Graduate Student Association
General Council Meeting
Agenda

Wednesday, November 1st, 2023, 7:00-9:00 pm

In-person Location: HUB 302
Zoom: https://ucr.zoom.us/j/95911712349
Meeting ID: 961 9656 5640

AGENDA

1. Land Acknowledgement: “In honor of Rupert and Jeanette Costo’s founding relationship to our campus, we would like to respectfully acknowledge and recognize our responsibility to the original and current caretakers of this land, fire, water, and air: Íviatem (Cahuilla), Máara’yam (Serrano), Tóngva, and Payómkawichum (Luiseño) peoples, and all of their descendants past, present, and future. Today, this meeting place is home to many Indigenous peoples from all over the world, including UCR faculty, students, and staff. We are grateful to have the opportunity to live and work in these homelands.”

2. Approve Agenda and Minutes (7:05)
   a. Vote on November Agenda:
   b. Vote on October Minutes:

3. Attendance (7:07)
   a. Zoom (A link will be provided in the chat during the meeting):
   b. How to fill out the sign-in sheet? Example link (please don’t fill it out!)
      https://forms.gle/zH83r5LHV3i, based on the organization of information on our website: Who we are: https://gsa.ucr.edu/who-we-are/

4. Grad Success Announcements (Dawn Dawn M Loyola) 7:10

5. UAW Updates (Eliana Buenrostro) 7:20

6. President updates (Ivett Gabriella) 7:30
   a. Police Accountability Board Update
i. Military Equipment info: https://police.ucr.edu/assembly-bill-ab481
ii. If you would like to learn more about our Campus Police, they have a Transparency Dashboard here: https://police.ucr.edu/transparency-dashboards

b. SSFAC Committee Update: Still seeking 1 graduate student for SSFAC (paid position! involves weekly meetings). See the attached Flyer: We are hiring (1).png.

c. Added all first-year students to the mailing list

d. Board of Trustees meeting update: Chancellor's PPT.pptx

e. Career Center professional photo booth: https://careers.ucr.edu/rprofessional-photo-booth

f. UCR School of Public Policy Dean’s Ambassador is hosting a watch party for the next presidential debate. See Flyer: SPP Watch Party
   i. Details: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 4:45 to 7:30 p.m.
   ii. UCR Alumni & Visitors Center
   iii. RSVP: spp-debate-11-08.eventbrite.com

7. VPAA updates (Katie Vidueira): 7:40
   a. Mini GSA - new re-registration date and form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1r4vvApGj5W_qUHAicRiWB40Mf5BbRiWNspR35yGXIME/edit
      i. The deadline has passed but Mini GSAs are more than welcome to join; they just won't be confirmed until the December GSC meeting. Please email Katie at: vpaa.gsa@gmail.com
   b. Requirement of dept. Reps to be on a GSA standing committee - please sign up if you haven’t done it yet
      i. Standing Committees: GSA_Standing_committees_2023-2024.xlsx
   c. Hiring for SPP, SOM, and SOE AAO - email Katie if interested

8. VPEA Updates (Zaira Vidal Cortes): 7:50
   a. Mental Health Summit, UC Davis updates: Met with all UC campuses. The discussions covered topics related to mental health (i.e., how they can better improve graduate student situations regarding mental health and academic development). Also met with The Well and the Title IX office to discuss more transparency on how cases are managed (at the student and faculty levels).
   b. 10/9/23 Meeting with Shawm Brick (Executive Director/Student Financial Support)
      - Discussed PTSD and the Native American Opportunity Plan.
      - President Drake is interested in expanding the NAOP. Several UC campus representatives discussed potential ways to expand
      - Native American student fee and its impact.
c. **10/19/23 Meeting with Senator Scott Wiener:** Some of Wiener’s latest key priorities include housing, transit, and health. In the housing sector, he’s pushed for SB 473 and SB 4, aimed at streamlining affordable housing development and utilizing open land (hopefully near UC campuses?!). On transit, Senator Wiener focuses on securing funding for Bay Area transit systems while addressing service issues, like those faced by Bart and SF buses (it seems there will be some sort of state defunding for transit?). Hopefully, he can advocate for statewide transit funding for all cities and towns). In health, he championed bills like SB 90 to cap insulin costs, SB 58 for psychedelic therapy, and several others (PREP included) to enhance medication access and youth mental health.

d. **2023 Grad Summit UCLA: Folder with Flyers: UCGPC Event Flyers**
   1. Walk-ins allowed in case no registration was done.
   2. Email regarding commuting arrangements/carpooling with others students.

9. **Break 8:00-8:05**

10. **VPIA Updates (Marina Murillo-Sanchez) 8:05**
   a. **Career Center Liaisons** recruitment just posted on Handshake here: https://ucr.joinhandshake.com/stu/jobs/8381315
      i. There is a new Graduate Peer Advisor: Xinyao Zheng, careercenter9@exch.ucr.edu
   b. The first meeting of the Housing Committee will be in November (specific date TBA)- Send suggestions to Marina if you have anything you want her to bring up and advocate for.
   c. Pending amendments to bylaws: Conference Travel Grant section
      i. Vote: https://forms.gle/FoEL8ioXiPS2vtqw9
      ii. Results:

11. **Basic Needs Liaison Updates (Destyni Cravens) 8:15**
   a. Holiday-themed “**Lunch & Link**” will take place on November 22nd from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 pm at HUB 383.
      i. This event will center on allowing graduate students from all departments/programs across UCR’s campus to come together, share a potluck-style meal, and network with one another. It aims to provide a welcoming space for graduate students who will not be traveling home for the Holidays this year.
      ii. RSVP here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdy5xCEiB9XFo4b4H_y8oPGCPfdB2Hz7dVKBsDfinx4Ld_aA/viewform

12. **CTG Coordinator updates (Antonio Rivera-Montoya) 8:20**
   a. Proof of attendance, presentation, and acceptance.
   b. Eligibility
   c. Proof of attendance is important!
   d. Round table funding – must be group moderator
e. You can ask for extensions for flights days before or after the conference
f. Only 1 UCR student can apply as a presenter; all other collaborators can only apply as conference attendees

13. Additional Comments 8:30

14. Public Comments: 8:40

15. Adjournment 9:00