

UCR GSA Council Meeting Minutes

March 4th, 2015 7:00pm HUB 355

1. Call to Order @ 7:06pm

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)
- Charles Abbott (Campus Organizing Director)

1. Approval of Minutes and Agenda

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

2. Invited Speaker

- a. Will update GSA council UCSA Jobs Report

i. More doctoral student participated in the survey

1. A lot do not seek assistance form career services
2. Career services would like to fix this and listen to students

about their needs

- a. Also increase collaboration between career centers
and departments

3. Contact gpdirector@ucsa.org for access to survey data

b. Open Questions/Discussion

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- i. We would like to find a mechanism to monitor jobs placement after completing the degree.

3. Discussion about Departmental Co-sponsorship

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

i. Vote

1. Motion

- a. **Yea: 39**
- b. **Nay: 0**
- c. **Abstain: 3**

4. Departmental Co-sponsorship Student Conferences

a. Neuroscience

- i. Brain Awareness Day
- ii. Request Amount \$750
- iii. Recommendation from Events and Allocation Committee (EA)

1. Vote

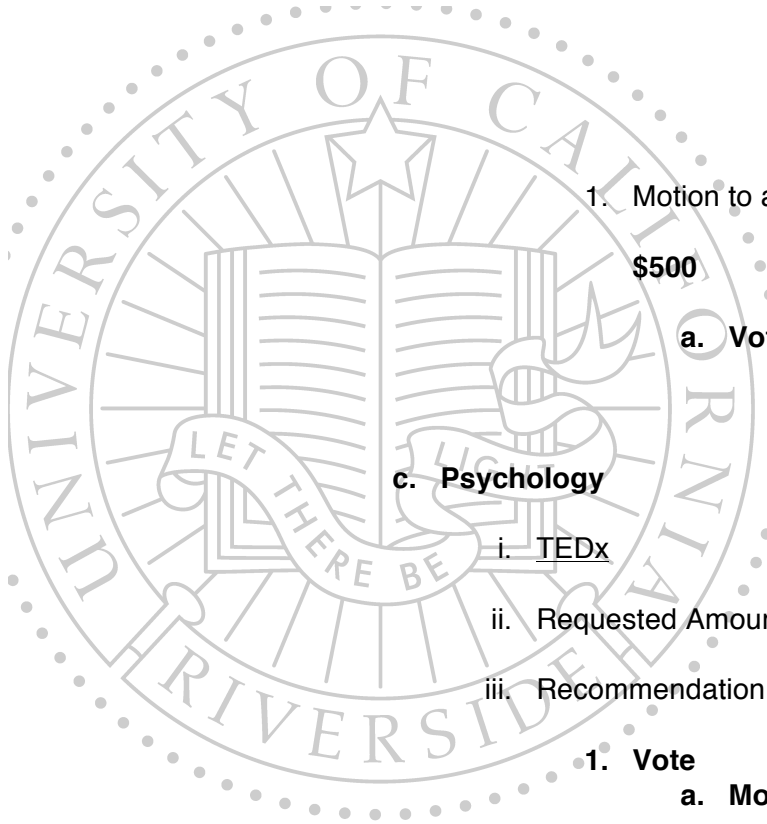
a. Motion

- i. **Yea: 42**
- ii. **Nay: 0**
- iii. **Abstain: 1**

b. Ethnic Studies

- i. The original amount listed on the agenda is \$1500, but the actual amount requested is **\$500**.
- ii. Crime and Corruption in the US and Mexico
- iii. Requested Amount: ~~\$1500~~ **\$500**
- iv. Recommendation from EA Committee

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1. Motion to amend and approve the requested to amount to

\$500

a. Vote

- i. Yea: 38**
- ii. Nay: 0**
- iii. Abstain: 0**

c. Psychology

- i. TEDx**
- ii. Requested Amount: \$1,000**
- iii. Recommendation from EA Committee**

1. Vote

a. Motion

- i. Yea: 31**
- ii. Nay: 0**
- iii. Abstain: 6**

5. New Forms for GSA website

- a. Application/Process for reimbursement will be streamlined with new forms
- b. Questions

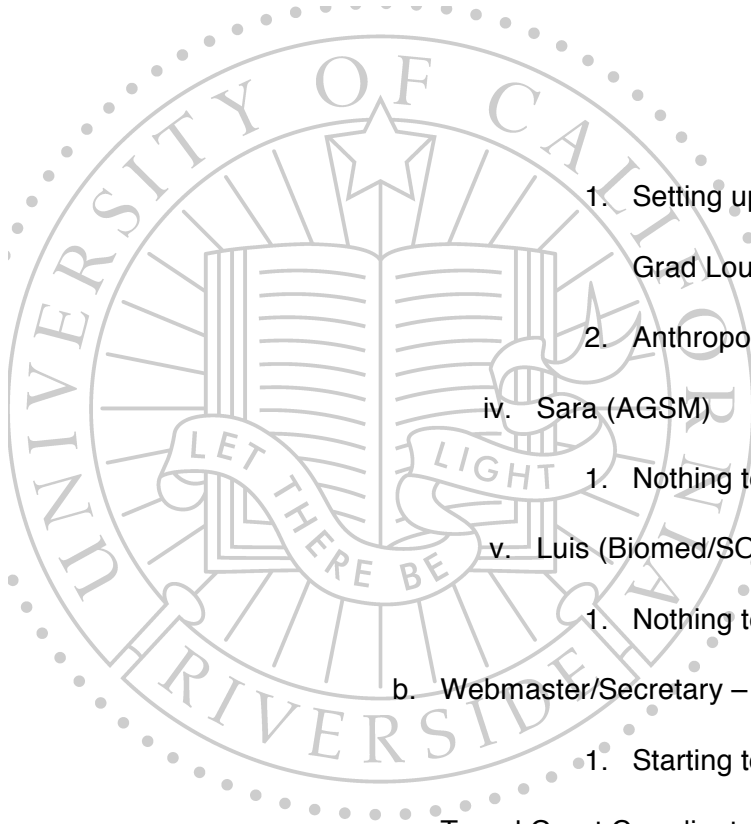
6. Announcement from CNAS AAO

- a. Regarding Neuroscience event

7. Officer Reports/Updates

- a. AAOs
 - i. Darshana (BCOE)
 - 1. Not Present
 - ii. Nichole (CNAS)
 - 1. Brain Awareness Day is on April 22, 2015
 - iii. Erin (CHASS)

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1. Setting up meeting for next week for CHASS reps in the Grad Lounge next Friday 1-2pm
2. Anthropology Dept: The Poetry of Laundry
 - iv. Sara (AGSM)
 1. Nothing to report
 - v. Luis (Biomed/SOM)
 1. Nothing to report
- b. Webmaster/Secretary – Matt
 1. Starting to work on the GSA subreddit r/ucrgsa
- c. Travel Grant Coordinator – Magi
 1. Working to make sure we have enough money for students through out the year.
 - a. May need to dip into reserves
- d. International Student Officer – Edgar
 1. Please ask in your department for international students who are married
 - a. There may be resources for their spouses
 - i. Maybe a spouse ID for campus
 - ii. Open to ideas for spouses
- e. Legislative Liaison – Nicole
 1. Not Present
- f. Campus Organizing Director – Charles
 1. Nothing to report

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g. Finance Officer – Adela

1. See finance report attached to agenda

h. GSHIP Officer – Melania

1. Talk to your students how much they understand about UCSHIP vs. independent.
2. UCSHIP may be cheaper, but we have more benefits if we stay independent
3. Hopefully, we will hear back from Aetna by end of month

i. Public Relations Officer – Danielle

1. Grad Bash is March 12, 2015 @ 6pm

- a. Look for email

j. Vice President of Academic Affairs – Danae

1. Under mini-GSA tab on website there is an instructional video for how to use Highlander Link
2. Art Contest for GSA office

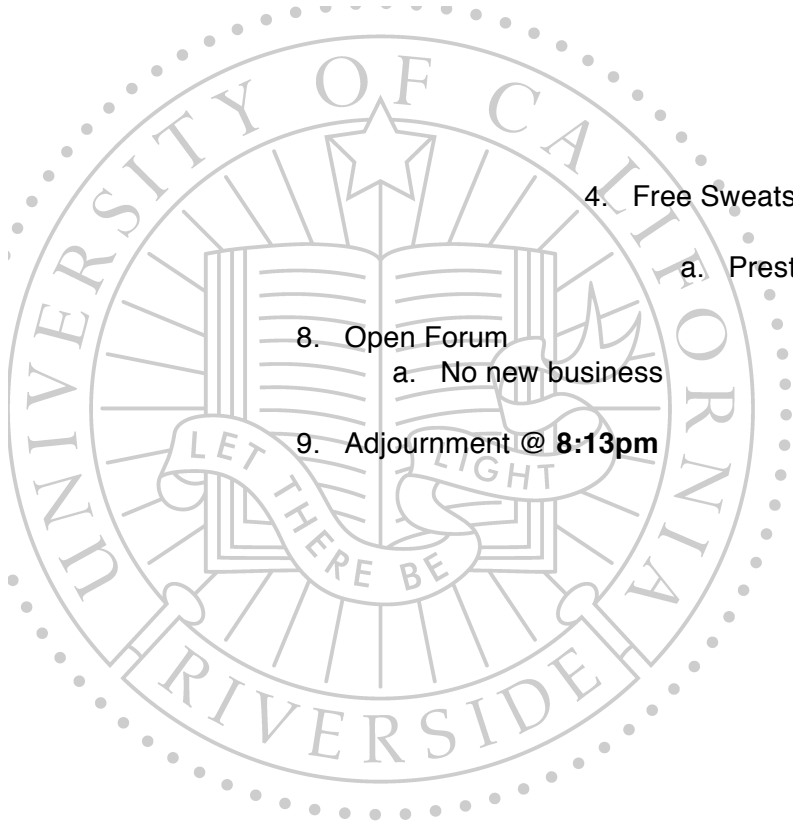
k. Executive Vice President – Lewis

1. Grad success is hiring
2. Grad Slam is coming up

l. President – Preston

1. Alumni association will now give access to article database
2. Had visioning workshop last week for new campus master plan
3. The Barn is doing a renovation next year.

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4. Free Sweatshirts

a. Preston is working on how to make this happen

8. Open Forum

a. No new business

9. Adjournment @ **8:13pm**

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