

UCR GSA Council Meeting Minutes

February 4th, 2015 7:00pm HUB 355

1. Call to Order @ **Time**

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)

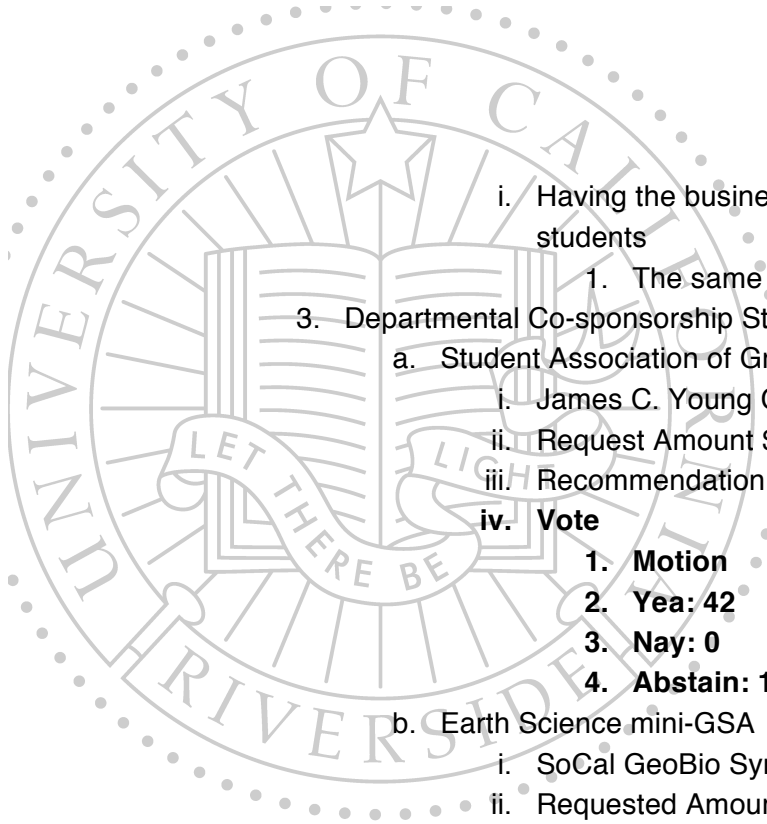
1. Approval of Minutes and Agenda @ **7:05pm**

- a. Motion to approve minutes and agenda. Minutes approved

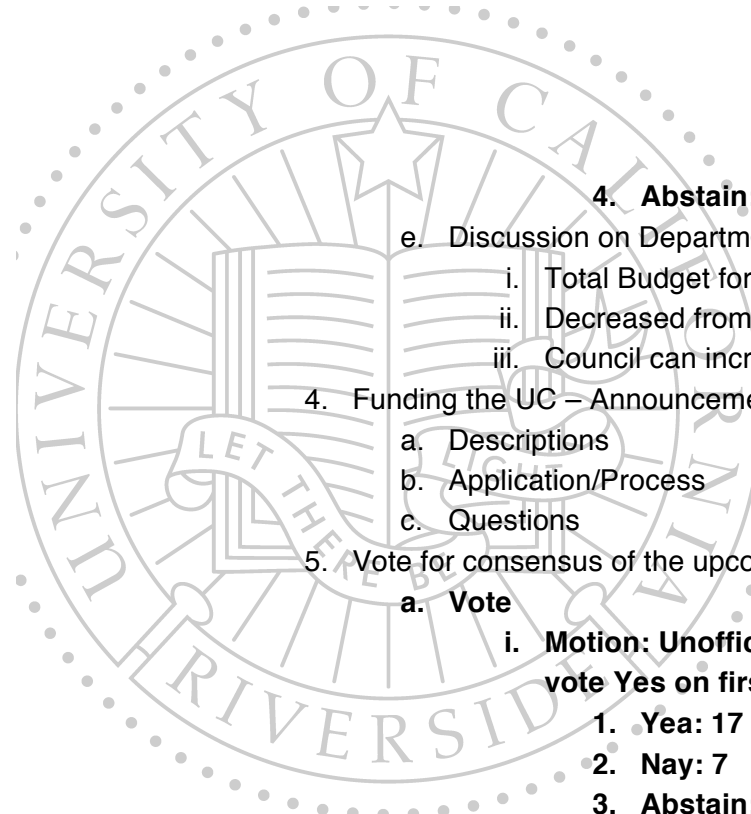
2. Invited Speaker – Graduate Dean Childers

- a. Graduation will be different this year
 - i. They want to have a Graduate Only event, except BCOE, they will have a separate event
 - ii. Will take place in the rec center
 - 1. Space is limited
 - 2. **4 tickets** per student
 - a. There will be a ticket exchange for students who do not use all their tickets
 - iii. This decision was made by Chancellors Office
- b. Will update GSA council about UCR Graduate Division
- c. Will be hiring someone to conduct *Responsible Conduct of Research Courses*
- d. Grad Success Events
- e. Graduate Advocacy Day
 - i. Lobbying day for graduate student interest
- f. Open Questions/Discussion

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- i. Having the business school offer minor emphasis for STEM students
 - 1. The same thing may also happen with Public Policy
 - 3. Departmental Co-sponsorship Student Conferences
 - a. Student Association of Graduate Anthropologists
 - i. James C. Young Colloquium
 - ii. Request Amount \$1,800
 - iii. Recommendation from Events and Allocation Committee (EA)
 - iv. Vote**
 - 1. **Motion**
 - 2. **Yea: 42**
 - 3. **Nay: 0**
 - 4. **Abstain: 1**
 - b. Earth Science mini-GSA
 - i. SoCal GeoBio Symposium
 - ii. Requested Amount: \$500
 - iii. Recommendation from EA Committee
 - iv. Vote**
 - 1. **Motion**
 - 2. **Yea: 42**
 - 3. **Nay: 0**
 - 4. **Abstain: 1**
 - c. Ethnic Studies mini-GSA
 - i. Ethnomusicology Conference
 - ii. Requested Amount: \$2,000
 - iii. Recommendation from EA Committee
 - iv. Vote**
 - 1. **Motion**
 - 2. **Yea: 42**
 - 3. **Nay: 0**
 - 4. **Abstain: 1**
 - d. Hispanic Studies mini-GSA
 - i. Hispanic Studies Conference
 - ii. Description
 - iii. Requested Amount: \$2,000
 - iv. Recommendation from EA Committee
 - v. Vote**
 - 1. **Motion**
 - 2. **Yea: 44**
 - 3. **Nay: 0**

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4. Abstain: 1

- e. Discussion on Departmental Co-Sponsorship
 - i. Total Budget for 2014-2015 AY is \$10,000
 - ii. Decreased from \$13,000 from AY 2013-2014
 - iii. Council can increase this during the year
- 4. Funding the UC – Announcement from Legislative Liaison
 - a. Descriptions
 - b. Application/Process
 - c. Questions
- 5. Vote for consensus of the upcoming UCSA for divestment
 - a. **Vote**
 - i. **Motion: Unofficial GSA vote to take to UCSA to have Lewis vote Yes on first divestment option, and No on 2-3 options**
 - 1. **Yea: 17**
 - 2. **Nay: 7**
 - 3. **Abstain: 16**
 - a. **Doesn't Pass**
 - ii. **Motion: Unofficial GSA vote to take to UCSA to have Lewis abstain on all 3 resolutions**
 - 1. **Yea: 24**
 - 2. **Nay: 12**
 - 3. **Abstain: 3**
 - a. **Passed**
- 6. Officer Reports/Updates (2 Min each)
 - a. AAOs
 - i. Darshana (BCOE)
 - ii. Nichole (CNAS)
 - iii. Erin (CHASS)
 - iv. Sara (AGSM)
 - v. Luis (Biomed/SOM)
- 7. Webmaster/Secretary – Matt
- 8. Travel Grant Coordinator – Magi
- 9. International Student Officer – Edgar
- 10. Legislative Liaison - Nicole
- 11. Finance Officer – Adela
- 12. GSHIP Officer – Melania
- 13. Public Relations Officer – Danielle
- 14. Vice President of Academic Affairs – Danae
- 15. Executive Vice President – Lewis
- 16. President - Preston

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17. Open Forum

a. **Preston wants to create an official *ad hoc* committee to look into divestment stance for GSA**

i. **Motion**

ii. **Unanimously Passed**

18. Adjournment @ **8:30pm**

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