



General Council Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2016

7:10 PM – Call to Order

7:15 PM – Lewis announces Grad Bash (Wed 3/9/16 at 5:30), ID required for food

7:16 PM – Minutes from February General Council Meeting approved unanimously
modified agenda approved unanimously

7:20 PM – Lewis motions to modify March General Council Agenda

- Approved unanimously with one change (union update to occur next week because representative not present)

7:22 PM – Lewis opens floors for announcements

7:23 PM – Lewis announces meeting with Wilcox postponed to Tuesday (3/8/16) due to unexpected travel by Wilcox.

- Email will be sent if necessary additional meeting is required following the discussion on Tuesday. Will be voting on money reserves into travel grant funds
- Letters addressing conference travel grants may be sent to chancellor until Friday (4/4/16)

7:28 PM – Lewis discusses the meeting held with Danae, Wilcox, Dean Childers

- Occurred last week to discuss gender issues, harassment, racial discrimination etc.
- This accomplished an agreement to a new paid GSR position to address these issues. GSR position will write surveys, organize outreach, undergo trainings (i.e. CARE advocate), be trained by various offices on campus etc. Check ilearn in spring and emails from GSR and grad division

7:32 PM – Lewis turns floor to Sean to discuss summer student rec center fees

- Negotiating with director of rec center.
- Summer fees are not under contract and should be negotiable.
- Will be discussing offer of lower fee guaranteed by canyon crest rec center. Rec center should either meet this fee or lower it.

7:45 PM – Lewis announces the budget as of late march will be running out.

- This will be discussed at next week's meeting and update will be provided

7:50 PM – Lewis states elections will take place April for officer positions (paid stipends).

- Positions needed to be filled:
 - President,
 - Executive VP,
 - Vice President of academic affairs,
 - Public relations officer,
 - GSHIP officer.
- If interested in any of these positions contact Edgar. More information of each position on website

7:53 PM – Co-sponsorships for Conferences

- NRSC mini GSA holding ‘Brain Awareness Day’ April 13th 2016. A graduate student conference requesting \$1,500 from GSA to fund. Approved 35 votes and passes

8:00 PM – GSHIP officer chair announces she would like feedback on switch back to UCSHIP

- Discussion on moving back to UCSHIP from GSHIP. A 3 year plan which would be 6% increase in contrast to the current 20% increase faced with staying separate on GSHIP. Stop by office hours/email with concerns or input.

8:20 PM – Lewis announces referendums to be placed on ballot.

- Constitution change from 20% to 10% requirement for graduate student agreement (approved unanimously)
- Referendum for sustainability officer: an increase of \$2 a quarter (approved unanimously)
- \$1 increased GSA fee for travel grants funding (approved unanimously)

8:25PM – Meeting adjourned.

