UCR GSA Council Meeting Minutes
January 7th, 2015 7:00pm HUB 355

1. Call to Order @ 8:05pm
   a. Present
      X  Preston Williams (President)
      X  Lewis Luartz (Vice President)
      X  Danae Gmuer-Johnson (Vice President of Academic Affairs)
      X  Danielle Pitt (Public Relations Officer)
      X  Melania Abrahamian (Health Insurance Officer)
      X  Ting Yan Adela Ng (Finance Officer)
      X  Matt Valdez (Secretary)
      X  Magi Mettry (Conference Travel Grant Coordinator)
      X  Nicole Sparks (Legislative Liaison)
      X  Edgar Tellez Foster (International Student Officer)
      X  Open Position (Campus Organizing Director)

1. Approval of Minutes and Agenda
   a. Motion to approve minutes and agenda. Minutes approved

2. Appointment of the GSA Campus Organizing Director
   a. Vote
      i. Motion
         1. Yea: 36
         2. Nay: 0
         3. Abstain: 0

3. Confirmation of Extension of Responsibilities for CHASS AAO (Erin)
   a. Will serve as both CHASS AAO and College of Education AAO
   b. Vote
      i. Motion
         1. Yea: 36
         2. Nay: 0
         3. Abstain: 0

4. Graduate Student Community Outreach Fund Update
   a. Application Currently Online
   b. Expansion of Fund

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1. Graduate Student Research Symposium
   Dates: Possibly after Memorial Day
2. Oral and Poster Discussions (on separate days)
3. Rec Center Fee Update
   a. The fee will not change, no opt-out
   b. Spouses will be able to get a discount
4. Health Insurance Discussion
   a. Invited Speaker Talking about the Future of GSHIP Plans
      i. Brokers are here to discuss the current status of the Health Care @ UCR
      ii. The program is up for renewal
      iii. They anticipate an update by this Friday
      iv. Medical inflation (8-11%) may cause an increase
      v. Discussing actuarial evaluation
6. Officer Reports/Updates
   a. AAOs
      i. Darshana (BCOE)
         1. Trying to increase active students in engineering
         2. Call for proposal for Innovative Teaching Methods
      ii. Nichole (CNAS)
         1. Remind everyone to sign up on Highlander Link
         2. Planning a CNAS event
      iii. Erin (CHASS)
         1. Wants to set up a coffee social- soliciting for feedback
      iv. Sara (AGSM)
         1. Not present
   b. Webmaster/Secretary – Matt
      i. Nothing to report
   c. Travel Grant Coordinator – Magi
      i. Not present
   d. International Student Officer – Edgar
      i. Not present
   e. Legislative Liaison – Nicole
      i. Nothing to report
   f. Finance Officer – Adela
      i. Report is posted
   g. GSHIP Officer – Melania
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   a. Public Relations – Danielle
   
   i. A coffee social - attendance was good
   ii. If anyone has concerns regarding the new plan, please contact

   b. Vice President of Academic Affairs – Danae
   
   i. Planning Brewery tour
   ii. Upcoming screening of PhD comics movie in UNLH

   c. Vice President of Community Outreach – Danielle
   
   i. Community Outreach application is online
   ii. Everyone needs to sign up on Highlander Link
   iii. If you signed up for a committee you need to attend meetings
   iv. There has been a recent issue with committee members not attending committee meetings

   d. Vice President of Finance – Lewis
   
   i. Not Present
   ii. Discussing the tuition increase
   1. If the state gives us money we can prevent the increase ($20mil reduces increase by 1%)
   2. Discussing his role on the Master Planning Committee
   1. What do we want UCR to look like in the future
   2. Soliciting for suggestions
   iii. Potential restructure of CHASS and CNAS in a Letters of Arts and Sciences

9. Open Forum
   
   a. No new business

10. Adjournment @ 7:57pm