator run and many things have not been getting accomplished.**

**Now this would provide funding for students (already 3 abstracts have been submitted) and interest has been shown by others**

**Its \$1.33 per quarter, the referendum goes into detail.**

**Vote: 32 Yes, 2 opposed, 1 abstentions**

#### **7:28 Bylaw Committee**

**Would like more structure for mini-GSA. Mini-GSAs do represent GSA, and some mini-GSAs were reflecting poorly on GSA from administrator perspective. These changes solidify more structure for what VPAA can do. And allows all mini-GSAs to be able to be treated equally.**

**Mini-GSA bylaws approved by Bylaws Committee**

**Vote for passing the bylaw change: 37 approved, 0 opposed, 1 abstentions**

#### **7:38 Updated Graduate Student-Advisor Relationships Resolution**

**Intense discussion last month. Holly took all the concerns and added them to the resolution. Purpose to improve student-advisor relationship to evaluate the advisor as well.**

**Vote: 25 approved, 3 opposed, 10 abstentions**

#### **7:43 CoP-UCSA Science Leadership Consensus Statement**

**This came from UC Davis student led organization. To encourage UC Campus' to promote science to be a priority**

**UCR sending strong statement to show support for this.**

**Vote: 35 approved, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions**

#### **7:46 Grad R'Pantry Update**

**GradSuccess accepted to host a permanent pantry in UOB if GSA organizes pop up events for promotions once a month.**

**R'pantry needs to get health IHS approval to move forward.**

**GSA is supporting this project in partnership of grad division, to hold graduate friendly hours (9:00 – 4:00 pm).**

**Suggested two have two different days to increase probability that grad students can attend**

**Trial pantry is first starting, and so only two hours total a week can be allocated. So would like feedback on the preference for: one day per week (2-hour slot) or two days a week (1-hour slots)?**

**Grad students can still attend R'pantry during undergraduate slots (if not concerned about going around undergraduates)**

**Keep an eye out for the email, and tell friends and peers. Spread the word, and all students qualify no other specifications are needed. ID will be swiped for statistical information only**

**7:54 DIAL update**

**Symposium on diverse issues for women. Highly encourage people to apply. People who do research on women and issues on diversity. Presenters will receive \$50. Will be held: March 9<sup>th</sup> 1:30 – 3:00 pm. Will be recruiting next Wednesday for two or three weeks**

**The remaining updates are online for you to read**

**7:57 Sustainability update**

**Green grants application process was placed online.**

**Committees will review the abstracts and vote on which abstracts should move forward with application. There is a project approval form, and metric spreadsheet (Excel sheet to show how your project is actually helping UCR, if its water reduction etc.**

**January 20, 2017 is deadline for abstract.**

**Also working on making these meetings be more sustainable: re-usable bowls, re-usable utensils (and bring back next meeting. Dining services donated this. Also will be looking at healthier foods and more sustainable, yet still affordable.**

**Graduate sustainable network- pursuing sustainability projects at UCR. Earth day planning, making a network of sustainable things at UCR. If interested in this email Peter and he can get you involved with this meeting**

**8:02 Travel grant update**

**California Attorney has prohibited GSA funding to travel to states with discriminatory laws. So conference applications to these states cannot be funded. Please read it on the website and Facebook**

**8:05 GSHIP update**

**Survey to assess graduate student health concerns will be sent out Feb-March. Topics of concerns and can be discussed in GSHIP meetings and then bring to general council**

**New political climate on Obama Care. It is very clear that UC SHIP and GSHIP will not change regardless of what happens to Obama Care.**

**8:07 Officer reports: posted online**

**8:08 New Business**

**Effective Jan 29, 2017 Shawn will resign VPAA since he is taking President. Shawn will hold interviews for VPAA.**

**Confirmation for Alumni Advisor: passed unanimously**

**Also, Graduate student housing is being lowered, so communicate this.**

**8:17 Meeting Adjourned**