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