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**Council Meeting**

**January 7th, 2015**

**President - Preston Williams**

**Officer Reports for Council Meeting**

1. **Community outreach fund**
   a. Met with Dean Childers (Graduate Dean)
      i. Explained GSA’s success in implementing a community outreach fund
      ii. Grad Division will match our contribution of $2,000
         - Total between GSA + Grad Division = $4,000
         - Renewed Yearly
   b. Met with the director of foundation relations
      i. They are consulting their office in the authoring two grants to supplement the $4,000/year
      ii. Full grant application will be submitted shortly

2. **Tuition Increase**
   a. Met with Assemblyman Jose Medina
      i. California Assemblyman from district that represents UCR
      ii. He is newly appointed Chair of the Committee on Higher Education
   b. Advocated to have the state fund the UC more to mitigate the proposed tuition increase of 5% per year
   c. Will have further meetings with him throughout the remainder of the year

3. **Recreation Center Fee Update**
   a. Met with Vice Chancellor Sandoval
   b. Still working on logistics of graduate student benefits
      i. Sent a letter with requests to his office
   c. Refinancing the loan would cause an increase in fee since it is so new
      i. May be an option in ~5 years

4. **Leadership Steering/Drafting Committee**
   a. Continued to work with staff and faculty representatives to work to create a program that will be available for the entire UC community
   b. Drafted a call of support that will be sent to Chancellor shortly

5. **Working to secure the dates for the Graduate Student Research Symposium**
Proposed Dates: April 30th – May 1st
One day will be posters; one day will be selected oral presentations
We approved a proposal plan to get further funding

6. Master Plan Steering Committee
   a. Graduate student representation on the master plan steering committee
   b. Graduate student representation on the master plan steering committee
   c. Working with administration to get further funding

7. Met with Provost
   a. Looking at the possible restructure of the colleges at UCR
      i. Looking at combining various colleges
   b. Many financial reasons
      i. Currently, provost has to make decisions on funding – may be
         better to have deans that are more familiar with the college to
         make these decisions

8. Met with Maggie Gover from GradSucess
   a. Having a non-Academic career bootcamp in March
   b. Gradslam is coming up
      i. 3 min research talk
      ii. 60 Spots – Registration opens in March
      iii. Winner gets a quarter of GSR support

9. Committee on Educational Policy Meeting
   a. Discussed Gender Studies Requirement for undergraduate students.
      i. Committee is currently voting on whether to suggest
         recommendation for an ad-hoc committee for future review.

10. UC Student Association January Board Meeting
    a. Upcoming meeting in Santa Cruz on January 10-11.

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1. **Events and Allocations Committee**
   a. First E&A Committee meeting was successful
      b. Drafted and finalized new Community Outreach application criteria
      c. Is now posted on the website, accepting applications.

2. **Events and Allocations Committee**
   a. Reviewed two applications for graduate student conferences
      b. Held pre-proposal meeting with a student conference organizer.
      c. Waiting for application from the English Department mini-GSA and final budget. Pending review by committee for final recommendation.

   a. Updated list of active/non-active Mini-GSAs provided by Student Life.
      i. Received new list from Student Life
      ii. Updated lists will be distributed soon
   b. Reviewed and approved mini-GSA re-imbursement applications.
      i. Will review the form with the E&A Committee.
   c. The Materials Science and Engineering (MSE) graduate students are requesting to form a new mini-GSA.

3. **Academic Affairs Committee**
   a. Still planning first meeting with AAOs, dropped the ball on this in the first quarter.
      i. TBD

4. **ITS ON US Sexual Violence and Assault Committee**
   a. Next meeting TBD

5. **Academic Freedom Committee**
   a. Met with members from the academic senate.
      i. Meeting discussion is largely proprietary until voted on by the Senate, especially action items.
      ii. We discussed updates to the website, the faculty’s position on freedom of academic speech in light of social media platforms and the faculty’s syllabus.

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GSA Executive Office

Planning a surprise gift and award for Michele for all her hard work.
Looking for donations from e-board members, plan on getting a
special award engraved and a gift certificate to a nice restaurant in
the area.

Ad hoc Committee on BDS Issue

1. Events planned for Winter quarter
   a. Weekend at cabin in Big Bear
      i. Limit 16 people; maybe we do it multiple times
      ii. Need to find weekends when available
      iii. Shuttle service available from San Bernadino
   b. Club night
      i. Looking into Alice, Pixels, Wolfscale; open to others; will check to
         see if they can offer drink specials
   c. Movie night
      i. Contacted PhD Comics about screening; awaiting response
      ii. Planning to provide snacks and drinks

2. Events planned for Spring quarter
   a. Vegas trip
   b. Joshua Tree trip

Health Insurance Officer – Melanie Abrahamian

Arranging Health Insurance broker meeting with graduate students at general council meeting in
January 2015.

Finance Officer – Ting Yan Adela Ng

1. GSA Requisition
   a. GradBash $ 1,449.90
   GSA Council Meeting $ 323.41
   E-Board Meeting $ 206.39
   Final Coffee Social $ 134.27

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Received by Jan 5, 2015 total = $2,113.97

Grand Total amount as of Jan 5, 2015 = $5,085.18

2. Mini GSA Reimbursement
   a. Sociology $40.22
   b. Microbiology $13.20
   c. BCEO $42.04

   Received by Jan 5, 2015 total = $95.46

   (The Total amount as of Jan 5, 2015 = $1,006.84)

3. Travel Expense
   a. No additional travel expense received
   b. Total as of Jan 5, 2015 = $993.73

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International Students Officer – Edgar Tellez Foster

- Received the “International Student Champion 2014” award from the International Student Resource Center.
- Next events: Speaker at the city council on January 13th as representative of International students of the city of Riverside as part of the International Student Friendly City Task Force

Secretary/ Webmaster – Matt Valdez

Nothing to report.

Conference Travel Grant Coordinator – Magi Mettry

This fiscal year started off with a GSACTG budget of approximately $20,000 from SSFAC and $69,142.71. Of that we have funded approximately $81,000. Pay-outs per month broken down as follows:

Determining award Jan (Thus far):

- 7 Attendee ($100) = $700
- 9 Southwest ($300) = $2,700
- 10 US ($400) = $4,000
- 3 World ($600) = $1,800

Total = $9,200

Determining award Dec:

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1. Meetings with Breana Ross (ASUCR Campus Organizing Director)
   a. Teach-in on Diversity Campaign
      i. Discussed re-segregation in schools. Biweekly meetings for this campaign will begin in winter quarter
   b. Die-in 12/5/14
2. Highlander Lobby Corps
   a. Meetings and lobbying will begin Winter 2015
3. Toni Gomez (UCSA Grad/Prof Director)
   a. Reviewed JOBS Survey Report and provided feedback

Campus Organizing Director – Open Position

Nothing to report.

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**Academic Affairs Office**

**Reports for Council Meeting**

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**Bourns College of Engineering – Darshana Wickramaratne**

1. Improve enrollment of BCOE graduate students on Highlander Link using information from BCOE graduate seminars. Current number of BCOE graduate students enrolled on Highlander Link: 148 (1/4/2015)

2. Future plan: Setup quarterly meeting with BCOE mini GSA representatives.

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**College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences – Nicole Ginnan**

Nothing to report.

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**Graduate School of Education – Position Open**

Nothing to report.

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**Anderson Graduate School of Management – Sara Tomlinson**

Nothing to report.

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**College Of Humanities, Arts, And Social Sciences- Erin Gould**

- Consolidating rep ideas for an informal meeting
  - Sent out a poll to see when a majority of people are free to meet— working on planning an event to start off the quarter
  - Will do a coffee meeting to get people to show up, and after that, will work on developing other events
- Still working on connections and spreading word about our funding opportunities for graduate students