

## UCR GSA Council Meeting Minutes January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 7:00pm HUB 355

1. Call to Order @ **8:05pm**

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. 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**

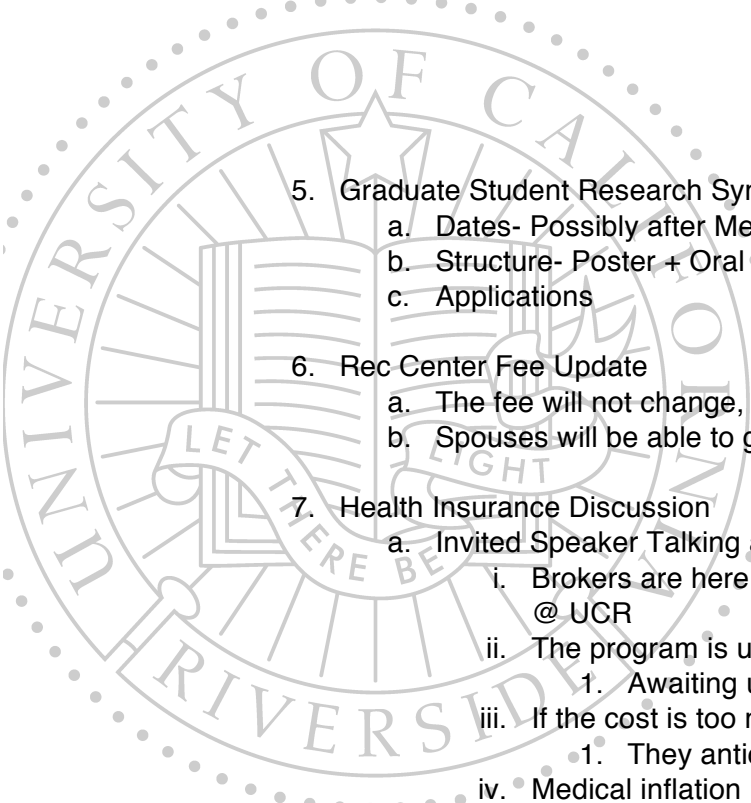
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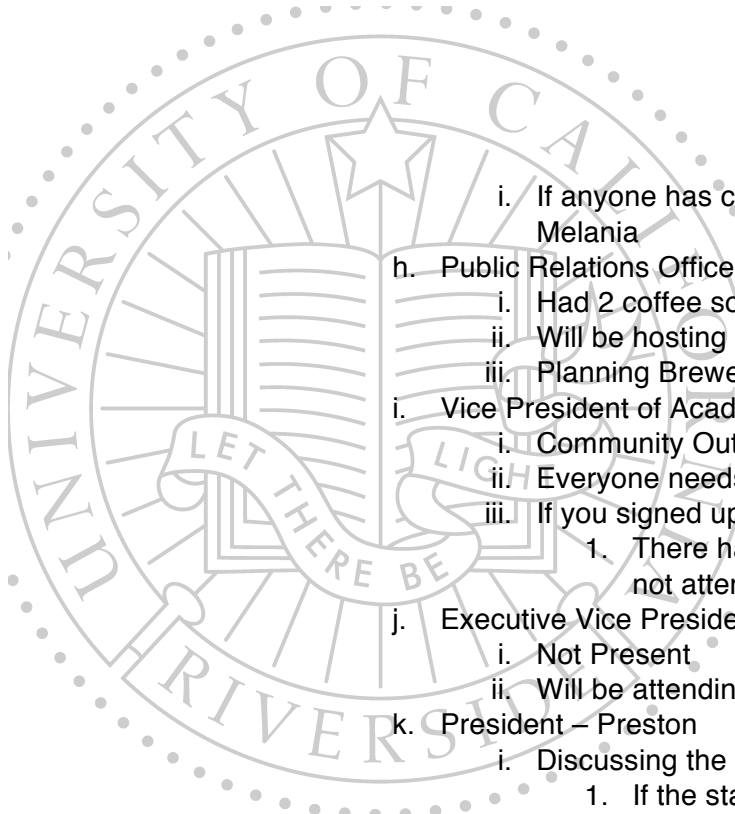
4. Graduate Student Community Outreach Fund Update

- a. Application Currently Online
- b. Expansion of Fund

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5. Graduate Student Research Symposium
    - a. Dates- Possibly after Memorial Day
    - b. Structure- Poster + Oral Discussions (on separate days)
    - c. Applications
  6. Rec Center Fee Update
    - a. The fee will not change, no opt-out
    - b. Spouses will be able to get a discount
  7. 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
        1. Awaiting updates from Atena
      - iii. If the cost is too much we may need to reorganize the benefits
        1. They anticipate an update by this Friday
      - iv. Medical inflation (8-11%) may cause an increase
      - v. Discussing actuarial evaluation
  8. 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
      - v. Luis(Biomed/SOM)
        1. Nothing to report
    - 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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- i. If anyone has concerns regarding the new plan, please contact  
Melania
  - h. Public Relations Officer – Danielle
    - i. Had 2 coffee socials- attendance was good
    - ii. Will be hosting screening of PhD comics movie in UNLH
    - iii. Planning Brewery tour
  - i. Vice President of Academic Affairs – Danae
    - 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
      - 1. There has been a recent issue with committee members  
not attending committee meetings
  - j. Executive Vice President – Lewis
    - i. Not Present
    - ii. Will be attending UCSA meeting in UC Santa Cruz
  - k. President – Preston
    - i. Discussing the tuition increase
      - 1. If the state gives us money we can prevent the increase  
(\$20mil reduces increase by 1%)
    - ii. 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**

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