

UCR GSA Council Meeting Agenda

January 7th, 2015 7:00pm HUB 355

7:00pm

Call to Order

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

7:05pm

Appointment of the GSA Campus Organizing Director

- **Vote**

7:10pm

Confirmation of Extension of Responsibilities for CHASS AAO (Erin)

- Will serve as both CHASS AAO and College of Education AAO
- **Vote**

7:13pm

Graduate Student Community Outreach Fund Update

- Application Currently Online
- Expansion of Fund

7:17pm

Graduate Student Research Symposium

- Dates
- Structure
- Applications

7:21pm

Rec Center Fee Update

7:25pm

Health Insurance Discussion

- Invited Speaker Talking about the Future of GSHIP Plans

7:38pm

Officer Reports/Updates

- AAOs
 - Darshana(BCOE)
 - Nichole(CNAS)
 - Erin(CHASS)
 - Sara(AGSM)
 - Luis(Biomed/SOM)
- Webmaster/Secretary – Matt
- Travel Grant Coordinator – Magi

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- International Student Officer – Edgar
- Legislative Liaison - Nicole
- Finance Officer – Adela
- GSHIP Officer – Melania
- Public Relations Officer – Danielle
- Vice President of Academic Affairs – Danae
- Executive Vice President – Lewis
- President - Preston

7:50pm Open Forum

8:00pm Adjournment

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Officer Reports for Council Meeting January 7th, 2015

President – Preston Williams

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
 1. Total between GSA + Grad Division = \$4,000
 2. Renewed Yearly
 - b. Met with the director of foundation relations
 - i. I am 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

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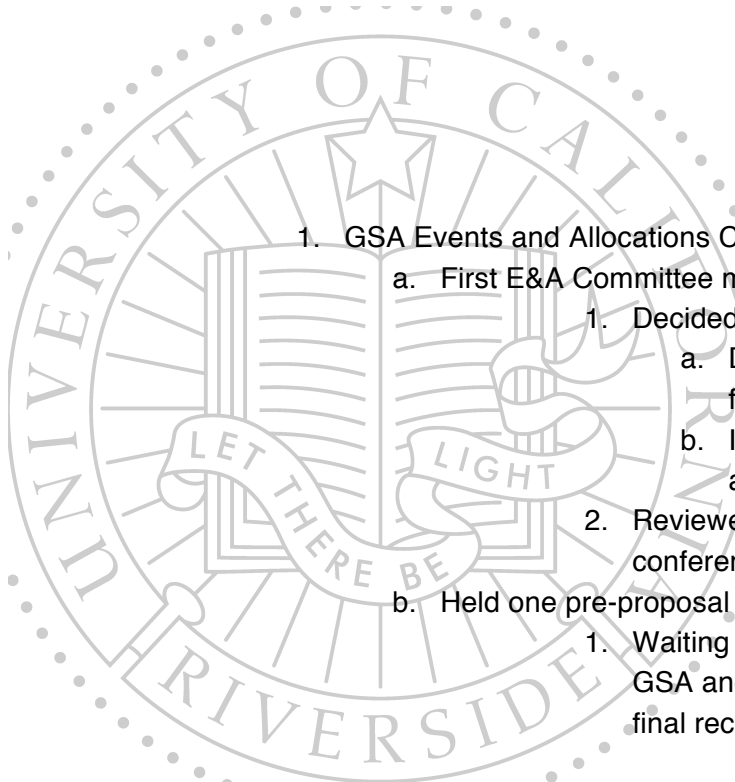
- a. Proposed Dates are: April 30th – May 1st
 - b. One day will be posters, one day will be selected oral presentations
 - c. Working with administration to get further funding
6. Master Plan Steering Committee
- a. Graduate Student Representation on the master plan steering committee
 - b. Working (continual process until December 2015) with consulting firm and architectural firm to see how to develop UCR in the next 5/10/20/30 years
 - c. Currently, they are assessing current needs/ future desires of graduate students
 - d. Working on parking, more research space, renovation and more space of current building, housing and other needs that have been raised by the graduate student community.
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 GradSuccess
- 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
 - 1. Looking at the creation of systemwide competition

Vice President – Lewis Luartz

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.

Vice President of Academic Affairs – Danae Gmuer-Johnson

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1. GSA Events and Allocations Committee
 - a. First E&A Committee meeting was successful
 1. Decided Community Outreach application criteria
 - a. Drafted and finalized new Community Outreach form.
 - b. Is now posted on the website, accepting applications.
 2. Reviewed two applications for graduate student conferences.
 - b. Held one pre-proposal meeting with a student conference organizer.
 1. Waiting for application from the English Department mini-GSA and final budget. Pending review by committee for final recommendation.
 2. Mini-GSA
 - 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) gradate 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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6. GSA Executive Office
 - a. Planning a surprise gift and award for Michele for all her hard work.
 - i. Looking for donations from e-board members, plan on getting a crystal award engraved and a gift certificate to a nice restaurant in the area.
7. Ad hoc Committee on BDS Issue
 - a. TBD

Public Relations Officer – Danielle Pitt

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 – Melania 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

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

2. Mini GSA Reimbursement

- a. Sociology \$ 40.22
- Microbiology \$ 13.20
- BCOE \$ 42.04

Received by Jan 5, 2015 total = \$ 95.46

i. Grand 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

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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2 attendee	(\$100) = \$200
0 North America	(\$500) = \$0
10 Southwest	(\$300) = \$9,000
8 United States	(\$400) = \$3,200
2 world	(\$600) = \$1,200
Total	=\$13,600

Determining award Nov:

12 attendee	(\$100) = \$1,200
6 North America	(\$500) = \$3,600
32 Southwest	(\$300) = \$9,600
32 United States	(\$400) = \$12,800
1 world	(\$600) = \$600
Total	=\$27,800

Legislative Liaison – Nicole Sparks

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 Officer Reports for Council Meeting January 7th, 2015

Biomedical Sciences – Luis Jimenez

Nothing to report.

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.

College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences – Nicole Ginnan

Nothing to report.

Graduate School of Education – Position Open

Nothing to report.

Anderson Graduate School of Management – Sara Tomlinson

Nothing to report.

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

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