



UCR GSA Council Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2014 7:00pm HUB 355

1. Call to Order @ 7:04pm

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

- i. Yea: 30
- ii. Nay: 0
- iii. Abstain: 0

2. One time Amendment to bylaws Due to holiday break we will not be able to have executive board meeting 9 days before council (as bylaws state)

a. Agenda will not be finalized until 2 days before January 2015 Council Meeting

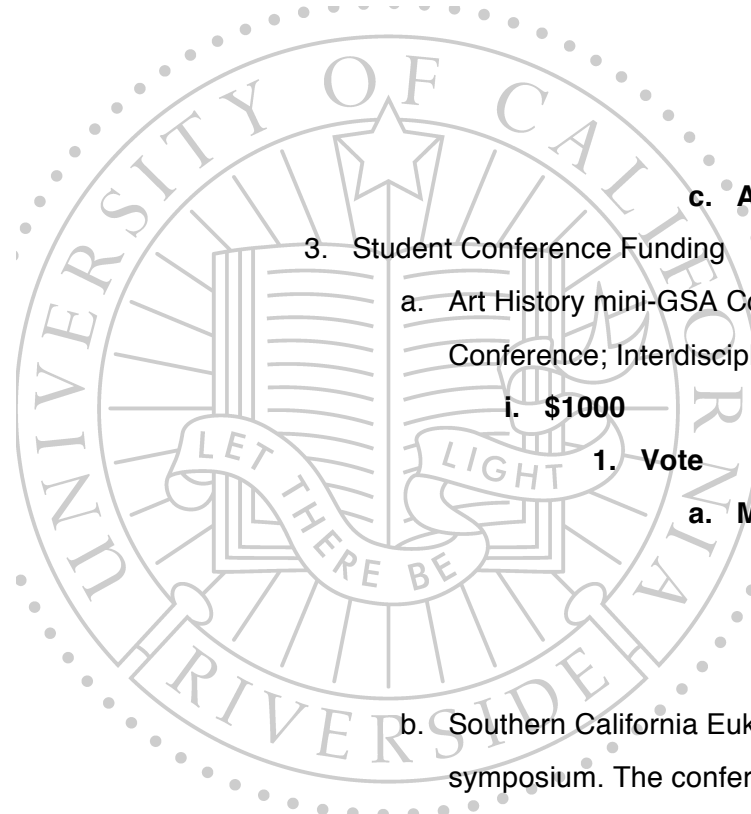
b. Request for Executive Board meeting January 5th & Council Meeting will be January 7th

i. Vote

1. Motion

- a. Yea: 34**
- b. Nay: 0**

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c. Abstain: 0

3. Student Conference Funding

a. Art History mini-GSA Conference: "On Who's Authority;" 4th Annual Conference; Interdisciplinary

i. \$1000

1. Vote

a. Motion

i. Yea: 34

ii. Nay: 0

iii. Abstain: 1

b. Southern California Eukaryotic Pathogen Symposium (SCEP); 4th annual symposium. The conference was November 19, 2014

i. \$905

1. Vote

a. Motion

i. Yea: 36

ii. Nay: 0

iii. Abstain: 0

4. Announcement from International Student Affairs Office

a. They are awarding Edgar Tellez Foster for his efforts

5. Student Recreational Center Fee Update

a. They sent a letter to UCOP to request an Opt Out of the fee increase and they said there is no option for opting out

b. Preston is asking for suggestions for grad student centered programming at the rec center. Email Preston with ideas

6. Graduate Student Office Remodel Update

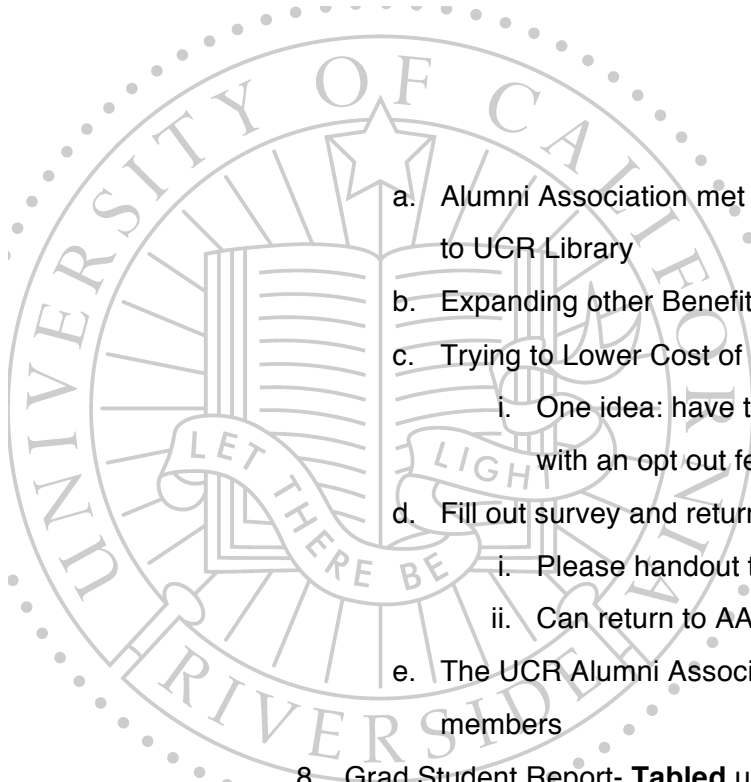
a. Graduate Student Artwork

b. Hired New Undergraduate Students for Front Desk

c. Open House – Beginning of Winter 2015 Quarter

7. Alumni Association Survey – Update

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- a. Alumni Association met with Library Leaders for Lifetime Digital Access to UCR Library
 - b. Expanding other Benefits
 - c. Trying to Lower Cost of Lifetime Membership
 - i. One idea: have the fee included in tuition to pay for membership with an opt out feature
 - d. Fill out survey and return to GSA office
 - i. Please handout to all mini-GSA
 - ii. Can return to AAOs as well
 - e. The UCR Alumni Association really wants to expand graduate student members
8. Grad Student Report- **Tabled** until next time.
 9. Graduate Student Association Community Outreach Fund
 - a. Update on progression
 - b. How to apply for funds (Danae)
 - c. We can begin to fund activities in January 2015
 - d. Statement of Purpose; Statement of Merit; Letter of Support; GSA logo must be on materials; Line Budget; Receipts
 - e. Only \$2000 in this fund currently
 10. Graduate Student Research Symposium Update
 - a. \$7500 was approved last month
 - b. Structure. Poster + Oral or just poster or just oral
 - i. **Vote**
 1. **Motion**
 - a. **Poster: 0**
 - b. **Oral: 0**
 - c. **Poster + Oral: 36**
 - c. Potential Dates
 - i. Preston will find dates and finalize it next meeting
 11. Graduate Student Mentorship Program- **Tabled** until next time.

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12. Announcement from 2 graduate student groups

a. Subject is Israel Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions

i. UAW

1. Call from Palestinian people to boycott Israel investments in light of attacks on Gaza
2. The vote is calling for:
 - a. UC reagents to divest pensions in Israel companies
 - b. UAW to divest pensions in Israel companies
 - c. End US military aid to Israel
 - d. Also academic institution boycott
3. There will be 3 polling sites tomorrow @ 9am
 - a. Bell Tower, Bytes, and Outside Humanities

4. They vote YES

ii. Informed Graduate Students

1. They say this boycott infringes on academic freedom
2. They hold this is *anti-academic*
3. We can't divide institutions from individuals since institutions are comprised of people
4. They vote NO

13. Officer Reports

a. Darshana (BCOE)

- i. Nothing to report

b. Nichole (CNAS)

- i. They applied for and obtained a Hospitality Certification Program

c. Erin (CHASS)

- i. Nothing to report

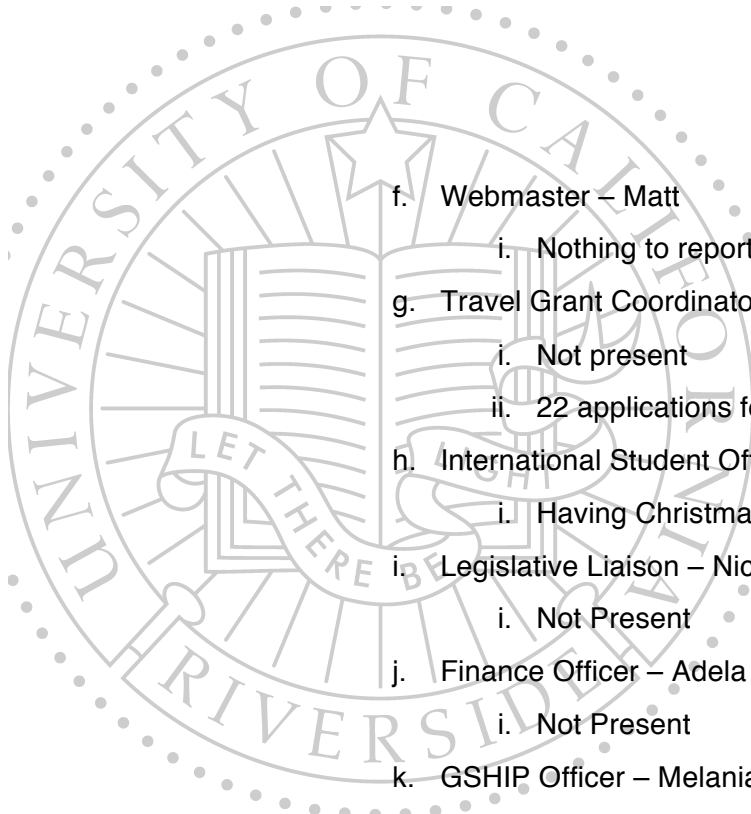
d. Sara (AGSM)

- i. Nothing to report

e. Luis (Biomed/SOM)

- i. Nothing to report

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- f. Webmaster – Matt
 - i. Nothing to report
 - g. Travel Grant Coordinator – Magi
 - i. Not present
 - ii. 22 applications for December
 - h. International Student Officer – Edgar
 - i. Having Christmas Music Party tomorrow @ 2pm in Orbach
 - i. Legislative Liaison – Nicole
 - i. Not Present
 - j. Finance Officer – Adela
 - i. Not Present
 - k. GSHIP Officer – Melania
 - i. Had meeting with broker regarding increasing copays or premiums
 - 1. Increase are imminent
 - ii. 1/12/15 a decision will be made
 - iii. Will invite the broker to January 7th, 2015 meeting
 - l. Public Relations Officer – Danielle
 - i. Grad Bash- 288 people attend
 - ii. Coffee Hour upcoming in December in the Grad Lounge
 - m. Vice President of Academic Affairs – Danae
 - i. Sign ups for committees
 - 1. Reps for Mini GSA need to be on standing committees to be active
 - n. Executive Vice President – Lewis
 - i. Not present
 - o. President – Preston
 - i. Mini GSA enrollment decreased. Please check on Highlander Link
 - ii. Steering committee on how to make UCR a Leadership School

14. Open Forum

- a. Support for the Boycott

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

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