General Council
Meeting 8
Minutes
May 3, 2017

Location: HUB 355 (UCR)
Time: 7:00-8:15 PM

Items for discussion:
7:02 Roll Call

7:03 Announcements
*Upcoming conferences or events that Reps would like to share with the General Council. Items requiring discussion should be submitted to the President at least one week in advance of the meeting to be included as an agenda item.

a. UAW Announcement
b. Mini-GSA Reimbursement deadline: May 31, 2017
c. End of the Year BBQ/Registration Meeting for incoming and outgoing reps and officers
   Thursday, May 25, 2017, 4-6pm, SRC Pool Deck
   All incoming reps and current reps can attend this. And re-register your mini-GSA
d. Rec governing board has three grad reps, if you have feedback for that board please bring that to the reps’ attention. If you would like to present at the meeting you may contact lindy. Online student rec center.
   i. Comment: the board was very welcoming.
e. Brief explanation of the RGB
f. R’Kids/Panel
   i. Panel: female professors discussing being women in academia
   ii. R’Kids: women center looking for volunteers through the child development center
   iii. Both of these are advertised on facebook
g. Grad Bash: looking to run this in Thursday Night live style.
h. Appointed officers are open to run for. If you are interested in becoming a candidate for one of these positions talk to us.
i. Mechanical engineering announcement: hosting symposium May 19th. Guest speakers from UCSD, UCLA and UCI. Keep an eye out for the flyer.
j. Art History Department: May 20th Downtown riverside museum symposium
k. Star Applications are due this Friday. Can find online and fb
l. Conference on water quality, everyone is Turbulent features.org if interested.
m. Dance department will be having a show June 8th at 7:30 pm in the athetheletic student center

7:11 Approve minutes from last meeting
Online: gsa.ucr.edu
Vote: Unanimously approved

7:11 Approve General Council Agenda
Vote: Unanimously approved

7:11 Earth Week & UCR Sustainability
The GSA wishes to recognize Elizabeth Deyett and Ryan Conway for their service to UCR’s sustainability efforts and for planning Earth Week. Had a bunch of events: earth day celebration, Earth Day 5K, composting workshop, sustainability, etc.

7:12 Guest: Andy Melendrez, Riverside City Council
District starts at 91 Freeway and goes to Day Street. Open to discuss whatever is important. Lasts time we talked about sanctuary city etc.
Affordable Housing apartments for graduate students. State and federal grants working with Non profit organizations that help affordable housing that have lower rent. Do students apply for these houses?
- To be eligible: You must be independent, or have a family. You must qualify first and meet the state requirements. You may need to take classes to be eligible for housing.
- The waitlist: long, could be 6-8 months.
- First come first serve if you are eligible. And then given a unit.
- US citizen? Need to have record of being here legally and eligible but not necessarily a citizen
What about general renting issues not under affordable housing? Say having issues with landlord, say violation of privacy.
- Call fair housing (an independent company—on in Riverside)

Issues from an international point of view. International students are not welcomed by apartments around UCR. Being shut down because accent and discrimination.

How is riverside taking actions to service international students and also become a sister city?
- Trying to reach out as much as possible to sister cities and encourage people to visit us.
- Can call international relations: Lalith Achariat. Contact person to help you and guide you the right location

Bike lanes: There is not a common understanding for hand signals (R, L etc). Which is very difficult
- Will share this with traffic engineer
- There are many issues with alternative transportation (small bike lanes)
- Need to work with drivers to make them understand to work with cyclist.
- Would like more share the road signs, and maybe signs that display what bike hand signals are

Quiet zone for trains
- There are spots that have quiet zones. (Watkins, off Mt. Vernon)
- But spruce street, third street, are not quiet zones yet.
- Cost about 1.3 million per quiet zone. And take an extensive time to get them implemented

Trains blocking intersections
- They are not to stop and block traffic. Please let the city know if they
  - Because of public safety (firetrucks and ambulances need open roads at all time)

Summer projects include homeless accommodation, dispensaries. If you would like to hear these discussions, you may come to the city council.

7:33 HUB Dining: Guest Presentation
Dining options will be changing in the HUB
HUB retail initiative
Rebuilt the HUB in 2007 and were experiencing 1.7 million dollars a year. This year project to 1-million-dollar loss. Next year will be a loss of $900,000. These are operating only one meal a day (lunch) for 5 days a week. They have increased meal prices to chip away these losses.

Strategies to bring these costs down but still be reasonable for students to still purchase food on campus. UCR feeds 18,000 meals a day throughout campus. Plan is outsourcing to commercial tenants, premium brands with value-proposition, eliminate losses…

Selected to go downstairs: Habit grill (good quality and affordable pricing), Pieology (excited to come on to campus), HIBACHI-SAN (poke bowls and tea bar), still considering who to replace habanero’s

Timeline: Conversions this summer but Habanero’s may move to Winter.
No workers will be laid off.
Next steps: presentations, negotiate leases, etc.

Questions:
Food insecurity- we want premium brands with valuable pricing, this should help since it will become more affordable than what is currently offered. Also placing in their leases that anything that will be wasted will be provided to R’pantry.
Healthy options: are planning to include vegan and vegetarian options.
Building into their lease, that they cannot request a price increase past 3% and they cannot increase the price on campus or go over what they sell in the street.
Food on weekends, instead of just Subway? These companies would like to have longer hours and have weekend hours. This is part of the current conversation, but is not set in stone yet.

7:54 Events and Allocations
n. Medicine Ways, History: $2000.00  **Vote: 43 approved passes**
o. Chemistry mentorship dinner: $425.00 **Vote: approved 37, abstentions 0, opposed 0**

7:57 Election Results:
Elected Officers for 2017-2018
Pres: Shawn Ragan  EVP: Maïko le Lay  VPAA: Nichole Ginnan
GSHIP: Jasmine Jafari  PRO: Malika Ahuja  Finance: Michael Bentel
Sustainability: 20% not met, referendum did not pass

7:57 Grad Dean Candidates, the Vision Seminars, Q&A Sessions
Mistakenly did not invite grad students. Highly encourage graduate students to attend these. One of the candidates mentioned that GSA should fire all mini-GSAs. It is very important to attend these because grad Deans have a big impact on the graduate students.

8:00 UCSA
The Executive Vice Presidents of the UC GSAs have expressed concerns about UCSA (UC Student Association) and its focus for several years. The GSAs are working on two alternatives to UCSA: 1) a bicameral UCSA made up of an undergraduate leadership team and a graduate student leadership team; 2) a sister organization, separate from UCSA, which will be comprised of the UC GSAs.

Four options available:
1) Stay in UCSA
2) Authorize EVP and the Executive Board to work to create a bicameral UCSA
3) Authorize EVP and the Executive Board to work to create a sister organization
4) Authorize EVP and the Executive Board to do either (2) or (3).

Bicameral seems to be more of a joint board where there would be a president for each (1 for undergraduate, 1 graduate) - issues with this is it failed in the past in addition the branding will still be UCSA. UCLA, UCSD are not part of UCSA.

Vote: Motion to empower Maiko to vote what she thinks best 40 approved, 2 abstentions, 0 opposed. It passes

8:20 Preliminary Budget for 2017-2018

See attached budget

Preliminary budget with explanations:

- Supplies, staff meeting budget, student wellness (may sign an mou: $50 a quarter for graduate student liaison with the well), sustainability liaison for next year (since the referendum didn’t pass we need to figure out this position overall)

Discussion

Vote (this is a vote to advance the preliminary budget, not a vote on the final budget);

Approved, abstention, opposed

Open feedback period, email comments/suggestions to the GSA President, gsauce@ucr.edu by Friday, May 12, 2017.

8:25 June General Council Meeting

The June meeting will be 90 minutes long, instead of 60 minutes. We will have a number of bylaw changes and we will need to approve the final budget. The Riverside Mayor will also make a presentation and answer questions.

8:25 Officer reports are online

8:25 Meeting Adjourned

Graduate Student Association Budget 2017-2018

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Projected

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Projected with any carryforward

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Based on 16-17 Funding

Actual

Temporary

Based on 16-17 Funding

Items reordered

Increase by $50

Increase by $50

Increase by $50

Increase by $50

Increase by $100