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), Mâra’yam (Serrano), Tóngva, and Payómkawichum (Luiseno) 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 on these homelands.”

I encourage you to look up and learn about the peoples whose lands/waterways we occupy today. You can do so in three different ways:
1) https://native-land.ca/
2) via the Facebook bot: https://www.facebook.com/LandAcknowledgement/
3) A new SMS bot was developed, making it easier for those in the US to learn which Indigenous territories they’re standing on. Text your zip code or your city and state (separated by a comma) to (907) 312-5085, and the bot will respond with the names of the Native lands that correspond to that region. (The service currently only works for US residents but may be available for other countries in the future.)

2. Approve Agenda (7:05)
   a. Vote

3. Attendance (7:07): https://forms.gle/3HkseMxMHA8m9rLu6

4. Reminders:
   a. Officer Reports (7:08) Please make sure to fill them out by the end of March- link: https://forms.gle/m7cuQBYuL6BFjzPg6
      Also the link will be sent out by email at the end of month
5. **President Updates (7:10)**
   a. Hillary J Jenks is leaving her position as Director of GradSuccess; don’t know yet who will be our new Grad Success contact.
   b. Katie, Jenna, and I have a complete draft of the Graduate Student Bill of Rights.
      i. Soliciting the feedback by April 2nd
      ii. [Graduate Student Bill of Rights](#)
   c. **SAGE Coalition** is going to have elections for next year ‘23 - ‘24
      i. SAGE Chair
      ii. SAGE Vice Chair
      iii. SAGE Internal Affairs Director
      iv. SAGE Political Affairs Director
      v. SAGE Communication Director
   d. At our next Council Meeting, we will be voting to allocate funds from the Pepsi and vending machine income to supplement the Spring Grad Bash budget
      i. Will present MOU to VCSA to have their annual Grad Bash donation automatically sent to us
      ii. Will ask the Chancellor to increase GSA’s Programming Budget for next year
   e. Discussion: Grad student - Faculty relationship

6. **VPEA Updates (7:20):**
   a. Advocacy Trip update: scheduled meeting with Brent Palmer about housing issues
      i. Currently working on scheduling other meetings

7. **VPIA Updates:**
   a. Election Updates

8. **VPAA Updates:**

9. **DIAL Updates:**
   a. Decided to move the Graduate Students of Color Mixer to first week of the spring quarter as a welcome-back event; will do another one toward the end of the spring quarter
   b. Planning three events for the spring quarter
      i. How to deal with unwanted sexual contact/behavior
      ii. Yoga as Healing for Graduate Students
      iii. Addressing Conflict and Microaggression in Classroom
   c. UC Title IX Student Advisory Board social media campaign
   d. SVSH training refresher

10. **Basic Needs Liaison Updates:**
a. Will be hiring a new Basic Needs Liaison for ‘23 - ‘24

11. Career Liaison Updates:
   a. R'Grad Professional Pathway Series: Mock Interview Workshop
      4/11/2023 @11am to 12 pm
   b. R'Grad Professional Pathway Series: How to Navigate Job Offers and Negotiate Salary 5/3/2023 @1pm to 2pm
   c. R'Grad Professional Pathway Series: Self-Care in Job Search 5/18/2023 @11am to 12 pm

12. Finance Officer Updates:
   a. Increase Grad Bash, Grad Social, and GSA Swag budget, there is simply not enough funds with the current $8,500 allocation to coordinate Grad Bash each quarter. This is important to address in order to grow a strong connection with graduate students from all different departmental backgrounds.
      1. The proposed $4,220 increase will come from Vending Machine Income.
   b. Proposed Programming Budget for Officers
      i. Finding funding can be complex to coordinate events, there is no budget line that officers can use for programming purposes. The way GSA goes about it is by making motions to move money around - although this is viable, it is restrictive because certain budget lines are assigned to specific GSA officers.
      1. The proposed $11,389 will come from Pepsi Income

13. International Student Affairs Officer:
   a. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) published a proposed rule: Big increase in fees for visa application (H1, O1, I-765, etc); The USCIS fee schedule will not change until a final rule is published and goes into effect.
   b. New policy from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) also proposes to fund the asylum program with new $600 employer petition fee
(H1-B, Green Card); the policy is not in effect right now, but may come into effect in the future.
c. Students who have their OPT application pending prior to Monday (3/06) are eligible for premium processing upgrade. The fee is $2,500.
   i. Starting April 3rd, when you submit a new application for OPT; you can upgrade to premium processing at any point in the process.
   ii. The full announcement can be found on the USCIS website: https://www.uscis.gov/newsroom/news-releases/uscis-announces-premier-processing-new-online-filing-procedures-for-certain-f-1-students-seeking-opt

d. ISS forms and information for curricular practical training (CPT) have been updated.
   i. ISS have also added a sample letter and information sheet for your prospective CPT employer.
   ii. Please use the new form for any upcoming CPT requests.
e. Call for Nominations: International Affairs Recognition Awards 2023
   i. Help us recognize exceptional students, scholars, faculty, and staff who have had a significant impact on UCR's international community. Nominations deadline extended: March 20, 2023
   ii. Register Now: International Affairs Recognition Awards: Help us celebrate UCR's international community. Light refreshments will be served.
      ● Thursday, April 20, from 2:00 - 3:30pm
      ● Location: HUB 302 North
      ● RSVP online
f. UCR International Students Advisory Committee (ISAC): apply to leadership positions (Chair/co-chair and Secretary). Please contact Dr. Yi Zhou yzhou135@ucr.edu

14. Public Relation’s Officer Updates:
   a. Grad Bash tomorrow night 5:30pm - 7:30pm at Getaway Cafe!

15. Additional Comments:

16. Adjournment (9:00 pm)