



# 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 19<sup>th</sup>. Guest speakers from UCSD, UCLA and UCI. Keep an eye out for the flyer.
- j. Art History Department: May 20<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the athletic student center

### **7:11 Approve minutes from last meeting**

Online: [gsa.ucr.edu](http://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 experience 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, [gsaucr@ucr.edu](mailto:gsaucr@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 2017-18							4/26/17		
DRAFT BUDGET - DO NOT DISSEMINATE									
			Ledger #A01438	Ledger #A01970	Fund #20000		NOTES		
Revenues			General	CTG	SSFAC				
Student Fees	2905	\$	174,300	\$	87,150	\$	87,150		
Summer Fees	448	\$	4,807	\$	3,360	\$	1,447	Projected	
Referenda 2007	2905	\$	29,370	\$	29,370			Projected	
Vending Machine Income		\$	3,000	\$	3,000			Projected	
Chancellors CTG Contribution	69997	\$	75,990			\$	75,990	Projected w/o any carryforward	
Interest STIP	BC49	\$	1,900			\$	1,900	Projected	
GSA Reserves	BC75	\$	-					TBD	
SSFAC - Regular Funding	20000	\$	44,297			\$	44,297	Based on 16-17 Funding	
SSFAC - Carry Forward from 2017	20000	\$	-			\$	-	Actual	
SSFAC - Temporary Funding	20000	\$	15,000			\$	5,000	Temporary	
SSFAC - New Perm	20000	\$	87,641			\$	20,000	Based on 16-17 Funding	
<b>Total</b>		\$	<b>436,305</b>	\$	<b>122,880</b>	\$	<b>191,487</b>	<b>121,938</b>	
<b>Expenses - General</b>								line items reordered	
<b>A01438-20035-68</b>									
President	A1	BC25	\$	7,488	\$	7,488			
Executive Vice President	A2	BC25	\$	6,006	\$	6,006			
Vice President of Academic Affairs	A3	BC25	\$	5,005	\$	5,005			
GSHIP Health Insurance Chair	A4	BC25	\$	2,750	\$	2,750			
Public Relations Officer	A5	BC25	\$	2,750	\$	2,750			
Finance Officer	A6	BC25	\$	2,700	\$	2,700			
Secretary/Webmaster	A7	BC25	\$	2,400	\$	2,400			
Academic Affairs Officer-CHASS	A8	BC25	\$	950	\$	950		Increase by \$50	
Academic Affairs Officer-CNAS	A9	BC25	\$	950	\$	950		Increase by \$50	
Campus Organizing Director	A10	BC25	\$	950	\$	950		Increase by \$50	
International Student Affairs Officer	A11	BC25	\$	950	\$	950		Increase by \$400	
Legislative Liaison	A12	BC25	\$	1,200	\$	1,200		Increase by \$300	