



# **General Council Meeting 2 Minutes November 2, 2016**

**Location: HUB 355 (UCR)**

**Time: 7:00 PM**

**7:07 Shawn calls meeting to order**

**7:08 Modification to Agenda UAW presentation**

**Motion to approve modified Agenda**

**Unanimously approved agenda**

**7:10 UAW Update**

**UAW is trying to help different research assistance and TAs across the UC to protect the worker rights they may not currently have. This group includes: tutors, readers, TAs vs RAs (research assistant) & graduate research assistants. Compile survey different information to allow correct protection. Currently doing a campaign to cover all student workers (except those under GSR and students) and strongly encourage these surveys be filled out to help protect our rights. Would like to get a union developed to encompass larger rights such as graduate student workers.**

**7:15 Basic Needs Update & R' pantry update**

**R' Pantry: large food insecurity, where riverside has the largest food insecurity across UCs, 60% of our students are food insecure. This 60% is not limited to undergraduate students. Graduate students would like to respond to this and find a solution. Unfortunately, we do not have a short term solution that can be voted on today but as for now it is necessary to acknowledge the problem. Please feel free to provide any possible suggestions**

**Basic Needs: Potluck occurred last Friday. We hoped to have a larger turn out, so we encourage you to attend these events.**

**There is a donation box in GSA for the food graduate food insecure students. Perhaps we can encourage grad students going to conferences to take complimentary material provided by the hotel to bring back to the donation box. This could be put in the email and/or announcement online.**

**R' pantry donation: have departments host box from R' pantry in a convenient space (i.e. offices) and people will have a week available for donations. We are requesting only the space for a box (which will be provided by R' pantry). An email went out regarding this today. Example places or department office, grad lounge etc.**

#### **7:28 Sustainability & IHCI update**

**IHCI: not a GSA committee, but campus overarching committee to address health at UCR. UCR integrated healthy campus. This committee includes staff and faculty across the campus. Headed to improve culture of health on campus, cross collaborate health include faculty/staff with students. There will be an advisory committee to put these into actions. There plenty of sub-committees (which meet as of now one hour every two weeks): Healthy Eating, Physical Activity, Mental Health, Built Environment, Tobacco-Free, Metrics, Communications. Email Julie Chobdee (Julie.chobdee@ucr.edu) if you would like to get involved. This committee hasn't been completely transparent so this is why presenting. By end of December more concrete goals will be established**

**Sustainability committee: decided to focus on "Greenify" GSA events by contacting our caterers by seeing how green they are (sustainable –food waste etc). Green grants program that will allow grad students to apply for funding to be able to conduct green research. Working on creating documents such as applications and metrics to show effectiveness of the project but also the results that grad students can use for jobs etc. Currently using UC Berkely's model to create this green grants program.**

#### **7:40 DIAL**

**DIAL position beginning in January will change to be able to advocate without being a reporting worker. Please attend OH. There will be a survey about topics which would like to be discussed during the forum.**

**Open forum (RSVP~ 20 spaces in each session), if interest is high more sessions will be created. Assessment for what time of discrimination and harassment issues are occurring for grad students**

#### **7:43 Travel Grant**

**As of this year, we are well funded. Note: GSA does not handle any money it is under grad division. GSA approves. If you would like a presentation on the travel grant for your department, email travel grant coordinator and a presentation can easily be arranged.**

#### **7:46 Finance Officer**

**As of now everything looks normal. Monitoring how mini-GSA is spending their money. Before it was \$100 per quarter. Receipts must be itemized in order to get reimbursements. GSA accounting will not accept credit cards (in case alcohol was bought they refuse to refund the grad students) make sure it is itemized.**

#### **7:48 GSHIP**

**GSA Website updated to have all information on how to get your insurance card (*user friendly mobile app*) and all other related information. We are committed to UCSHIP for three years so this card should not be changed.**

**Contact information is there. The committee has begun meeting and working on discussing what needs to be done during the year. If you have any request, please email GSHIP Officer.**

#### **7:50 Officer Reports**

**These are submitted online, and so these can be read online.**

**DIAL would like to mention that almost 100% of graduate students are trained for discrimination and sexual harassment**

**Contact GSHIP or BIOMED AAO if interested in setting up support groups for health related issues**

#### **7:53 New Business**

**All reps should have a committee assignment, if you do not have an assignment need to address Shawn and secure this. It is important for your mini-GSA to be in good standing. Also, if not receiving emails, please address this tonight as well**

**7:57 Meeting Adjourned**