

Graduate Student Council Meeting October 10, 2018 7:00-8:45 p.m. HUB 302N UC Riverside

AGENDA

01. Roll Call (7:00pm)

Representatives: please sit in your assigned seat and sign in on the "Representative" sign-in

Visitors: please sit in visitor seating and sign in on the "Visitor" sign-in

*02. Announcements *Upcoming conferences or events that Reps would like to share with the General Council. Items requiring discussion should be submitted to the President at least one week in advance of the meeting to be included as an agenda item.*

Announcements

Sid - explanation of changes in 2nd rep and seating arrangements, sign-in sheet for reps

Stephanie - elections register to vote, registration opportunities, check status

- **Holly Mayton - Science to policy**
- **Tomasso - grad bash, happy hour**
- **UCPD - cops for kids, provost accreditation announcement, chancellor's distinguished lecture, NSF director Kordova lecture, new GSA rep orientation - purpose of GSA reps**

03. Minutes from last meeting

No minutes to approve. First meeting of this Council. Minutes will be online: gsa.ucr.edu

04. Approve General Council Agenda

Vote MSC

05. Introduce Elected Officers and Confirm Appointed Officers

a. See Attachment C (See Openings – Let us know if you are interested!)

Self introduction of elected officers

b. Introduction of appointed officers by president (SR)

Vote to confirm - MSC

06. North District Presentation

Andy Plumley & Raoul Hernando Amescua

Presentation of dundee residence hall and glasgow dining hall

Comment from rep: grad residence halls? (Undergrad)

Seminar rooms in bottom

North District Development (formerly family housing)

Initial phase - 1500 apartment style beds - undergrad housing to meet unmet need of 3-4k

Total 6k beds for undergrads

Looking at grad housing in later phase

Convert falkirk to family housing - 2 story walk ups

Transitioning older properties to grad student housing

Rep question: will we lose family housing in the transition?

price match falkirk to oban? yes

Rep question: Lot 22 will be taken over during construction

Parking structure - eastern portion

Audience questions:

Are freshman bringing vehicles and parking off campus? idk

Parking cost? New permit model

Building maintenance plan? We are aware

Housing needs? Based on enrollment numbers

07. Parking Presentation/Discussion

Next time - inform people of cheaper parking options

President [SR]

Church

Hunter park metro station parking with shuttle

08. Confirm Bylaws passed by GSC in June 2018

a. One error to be corrected regarding Conference Travel Grant Committee

GSC vote needed for permanent changes to CTG program

b. Vote MSC

09. Confirm 2018-2019 Budget

a. See Attachment B

b. Vote MSC

10. Budget Priorities for this year, established by GSC last year

a. Expand Social Opportunities

Grad student happy hour

HUB -> increased number of attendees and price/person -> substantially increased expenditure

\$2 from Andy, asking for more

Roll over from last years social events

Level of reserves at necessary level

Addendum B: PR budget: 11k increase to 13.5k

Increase from roll over

Discussion:

Rep Questions:

what roll over exists?

SR capital expenses, are reserves are at desired levels (40k in rollover from last year)

what can we do with this 40k?

Cover over expenditures, one off unique projects

Is 2.5k enough?

We can revisit later if it is not

Vote: 41, 0 , 1 (Y, N, A)

b. Restore sponsorship amounts to 2015 levels

c. Increase lobbying and advocacy efforts

d. Introduce GSA Speaker Series (with partnerships from other campus stakeholders)

Proposed Schedule for next year

i. Fall: Jorge Cham, PhD Comics - not happening

ii. Winter: Lego Grad Student

iii. Spring: Alumni Professional Development Roundtable

public/private sector industry jobs

e. Update office computers, etc.

Electronic conference travel grant system

From approved item from last year

11. Proposed Changes to Budget

- a. Rollover Money into Capital Needs
- b. Rollover Money into Social Events (Grad Bash)
- c. Vote

12. Financial Report

Michael Bentel, GSA Finance Officer

Transparency

Questions:

How much does each department get?

\$300 or \$500 depending on number of students - quarterly disbursement

Fix highlander link?

Talk to Adam at student life

Budgets must be spent by end of year or go into GSA rollover, departments cannot rollover between years

13. Conference Travel Grant Program a. Caps for Per conference caps:

a. Caps

\$100 cap increase for conferences in which the grad student presents (not attendee)

International Cap: \$700 Continental

US: \$500

West Coast: \$400

Annual Cap: \$1400

b. Electronic Submissions Update [judit]

Electronic in progress

Submitting info

c. Process Change

2 step process instead of 3 step

We don't know why we are asking for abstract, other items can be turned in with receipts

Paper receipts still required

Questions:

Changes in dates for information? No

Application and letter of recommendation due in step 1, eliminate abstract, everything else do within 7 days of end of conference in step 2

Vote: MSC

Questions:

New student accommodation?

New students not eligible, must be work done at UCR

Biased changes to academic instead of performative PhDs?

Talk to Judit about revising language, bylaw changes would need to be approved by GSC

14. Introduction to GradSuccess

Hillary Jenks, Director of Grad Success

General intro of grad success

Fall calendar distribution

GSA/DIAL workshop not on calendar but available

Stress relief fair

Academic development day

Science to policy certificate - course

University teaching certification - winter quarter course

Peer support office hours

15. Events & Allocations Recommendations

a. Wheats Conference, Department of History, Oct 5-9, \$1000.00

Brief intro of conference

Vote: M,S,C: 36,0,2 (Y,N,A)

16. President's Highlights

a. GSA Initiatives/Priorities for 2018-2019

i. Professional Development

For academic and non academic jobs

Career Center Liaison - multi-entity position

University level - courses - push for teaching credit for professors and min standard

Bring ideas from successful departments

Reps go to chairs

ii. Graduate Mental Health/Wellness

University resources for grad students - CAPS, SHS - presentation at Dec GSC

Lego grad student

iii. Social Events

Game Night - political science, Grad success, GSA - Friday 3-7pm

b. Initiatives: Graduate Student Rights & Responsibilities

In progress - will bring back for review

c. Update: Payroll Issues

UCPath - will find out if issues have been fixed in November

If you do not get paid email Shawn immediately

Vice Chancellor to UCPath, paycheck received within 48hrs in 90% of cases

Letter regarding repayment of failed medicare withholding

Contact UCPath

cc unions on these issues

Questions

Summer TA bills from UCLA? Set up an arrangement to payback

d. Update: Fall Fee Deferment

Only campus fees due by Nov 1, may place official transcript hold

Email to get around hold, Nov 15th

Cap - do not know exactly but should be above campus fees

Other fees coming before campus fees

[SR] this does not apply if you have other fees, let's talk later

\$150 official doc fee?

[SR] IDK for sure but has been floated

If you pay this fee, never pay for official docs

UCPath will not come for meeting

e. Update: Grad Student Housing

Goal: Single grad student housing - 2021 initial projection, now potentially 2019

Plaza (nicer) , Bannockburn (more units)

i. Forming an ad hoc Grad Housing Working Group

3 reps and other grad students

Where do we want?

What rent is affordable?

f. Q/A

Office hours, email

[GSHIP] - poll

Insurance person to help grad students

Please meet with me

Dependent subsidies

Make cheaper by increasing subsidy

Lower across campus premiums by reducing subsidy

17. Executive Vice President Highlights

a. UCGPC Updates

Basic needs focus - housing cost, child care, grad parents

Applications for appointed positions

b. Legislative Updates & Initiatives

DC meeting along with LL

Discussed issues

We will be going to sacramento and other offices

Send stories related to issues to me or LL

18. Vice President of Academic Affairs Highlights

Rep responsibilities

a. Rep Committee Assignments (Expectations)

Choice form

Read options

19. GSC Schedule, Location, and Time for 2018-2019

See Attachment - google calendar

20. Officer reports are online

gsa.ucr.edu

21. Adjourn (8:45pm)

Attachment A:

Proposed Graduate Student Council Meetings 2018-2019 Location: HUB 302 North Time: 7:00-8:30pm (*7:00-9:00pm)

October 10, 2018* November 7, 2018 December 5, 2018 January 9, 2019 February 6, 2019
March 6, 2019 April 3, 2019 May 1, 2019* June 5, 2019*

Proposed Executive Board Meetings Location: HUB 383 GS Lounge Time: 7:00-8:30pm

October 3, 2018 November 1, 2018 November 28, 2018 December 12, 2018 January 30, 2019
February 27, 2019 March 20, 2019 April 24, 2019 May 29, 2019

Attachment B: 2018-2019 BUDGET

Attachment C – 2018-2019 Appointed Officer and Liaison List, as of today

General Appointed Officers Chief of Staff: Kayleigh Anderson-Natale Secretary/Webmaster: Amy Boyd International Student Affairs Officer: Quiyang Zhao Conference Travel Grant Coordinator: Judit Palencia-Gutierrez

External Office Appointed Officers Legislative Advocacy Officer: Irma Ortiz UC Advocacy Officer: Arielle Manganiello

Internal Office Appointed Officers: Applications OPEN for two positions Academic Affairs Officer – BCOE: Open Academic Affairs Officer – CHASS: Jared Smith Academic Affairs Officer – CNAS: Pablo Unzeto Academic Affairs Officer – AGSM: Aziz Alali Academic Affairs Officer – BMS/MED: Mark Wiley Academic Affairs Officer – GSOE: Elizabeth Isralowitz Academic Affairs Officer – SPP: Open

Liaisons Diversity & Inclusion Academic Liaison: Jessica Moronez The WELL Liaison: Under review Sustainability Liaison: Under review Career Center Liaison: Under review

UCR GSA Elected Officers:

GSA President: Shawn Ragan GSA Executive Vice President: Stephanie King GSA Vice President of Academic Affairs: Siddharth Agarwal GSA Finance Officer: Michael Bentel GSA Public Relations Officer: Tommaso Menara GSA Health Insurance (GSHIP) Officer: Jasmine Jafari