

UCR GSA Council Meeting Agenda

March 4th, 2015 7:00pm HUB 355

7:00pm

Call to Order

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

7:05pm

Invited Speaker

- Will update GSA council UCSA Jobs Report
- Open Questions/Discussion

7:20pm

Discussion about Departmental Co-sponsorship

- Budget Cut this year by \$3,000
- Option to expand funds back to normal size
- Add \$2,500 to the budget line
- Vote

7:25pm

Departmental Co-sponsorship Student Conferences

- **Neuroscience**
 - Brain Awareness Day
 - Description
 - **Request Amount \$750**
 - Recommendation from Events and Allocation Committee (EA)
 - Vote
- **Ethnic Studies**
 - Description
 - **Requested Amount: \$1,500**
 - Recommendation from EA Committee
 - Vote
- **Psychology**
 - TEDx
 - Description
 - **Requested Amount: \$1,000**
 - Recommendation from EA Committee
 - Vote

7:35pm

New Forms for GSA website

- Description
- Application/Process for reimbursement will be streamlined with new forms
- Questions

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7:38pm Announcement from CNAS AAO

- Regarding Neuroscience event

7:40pm Officer Reports/Updates

- AAOs
 - Darshana (BCOE)
 - Nichole (CNAS)
 - Erin (CHASS)
 - Sara (AGSM)
 - Luis (Biomed/SOM)
- Webmaster/Secretary – Matt
- Travel Grant Coordinator – Magi
- International Student Officer – Edgar
- Legislative Liaison – Nicole
- Campus Organizing Director – Charles
- 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

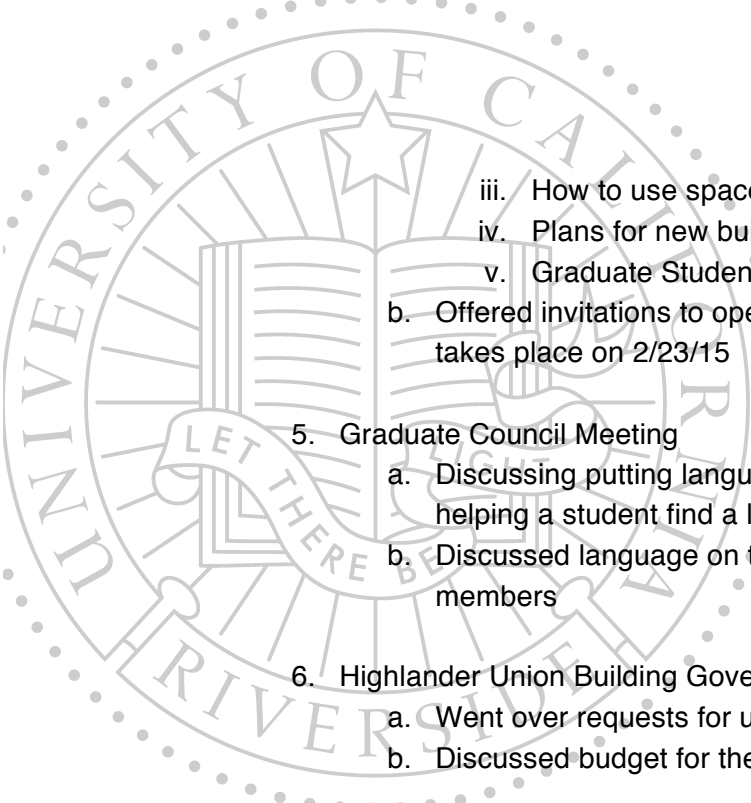
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Officer Reports for Council Meeting March 4th, 2015

President – Preston Williams

1. Meeting with Chief Financial Officer – Nathan Brostrom
 - a. Discussed Long Term Tuition Plan
 - i. Many benefits arise for graduate students
 - ii. TA ships – smaller classes
 - iii. He is working strongly with the state to get funding
 1. President Napolitano is also working with the state
 - iv. Target of about 80-100 million dollar increase from the state is the goal
2. UCR Board of Trustee Meeting
 - a. Updated the group about the strides GSA has been taking this year
 - b. They discussed philanthropy and how UCR is broadening their reach to potential donors
 - i. Targeting various parts of the United states and Asia where there is a high concentration of UCR Graduates (both undergraduate and graduate)
3. UCR Alumni Association Board Meeting
 - a. Updated the group about the strides GSA has been taking this year
 - b. The board passed the addition to Alumni lifetime membership benefit
 - i. Will have access to both science and non-science journals (a subset of the journals UCR subscribes to – all of them would be to costly – list can be found in upcoming information release from UCR AA)
 - c. Still working on other benefits
 - i. “Alumni now” events – events for current graduate students
 - ii. Should be planned for end of 2015 AY or during the 2015-2016 AY
4. Physical Master Plan Steering Committee
 - a. Met with subcommittee on student life to convey issues that are important to graduate students
 - i. Safety
 - ii. Space – both lab and study

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- iii. How to use space more efficiently
 - iv. Plans for new buildings
 - v. Graduate Student housing
 - b. Offered invitations to open house/town hall to all graduate students that takes place on 2/23/15
- 5. Graduate Council Meeting
 - a. Discussing putting language on the role of graduate division has when helping a student find a lab
 - b. Discussed language on the use of Skype during defenses for committee members
 - 6. Highlander Union Building Governing Board Meeting
 - a. Went over requests for use of HUB by various groups on campus
 - b. Discussed budget for the next year (2015-2016 AY)
 - 7. Meeting with Chancellor Wilcox and Provost D'Anieri
 - a. Went over various events and progress that GSA has done throughout the current year
 - b. Discussed ways to solicit the state for future funding
 - 8. Meeting with Graduate Dean Childers
 - a. Discussed graduate student mentoring program
 - i. Program meant for graduate students that are having a more difficult time adjusting to graduate school
 - ii. Has lead to a dramatic decrease in the amount of graduate students who withdraw from UCR
 - 9. GSA Stance on SCA1
 - a. SCA1 is seeking allow the state to have veto power over various aspects within the UC system
 - b. UCR GSA does not support SCA1
 - c. The focus should be on Regent reform – specifically adding more voting students
 - 10. Meeting with Council of Presidents – Conference Call
 - a. Will meeting with President Napolitano during the next few weeks
 - b. Went over issues that we want to discuss with her

Will update in next officer report

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Vice President – Lewis Luartz

11. Academic Senate Committee on Educational Policy Meeting

a. February 6

- i. Meeting consisted of discussing General Education policies, and possible solutions for standardizing these requirements.
- ii. Discussed UCR policy language dealing with the amount of time Professors and Teaching Assistants have to keep work at the end of the quarter.

12. UCSA Board Meeting at UC Los Angeles

a. February 7-8

- i. Divestment issue was the primary subject on the table
 1. UCR GSA council previously voted to abstain from taking a vote due to the short turnaround given to review all available proposals
 2. Vote was pooled, so all proposals would be voted upon as a group.
 3. Vote submitted was “abstain” as indicated by UCR GSA council.
 4. Divestment proposals passed at the UCSA level.
- ii. SCA 1 was voted on.
 1. UCR GSA voted “no” on this issue.
 2. SCA 1 passed at the UCSA level.

13. Drafted a Press Release Against SCA 1

- a. Press release condemns SCA 1 and argues for regental reform.
- b. Document based on the released statement by the Associated Students of UCSB (ASUCSB).

14. Student Regent and Student Regent-Designate Meeting

a. February 10

- i. Met with Student Regent and Student Regent-Designate over lunch to discuss the Student Regent position, and issues pressing the UC and specifically UCR.

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- i. Upcoming

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16. UCSA Board Meeting at UC Santa Barbara

- a. March 7-8
 - i. Upcoming.

17. Meetings with Legislators

- a. Various Dates/Times
 - i. Will be meeting with various legislators in the coming weeks in an attempt to lobby for UCR. Details will be available in the next Officer Report

Vice President of Academic Affairs – Danae Gmuer-Johnson

1. GSA Events and Allocations Committee

- a. E&A Committee Meeting held on February 3rd, 2015 at 12pm in the Graduate Lounge.
 - i. Reviewed, discussed and voted to approve the 4 pending conference applications in full.
 - ii. Next E&A Committee Meeting on March 2nd or 3rd at 12pm in the Grad Lounge.
- b. NEW GSA Online Forms:
 - i. Community Outreach Form
 - ii. Mini-GSA Reimbursement
- c. Community Outreach
 - i. Held two (2) pre-proposal meetings
 - 1. Approved funding for the “Hanging Out” from Art to Ethnography exhibit for \$1300.
 - 2. Brain Day application for \$1500 is pending review and approval.
 - 3. We need bylaws/policy for this fund
- d. Held three (3) pre-proposal meetings with student conference organizers.
 - i. Neuroscience Department, “Brain Awareness Day” \$750
 - ii. Psychology Department, “TEDxUCR” \$1,000
 - iii. Ethnic Studies Department, requesting: “Title Unknown” \$500
 - a. All applications pending review by committee for final recommendation.
 - b. Current \$295 remaining of the \$10,000 in Conference Allocations Fund (please see end of this report).

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2. Mini-GSA and Student Life

- a. Updated list of active/non-active Mini-GSAs provided by Student Life.
 - i. Received new list from Adam at Student Life
 - ii. There are a few new active mini-GSAs
- b. Reviewed and approved mini-GSA re-imbusement applications.
- c. Meeting scheduled with Adam on February 25th to discuss better activation policy for mini-GSAs

3. Academic Affairs Committee

- a. Still planning first meeting with AAOs.
 - i. TBD (I'm Sorry!)
 - ii. GSA Art Contest Criteria established and emailed to AAOs for distribution.

4. ITS ON US Sexual Violence and Assault Committee

- a. Established three possible GSA representatives for the ITS ON US UCR PSA video.
- b. The campaign is also looking for a student representative on the UC policy level.

5. Academic Freedom Committee

- a. Next meeting TBD

6. GSA Executive Office

- a. Continued to order organizational items for the GSA office and working on general beautification.
- b. Still planning a gift for Michele for all her hard work.

7. Ad hoc Committee on BDS Issue

- a. TBD

****IMPORTANT****

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Earth Sciences: \$500

Music Department: \$2000

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Anthropology Department: \$1,800
Microbiology: \$905

Total: \$9,705

Fund: \$10,000
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\$295

Total Amount Available in fund: \$295

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Public Relations Officer – Danielle Pitt

Nothing to report.

Health Insurance Officer – Melania Abrahamian

SHAC meeting on 2-13-2015.

Discussed the options: staying with Aetna vs. joining UCSHIP.

Started the process to invite a representative from UCR health center for a presentation at the coming council meeting about GSHIP. Following up with the updates on GSHIP plans/costs with the insurance broker. Preparing next meeting with the insurance broker.

Meeting with GSHIP committee members on 2-25-2015.

To be discussed: SHAC meeting details.

Meeting: committee on courses on 2-11-2015.

New course approvals for ENTM and CEE.

Scheduled next meeting date.

Finance Officer – Ting Yan Adela Ng

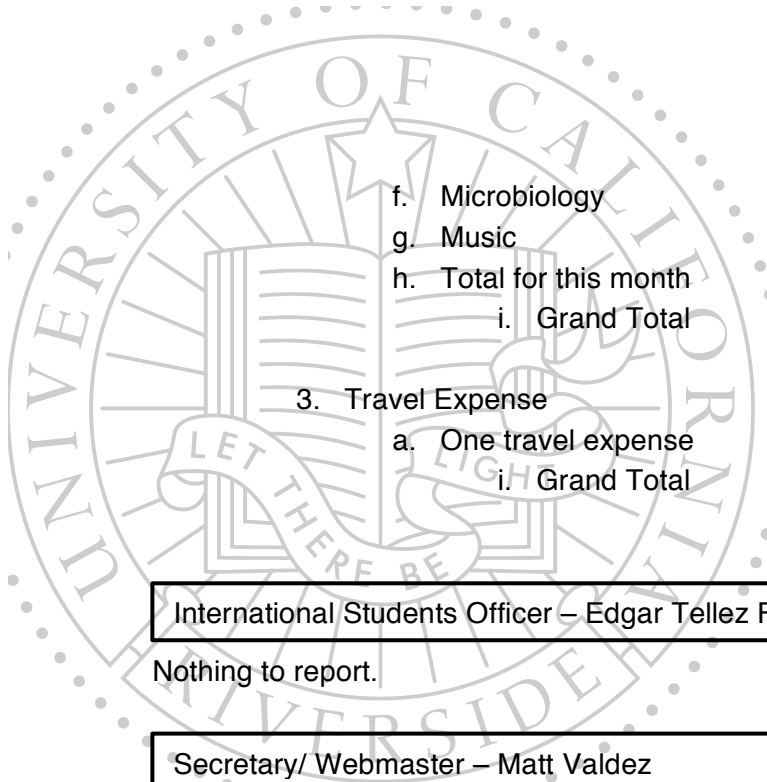
1. GSA Requisition

a. E-board Meeting	\$ 208.19
b. Total for this month	\$ 208.19
i. Grand Total	<u>\$ 5,834.35</u>

2. Mini GSA Reimbursement Request

a. Entomology GSA request on hold (need a confirmed receipt)	
b. MEGSA (released from hold)	\$ 96.71
c. Bioengineering	\$119.82
d. EEOB	\$ 94.85
e. SAGA	\$ 42.80

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f. Microbiology	\$ 7.99
g. Music	\$ 83.65
h. Total for this month	\$ 445.82
i. Grand Total	<u>\$ 1,452.66</u>
3. Travel Expense	
a. One travel expense	\$187.48
i. Grand Total	<u>\$ 1,181.21</u>

International Students Officer – Edgar Tellez Foster

Nothing to report.

Secretary/ Webmaster – Matt Valdez

Starting to develop a UCR graduate sub-reddit (r/ucrgsa). Would like any ideas from the graduate community about how they want it ran.

Conference Travel Grant Coordinator – Magi Mettry

This fiscal year started off with a GSACTG, SSFAC budget of approximately **\$20,000.00** left **\$109.08** (no change). Chancellor award budget of approximately **\$69,142.71** left **\$24,391.50** (5,465.39 used in the month of Jan). And General Fund budget of **\$100,000.00** with no funding out. The total funding of approximately **\$64,933.86**. Pay-outs per month broken down as follows:

Requested award March (Thus far):

18 attendee	(\$100) = \$18,00
1 North America	(\$500) = \$500
33 Southwest	(\$300) = \$9,900
82 United States	(\$400) = \$32,800
4 world	(\$600) = \$2,400
Total	=\$47,400.00

Requested award Feb (Thus far):

8 Attendee	(\$100) = \$800
1 North America	(\$500) = \$500
29 Southwest	(\$300) = \$8,700
24 US	(\$400) = \$9,600

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0 World (\$600) = \$0
Total = \$19,600

Award Jan:	Requested	Determining
7 Attendee	(\$100) = \$700	\$500
9 Southwest	(\$300) = \$2,700	\$1,777.07
10 US	(\$400) = \$4,000	\$3,479.97
3 World	(\$600) = \$1,800	\$not returned yet
	Total = \$9,200	=5,757.04

Legislative Liaison – Nicole Sparks

1. Highlander Lobby Corps Meeting
 - a. Weekly meetings every Monday 1pm
 - i. Lobbying will focus around the following three campaigns:
 1. Fund the UC
 2. Sexual Assault
 3. IGNITE (Invest in Graduation Not Incarceration Transforming Education)
2. Dynamic Genome Community Outreach
 - a. Teaching African American students (middle school and high school age) laboratory techniques and promoting STEM fields in college (Aligns with IGNITE campaign)
3. Meeting with Breana Ross (ASUCR Campus Organizing Director)
 - a. Would like to see a graduate student presence at LegCon in Washington DC, hosted by USSA

Campus Organizing Director – Charles Abbott

Nothing to report.

Academic Affairs Officer Reports for Council Meeting March 4th, 2015

Biomedical Sciences – Luis Jimenez

1. Biomed mini-GSA meeting this week
 - a. Try to get a more organized mini-GSA
 - b. Working on obtaining a normal monthly meeting time
 - i. Currently Biomed mini-GSA doesn't meet. More communication needs to be established for a dispersed student population.
 - ii. Goal for February and March: start a monthly business meeting to better organize the mini-GSA
2. Working on increasing support for a Medical student mini-GSA
 - a. Plan meeting with Medical student 1st and/or 2nd year representatives
 - i. Likely in the monthly BMS meetings

Bourns College of Engineering - Darshana Wickramaratne

1. Planning BCOE Mini GSA meeting, tentative scheduled for second week of March
2. Identifying new candidates for the BCOE AAO position for the 2015-2016 academic year

College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences – Nicole Ginnan

- . CNAS Departmental GSA meeting was held on February 12th. The following was discussed:
1. We decided to have bi-monthly CNAS mini-GSA meetings. With monthly updates through email.
 2. Clarified the requirements to be an active GSA
 3. Campus wide GSA elections
 4. T talked about free poster designs
 5. Travel Grants
 6. Highlanderlink sign up
 7. Having the GSA involved in recruitment days
 8. Art Contest
 9. Office Hour (Boyce Hall, room 3487)
 10. CNAS Event Ideas
- i. We have started planning a networking ice cream/coffee social 2. The Math Department GSA has been re-activated.

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Graduate School of Education – Position Open

Nothing to report.

Anderson Graduate School of Management – Sara Tomlinson

1. Meeting with AGSMSA
 - a. Discussion on agenda from previous General Council
 - i. Request from AGSMSA for funding for Banquet
2. Retirement of Cindy Roulette, Director of AGSM
 - a. New Director Daniel Chatham
 - b. Met briefly with Daniel Chatham, tentative meeting scheduled for next month regarding AGSMSA and AGSM representation with GSA for AY 15-16.
3. Addressed discrepancy/planning issues regarding commencement and our large international student representation.

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

11. Have sent out the call for submissions for the GSA office Art Contest—no responses yet.
12. Sent out a Doodle Poll for a CHASS and GSOE representatives meeting during the second week of March in the Grad Lounge
13. Updated my own records with GSOE rep information

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