

## UCR GSA Council Meeting Minutes

### April 1, 2015 7:00pm HUB 355

1. Call to Order @ **7:05pm**

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)
- Charles Abbott (Campus Organizing Director)

1. Approval of Minutes and Agenda

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

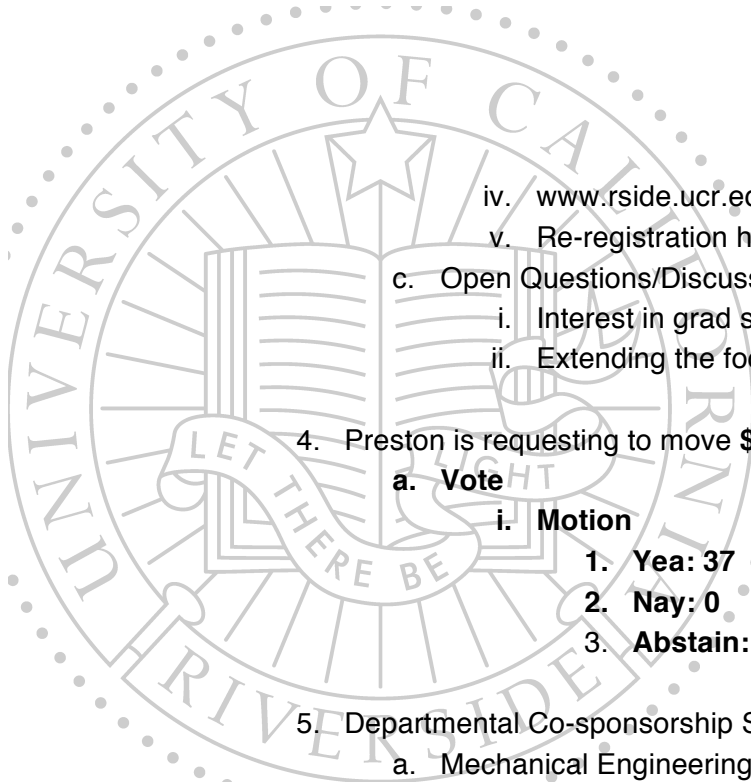
2. Invited Speaker – Physical Master Plan

- a. Will update GSA council on progress of physical master plan
  - i. Increasing 300 faculty
  - ii. Increasing student enrollment to 30,000
- b. Discussion about future graduate student involvement
  - i. Hosted a master plan workshop with students
- c. There will be an interactive map on [www.planning.ucr.edu](http://www.planning.ucr.edu)
- d. Open Questions/Discussion

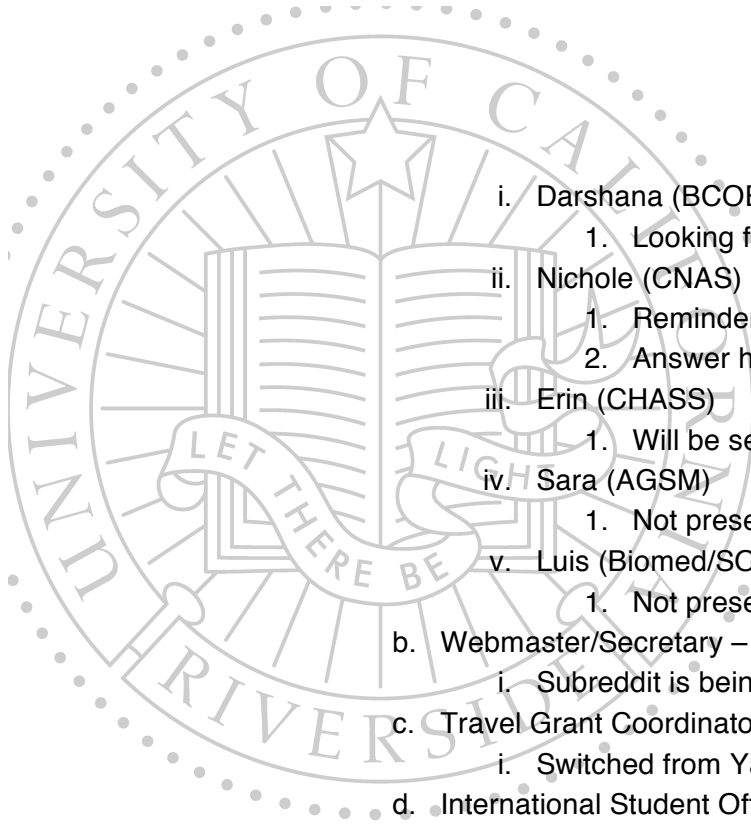
3. Invited Speaker – StudentLife

- a. Will update GSA council on current events organized by StudentLife
- b. Discussion about how to include graduate students more in the future
  - i. Joseph and Adam came here to speak
  - ii. Wednesday is *R Day*
    - 1. Faculty and staff are encouraged to wear UCR gear
  - iii. They find that many graduate students are not aware of this campus tradition

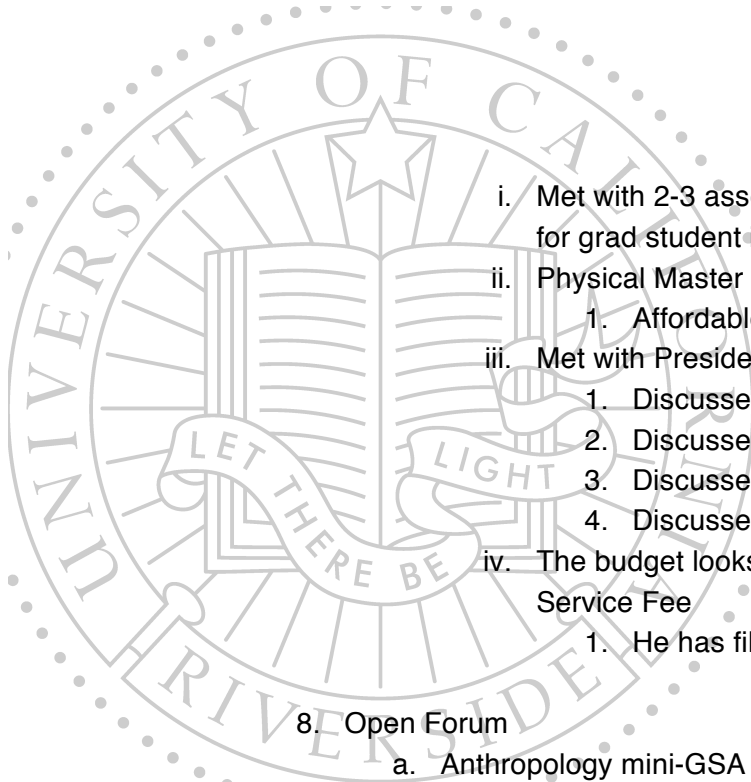
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- iv. [www.rside.ucr.edu](http://www.rside.ucr.edu) lists events hosted on *R Day*
  - v. Re-registration has been opened up now for mini-GSA
  - c. Open Questions/Discussion
    - i. Interest in grad student dodge-ball teams
    - ii. Extending the food truck times
  - 4. Preston is requesting to move **\$1000** form reserves to conference grants fund
    - a. **Vote**
      - i. **Motion**
        - 1. **Yea: 37**
        - 2. **Nay: 0**
        - 3. **Abstain: 0**
  - 5. Departmental Co-sponsorship Student Conferences
    - a. Mechanical Engineering
      - i. 2015 Research Symposium
      - ii. **Request Amount \$800**
      - iii. Recommendation from Events and Allocation Committee (EA)
      - iv. **Vote**
        - 1. **Motion**
          - a. **Yea: 37**
          - b. **Nay: 0**
          - c. **Abstain: 0**
  - 6. Community Outreach Events – Updates and Vote
    - a. History Department Community Outreach Event
    - b. Ratification of GSA Executive Board Vote to fund for \$997 to fund their event
      - i. **Vote**
        - 1. **Motion**
          - a. **Yea: 39**
          - b. **Nay: 0**
          - c. **Abstain: 0**
    - c. Asian-Pacific Oral Histories Collection Project
    - d. Working with the Local Riverside Museum
    - e. Update on events funded thus far this year
    - f. Update on progress of grant to fund GSA community outreach
  - 7. Officer Reports/Updates
    - a. AAOs

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- i. Darshana (BCOE)
    - 1. Looking for new candidates for AAO
  - ii. Nichole (CNAS)
    - 1. Reminder that Brain Awareness Day is April 22, 2015
    - 2. Answer her doodle poll for next meeting
  - iii. Erin (CHASS)
    - 1. Will be setting up another meeting with CHASS reps
  - iv. Sara (AGSM)
    - 1. Not present
  - v. Luis (Biomed/SOM)
    - 1. Not present
  - b. Webmaster/Secretary – Matt
    - i. Subreddit is being developed
  - c. Travel Grant Coordinator – Magi
    - i. Switched from Yahoo! to Gmail account
  - d. International Student Officer – Edgar
    - i. In talks to get a card for services for the spouse of international students
  - e. Legislative Liaison – Nicole
    - i. Local lobby visit will begin soon
  - f. Campus Organizing Director – Charles
    - i. Not present
  - g. Finance Officer – Adela
    - i. Not present
    - ii. Will vote on next years budget at next council
  - h. GSHIP Officer – Melania
    - i. May have more information by next week regarding new insurance plan
  - i. Public Relations Officer – Danielle
    - i. Not present
    - ii. Grad Bash had 250 attendees
  - j. Vice President of Academic Affairs – Danae
    - i. Need more art submission
      - 1. Not a lot of submission
        - a. Extended the deadline for week
  - k. Executive Vice President – Lewis
    - i. Last UCSA meeting proposed a new fee for students
    - ii. Attended meeting for UC Sexual Assault Policy
  - l. President – Preston

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- i. Met with 2-3 assembly members and state senators to advocate for grad student issues
  - ii. Physical Master Plan
    1. Affordable housing may be a big issue
  - iii. Met with President Napolitano
    1. Discussed campus police
    2. Discussed supplemental tuition
    3. Discussed housing
    4. Discussed programing specifically for graduate students
  - iv. The budget looks like it may be tight next year based on Studetn Service Fee
    1. He has filed an appeal
8. Open Forum
- a. Anthropology mini-GSA is having conference in HUB 355 this Friday from 8am-3pm
9. Adjournment @ **8:01pm**

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