Agenda

Graduate Student Association (GSA) October Council Meeting
October 8th, 2014
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Tarten & Tweed Room – 1st Floor of the Student Service Building

Meeting Minute to begin (seconded):

Meeting began at 7:07 pm 10/8/14

Office Attendance:

a. President – Preston Williams – Present
b. Executive Vice President – Lewis Luartz – Present (Late)
c. Vice President of Academic Affairs – Danae Khorasani – Present
d. Public Relations Officer – Danielle Pitt – Present
e. Health Insurance (GSHIP) Officer – Melania Abrahamian - Present
f. Finance Officer – Ting Yan (Adela) Ng – Absent
g. Secretary/Webmaster - Matt Valdez – Absent
h. Travel Grant Coordinator – Magi Mettry – Present (Acting Secretary for meeting due to absence)
i. Legislative Liaison – Nicole Sparks – Present
j. International Affairs Officer – Edgar Tellez Foster – Present
k. Campus Organizing Director – Not Filled – Absent
l. School of Medicine/Biomed Academic Affair Officer (AAO) – Luis Jimenez – Present
m. College of Natural and Agricultural Science AAO – Nichole Ginnan – Present
n. Bourns College of Engineering AAO – Darshana Wickramaratne – Present
o. Graduate School of Education AAO – Not Filled – Absent
p. Anderson Graduate School of Business AAO – Not Filled – Absent
q. College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences AAO – Erin Gould – Present

3. Minutes from June 2014 Meeting
   a. Motion to Approve (seconded)
      i. Passed
   b. Minutes from June 2014 Meeting Passed (no amendments)

4. Amendments to Current Agenda
   a. Preston (GSA President) Seeking Motion to Table Items 10 (Alumni Association Survey) and 11 (Grad Student Report) – Due to time constraints
      i. Passed
   b. Motion heard to table items until November 2014 meeting (Seconded)
      i. Passed
      ii. Alumni Association Survey/Grad Student Report items tabled until November 2014 meeting

5. Introductions of Elected Officers
Welcome
Contact Info on GSA Website – emails/officer hours
b. Confirmation of Appointed Officers
   i. Matt Valdez – Secretary/Webmaster
      Motion Heard to confirm Matt Valdez as Secretary/Webmaster for 2014-2015 Academic Year (AY) – Seconded
      Vote – 50 In Favor / 0 Opposed / 0 Abstentions
      Passed
   ii. Nicole Sparks – Legislative Liaison
      Motion Heard to confirm Nicole Sparks – Legislative Liaison for 2014-2015 Academic Year (AY) – Seconded
      Vote – 50 In Favor / 0 Opposed / 0 Abstentions
      Passed
   c. Edgar Foster – International Student Officer
      Motion Heard to confirm Edgar Tellez Foster as International Affair Officer for 2014-2015 Academic Year (AY) – Seconded
      Vote – 50 In Favor / 0 Opposed / 0 Abstentions
      Passed
   d. Luis Jimenez – Biomedical/School of Medicine AAO
      Motion Heard to confirm Luis Jimenez as School of Medicine/Biomed AAO for 2014-2015 Academic Year (AY) – Seconded
      Vote – 50 In Favor / 0 Opposed / 0 Abstentions
      Passed
   e. Darshana Wickramaratne – Bourns College of Engineering AAO
      Motion Heard to confirm Darshana Wickramaratne as Bourns College of Engineering AAO for 2014-2015 Academic Year (AY) – Seconded
      Vote – 50 In Favor / 0 Opposed / 0 Abstentions
      Passed
   f. Nichole Ginnan – College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences AAO
      Motion Heard to confirm Nichole Ginnan – College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences AAO for 2014-2015 Academic Year (AY) – Seconded
      Vote – 50 In Favor / 0 Opposed / 0 Abstentions
      Passed
   g. Erin Gould – College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences AAO
      Motion Heard to confirm Erin Gould – College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences AAO for 2014-2015 Academic Year (AY) – Seconded
      Vote – 50 In Favor / 0 Opposed / 0 Abstentions
      Passed
7. Vote for the UCR GSA 2014-2015 Budget
   a. Preston went over a brief overview of the current 2014-2015 GSA Budget
   b. Questions
      i. Conference Travel – Any money being reduced
         1. None
      ii. Student Funded Conferences – Decreased by $3,000
         1. If more is needed, GSA can use reserves
Motion heard to pass the 2014-2015 GSA Budget (seconded)

1. 2014-2015 GSA Budget Vote: 38 In Favor / 0 Opposed / 0 Abstentions

8. GradSucess Presentation – Maggie Gover – UCR GradSucess
   a. Upcoming Events/Seminars/Programs for the Fall 2014 Quarter and 2014-2015 year
      i. Main Event for Fall 2014 Quarter – Academic Career Day
      ii. Main Event for Winter 2015 Quarter – Non-Academic (Industry) Career
      iii. Main Event for Spring 2015 Quarter – Other Jobs Opportunities
   b. Calendars on Website – Physical Calendars handed out as well
   c. New ideas/events welcome
   d. Weekly office events
   e. Would like to expand and cater programs that graduate students need/want the most

9. Conversations about the New Recreation Fee
   a. Preston explained the overview of the recreation center fee and implementation
      i. History/Overview – From Pre-referendum to current issues
         1. Graduate students consulted on writing of referendum
         2. It was written so that both graduate and undergraduate votes were placed together and voted for as a group
      ii. GSA will be focusing on expansion of benefits
      iii. Fee cannot be opted out of
   b. Preston also went over the expansion of benefits that GSA has been pursuing
      i. Possibility of areas of the gym/pool that may be graduate student specific
      ii. Graduate student specific classes
      iii. Possibility of childcare
      iv. Family Classes (such as family Zumba) where kids/parents welcome
   c. Council had thoughts on other benefits that Graduate Students would want
      i. Parking – Graduate Student Specific
      ii. General (for all students/users of rec center) – more lights on the walking paths
   d. Council wants GSA E-board to continue to pursue this path of expanded benefits

10. Activation of Mini-GSA - Danae Khorasani
    a. Contact GSA Vice President of Academic Affairs – Danae Khorasani
    b. VPAA explained mini-GSAs must contact StudentLife
    c. Must be activated in order to get reimbursed
       i. $300 mini-GSA less than 50 members
       ii. $500 for mini-GSA 50 or more members
    d. StudentLife – Graduate Student Group/Association contact Adam Daniels (adam.daniels@ucr.edu)

11. Graduate Student Office Remodel
President explained how undergrad (ASUCR) office remodel occurred:
- GSA must move reception desk
  - GSA has been saving money to remodel office
  - President explained how GSA is trying to save money by using Graduate Student Artwork
    - Soliciting artwork created by current/former UCR graduate students from the UCR Art Museum to place in the new GSA office
- Motion to approve $16,000 for UCR GSA office remodel
  - Passed 39 in Favor / 0 Opposed / 1 Abstention

2. Graduate Student Association Community Outreach Fund
   a. Preston described how many graduate students who coordinate and execute outreach initiatives have limited or no financial support – in many instances graduate students spend personal monies on these events
   b. Would adding a new budget line into the GSA budget to allow graduate students to apply for financial support for supplies for these events be beneficial to UCR graduate community
      i. Idea received with excitement
      ii. Application will be similar to the GSA UCR Graduate Student Conference funding process – 1. Application will be submitted to the Vice President of Academic Affairs and the event/budget will be examined by the events and allocations committee – the committee will bring their recommendation to GSA Council for final vote for funding
      iii. Some students thought $2,000 was too small for community outreach – others thought it was a good amount to begin with
         1. Due to budget concerns $2,000 was agreed upon for initial motion
      iv. Widespread support
      v. Will work with graduate student committees over the next 2 meeting (November/December 2014) to install strict guidelines on application process and support
   c. Motion Heard to create move $2,000 from GSA Reserve to a new line in the GSA Budget to create a UCR GSA Community Outreach Fund
      (Seconded)
      i. Vote: In Favor 44 / Opposed 0 / Abstentions 0
      ii. Passed

13. Graduate Student Research Symposium
   a. Preston: UCR GSA used to host research symposium for graduate students, but it has not been done for many years. Would council be interested in using GSA reserve money to have a UCR Graduate Student research symposium? Preston mentioned the idea of using $5,000 for set up, food, awards and possible keynote speaker
   b. Council raised concern and wanted to make sure all departments were represented – calls for posters/oral sessions would go to all departments
   c. Council thought the possibility of department (or college) awards would be helpful
Keynote speakers – Council suggested CEO of Chipotle (gives all money to charity)

Due to time constraints and details of the event not being clear yet –

Motion Heard – To table discussion until the November 2014 meeting and have the GSA executive board work on the details to present next time

Vote: In Favor 29 / Oppose 0 / Abstentions 0

Graduate Student Mentorship Program

Due to time limitations – students directed to GSA website for officer reports

Open Forum

None Heard

Motion for Adjournment of Meeting (Seconded)

Meeting Adjourned – 8:18 pm