



UCR GSA Council Meeting Minutes **November 5th, 2014 7:00pm HUB 355**

1. Call to Order @ 7:05pm

a. Present

- Preston Williams (President)
- Lewis Luartz (Vice President)
- Danae Gmuer-Johnson (Vice President of Academic Affairs)
- Danielle Pitt (Public Relations Officer)
- Melania Abrahamian (Health Insurance Officer)
- Ting Yan Adela Ng (Finance Officer)
- Matt Valdez (Secretary)
- Magi Mettry (Conference Travel Grant Coordinator)
- Nicole Sparks (Legislative Liaison)
- Edgar Tellez Foster (International Student Officer)
- Open Position (Campus Organizing Director)

1. Approval of Minutes and Agenda

- a. Motion to approve minutes and agenda. Minutes approved

2. Confirmations of Appointed Officers

- a. Sara Tomlinson – Secretary/Webmaster

b. Vote

i. Motion, motion seconded

1. Yea: 30

2. Nay: 0

3. Abstain: 0

3. Student Conference Funding

- a. Dance mini-GSA Conference

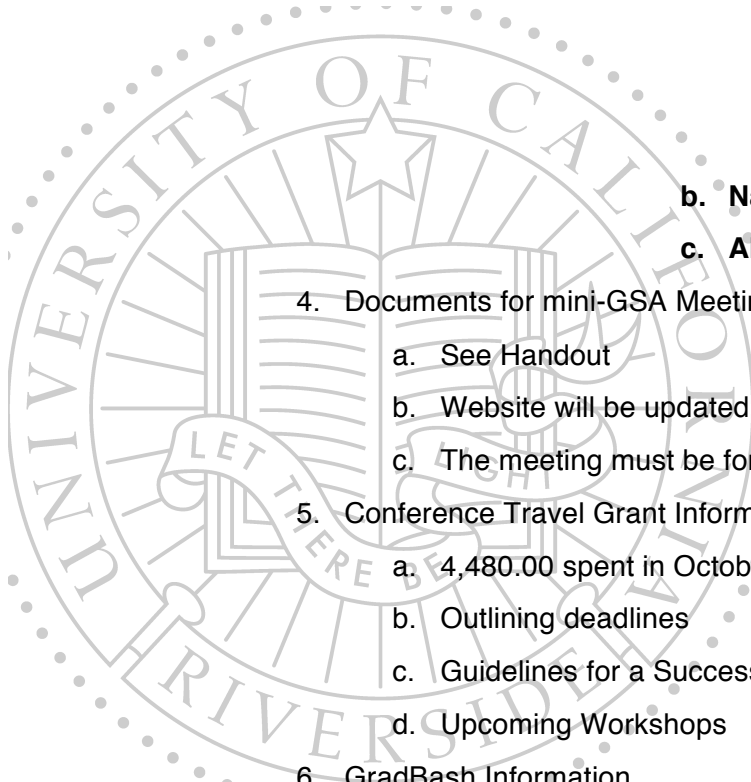
- i. *Dance under Construction*, Requesting **\$1500.00**

ii. Vote

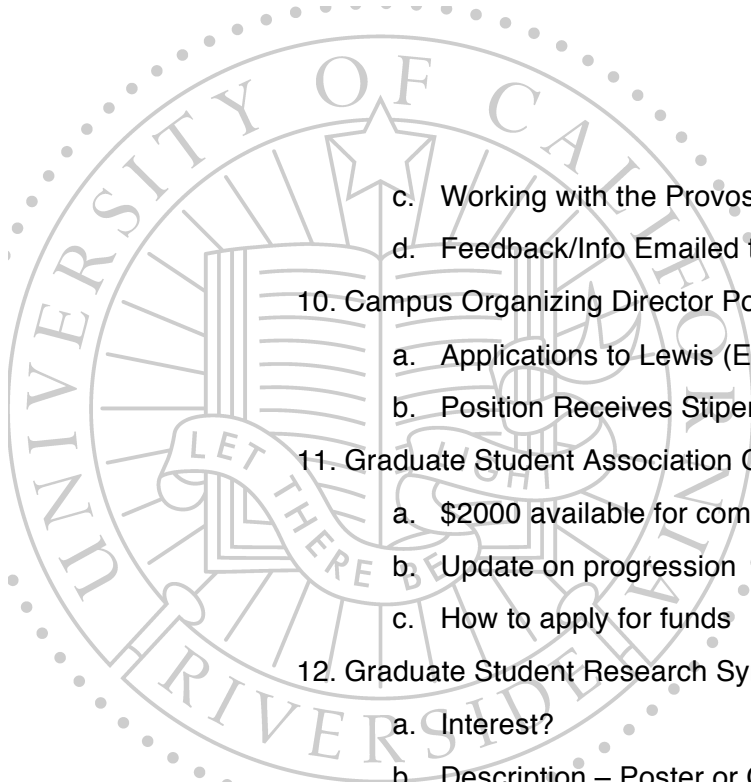
1. Motion

- a. Yea: 30**

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- b. **Nay: 0**
 - c. **Abstain: 1**
 - 4. Documents for mini-GSA Meeting Reimbursement
 - a. See Handout
 - b. Website will be updated to make the process more understandable
 - c. The meeting must be for *business*
 - 5. Conference Travel Grant Information
 - a. 4,480.00 spent in October, November figures are being processed
 - b. Outlining deadlines
 - c. Guidelines for a Successful Application
 - d. Upcoming Workshops
 - 6. GradBash Information
 - a. Wants to plan for next week, requesting help
 - b. Ideally on 11/13 @ 6pm at the GetAway
 - i. Someone wants to ask GetAway to extend happy hour for GradBash. May start GradBash @ 5pm if they wont adjust.
 - 7. Graduate Student Office Remodel Update
 - a. Wall painted for free
 - b. Graduate Student Artwork
 - c. Furniture on Order, should be here in 4 weeks
 - d. Hired New Undergraduate Students for Front Desk
 - 8. Alumni Association Survey
 - a. What do graduate students want as benefits
 - i. Lifetime access to article database
 - b. Fill out survey and return to GSA office (can use campus mail)
 - i. Please handout to all mini-GSA
 - ii. Can return to AAOs as well
 - iii. Anonymous
 - 9. Grad Student Report – 300 new faculty
 - a. Looking for *ad hoc* committee members
 - b. Recommendations from the Graduate Student Body

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- c. Working with the Provost
 - d. Feedback/Info Emailed to Preston
 - 10. Campus Organizing Director Position is Open
 - a. Applications to Lewis (Executive VP)
 - b. Position Receives Stipend
 - 11. Graduate Student Association Community Outreach Fund
 - a. \$2000 available for community outreach projects
 - b. Update on progression
 - c. How to apply for funds
 - 12. Graduate Student Research Symposium & Grad SLAM
 - a. Interest?
 - b. Description – Poster or Oral
 - c. Keynote- not decided on yet
 - d. Grad SLAM- Awards, \$1000 best presentation award
 - i. The vote will be tabled until Preston returns
 - e. Graduate Student Research Symposium – hosted in Spring. Amount to use (Reserve fund) - \$7500 – Vote

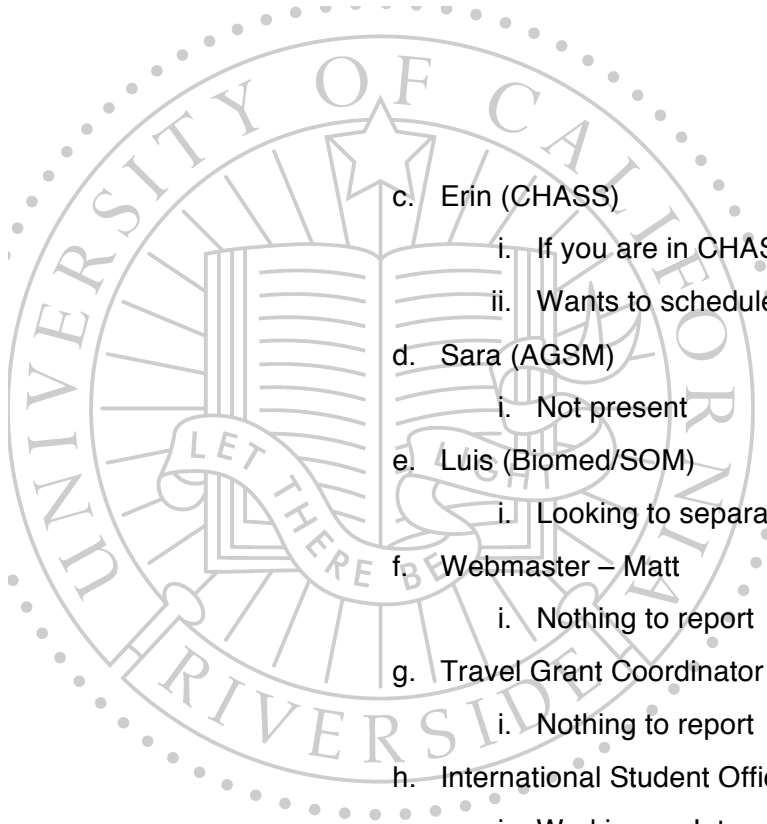
i. Vote

1. Motion, motion seconded

- a. Yea: 28**
- b. Nay: 0**
- c. Abstain: 2**

- 13. Graduate Student Mentorship Program
 - a. Progress
- 14. Officer Reports
 - a. Darshana (BCOE)
 - i. The seminar calendar will be updated
 - ii. Helping Maggi organize CTG workshop (11/18)
 - b. Nichole (CNAS)
 - i. Updated lists and emails in October
 - ii. Wants to schedule CNAS meeting this month

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- c. Erin (CHASS)
 - i. If you are in CHASS and not receiving emails, contact Erin
 - ii. Wants to schedule meet-ups
 - d. Sara (AGSM)
 - i. Not present
 - e. Luis (Biomed/SOM)
 - i. Looking to separate Med students from Grad Students
 - f. Webmaster – Matt
 - i. Nothing to report
 - g. Travel Grant Coordinator – Magi
 - i. Nothing to report
 - h. International Student Officer – Edgar
 - i. Working on International Student Task Force with Major and Police Chief to make Riverside more welcoming to international students
 - ii. Signup for committee
 - i. Legislative Liaison – Nicole
 - i. Not Present
 - j. Finance Officer – Adela
 - i. Not Present
 - k. GSHIP Officer – Melania
 - i. Waiver criteria will be changing
 - ii. A new file will be updated to website soon explaining changes
 - l. Public Relations Officer – Danielle
 - i. Grad Club night was a success
 - ii. Planning more events in the future, need social committee members
 - m. Vice President of Academic Affairs – Danae
 - i. Please sign up for committees!
 - ii. Need to fill Student Service Fee Advisory Committee members
 - 1. Need 4 applicants by Friday

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n. Executive Vice President – Lewis

i. Met with Politicians

o. President – Preston

i. Not present

15. Open Forum

a. Nothing to announce

16. Adjournment @ **8:07pm**

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