

General Council Meeting Minutes for May 4, 2016

- 7:08 PM: Danae Calls Meeting to Order
- 7:01 PM: Announcements
- Card to sign for Dean: show appreciation for bailing us out
 - Close of fiscal year: June 10th any unfiled mini-GSA requested need to meet this deadline
 - ME: symposium next week. Opening applications for posters allowed related to ME
- 7:10 PM: Unanimously approve minutes from the April General Council Meeting
- 7:05 PM: Review and approve May General Council Agenda
Unanimously voted, no abstentions, no approved
- 7:07 PM: Union Update
- Upcoming event: RA luncheon for all researchers to discuss issues revolving researcher. To hear these voices not just TA related issues. May 17 (Tuesday) 11:30-12:30.
 - Ongoing events: Surveys- still open to collect data (please fill up would like to continue strong responses)
 - Can request to meet with Dan over coffee & discussion any department issues
- 7:12 PM: Referendum Addressing Islamophobia
- Proposing: ban against anti-Arab and islamophobia that has been occurring. Draft of proposal is readily available and was sent out.
 - Support from Union
 - Approve referendum
 - 39 approve
 - 2 abstentions
 - No oppose
 - It passes
- 7:25 PM: CTG Updates
- Grad division bailed us out of our deficit in
 - It is considered as a stipend. This could therefore, affect student loans if you are receiving student loans this year if receiving
 - If you are TAing, have GSR position, on fellowship (not affected by this).

- Short term only for the remaining fiscal year
- Will be changing the form for check box to indicate if receiving federal need based loans (example GAAN Award)
- Talk to financial aid advisor (file form and they raise your cost living of money)

- 7:29 PM: Sustainability Liaison w/ Office of Sustainability Update
- Peter Briley has been selected for this position
 - Won 'Grad Slam' congratulations and also won UC Systemwide Grad Slam
- 7:31 PM: Diversity and Inclusion Liaison w/ Graduate Division Update
- Currently interviewing 6 candidates
 - July 1st is when position begins. Friday 6th will fill position
- 7:33 PM: Elections Update
- Lewis Luartz: President
 - Maiko Le Lay: Executive VP
 - Sean Ragan: Vice President Academic Affairs
 - Melania Abrahamian: Finance Officer
 - Christina Guest: GSHIP officer
 - Drew Story: Public Relations Officer
- 7:34 PM: Referenda Update
- Passed 20% to 10% needed to change constitution
 - Easier to make necessary changes to constitution
- 7:34 PM: Open Appointed Position Calls
- AAOs, Secretary/Webmaster, international
 - Open positions will go out tomorrow for these positions. Letter of interest and CV required followed by interviews
- 7:37 PM: Finance Officer Update
- Update on money spent and remaining
 - Please check report posted on the website so we can review it for next meeting. Email concerns as soon as possible or prior to the June meeting.
 - Unfortunately have not met yet for draft, meeting canceled because of health issues

- Organization of money is not tremendously detrimental if have too much, we will have to flow into reserve. Budget most likely staying the same besides for last meetings changes
- Comment: where is travel budget coming from for liaison etc.

7:40 PM: Department Co-Sponsorship: Ethnic Studies Conference

- Documentary film director invited who filmed – corrupt officials, indigenous community, implementing traditional form of self-governance, documenting for the past 4 years. Also, Anaheim: police against African Americans etc.
- Voted to approve application for \$1,5000
 - 39 approved
 - 1 abstention
 - No opposed

7:44 PM: Open Forum + New Business

- Please sign card
- Sign in respective sheets
- Next year General Meetings: Remain same: 1st Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, same room.
- Grad Success UCR event May 15th it is a free teaching development symposium
- Re-register mini-GSA each year. Last year we had a BBQ to encourage having everyone to re-register. We will try and put this together again (perhaps pool party)

7:48 PM: Officer Reports

- Please check these online

8:49 PM: Meeting Adjourn

