



University of California, San Diego Graduate Student Association

2019-2020 Council Meeting #10
Monday, March 9th, 2020
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Price Center Forum

I. Call to Order – 6:17

- A. [Attendance](#)

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- A. [CM #9 Minutes](#)
- B. CM #8 Minutes: Add presentation and draft of Canyonview Fee
 - 1. [Draft language](#)
 - 2. [Presentation](#)

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Public Comment and General Announcements [5 minutes]

- A. Public Comment
 - 1. Sarah Rivera: CAPS fee referendum. Consider changing the language so that the referenda are independent between graduates and undergraduates. This referendum will increase overhead from research grants. Mental health is covered by SHIP, but CAPS is not. This would increase proportion of money going to admin and decreasing research moneys. Previously the GSA has used reserves money to hire a CAPS councilor in the past, this referendum language would remove this leverage.
 - 2. Angus: Next Tuesday, 5:30pm, there will be a town hall with Mike Levin in the Stageroom.
 - 3. Ross: Jacobs SOE has received an NSF grant to review mentorship. 5pm in JSOE, snacks provided.
 - 4. Aleena (DAC Chair): Mental health conference will occur this year again. Will focus on ways to improve campus mental health. Looking for a lead on this project – will send out email to recruit. Email Dacchair@gsa.ucsd.edu
 - 5. Petia (CAPS Committee): Feels the language needs to be revised by including a sunset clause of 3-5 years, after which the need will be reevaluated. Also recommends Sarah's referendum split. Would like for CAPS to be included in SHS fee.
- B. Upcoming Social Events (VP of Social Affairs)

II. Vote on Finance Bills (Appendix A below) [5 minutes]

- A. Moved to create a slate
- B. Approved as a slate

III. Appointments (Appendix B below) [5 minutes]

- A. Moved to create and approve as a slate

IV. Graduate Student Experience [10 minutes]

Alysson Satterlund, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs

James Antony, Graduate Division Dean

Satterlund and Antony will be visiting the GSA every other week to engage with the graduate body.

Antony: Funding model will be launched in Fall of 2021. Has met with Biological Sciences and will meet with JSOE this week, will discuss cohort sizing. With respect to COVID-19, UCSD has not made a determination on action to the virus at this time. There will be some campus-wide communication to establish clarity and will evolve with the situation. Will issue FAQs.

Antony: there is communication underway with several layers – one for faculty, staff, residence halls, parents, TAs. If anything changes, we will be the first to know.

Satterlund: The Office of the President has been coordinating between public health entities, making sure resources are deployable quickly, and has been preparing contingency plans at the local level.

Antony: Has made a case for building in flexibility for thesis defenses with regard to COVID-19. The graduate council is favorable, but a formal communication is forthcoming.

Hannah: How does shutting down classes impact researchers? How will this impact international visas tied to academic work? Will housing and dining be impacted?

Satterlund: Housing and Dining will continue to be open and are preparing.

Antony: International students are being included in those contingency plans. Major research will not shut down. The EOC is thinking through every contingency and many plans are already in place.

Satterlund: Guidance toward research will be sent out tomorrow.

Mohammad: Could you comment on unaffordable housing and the growing strikes across in response to rent burden?

Antony: The negotiation and items that are covered in a union contract is not something that a single campus can work out – this needs to be discussed at the UC system. We have been building a lot to accommodate the growing campus. Affordability is an issue, but needs to be coordinated. Is working on building the stability for MFA and PhD students in guaranteed funding, and will then address stipend levels.

Ross: Could we pick topics to discuss ahead of time to have a more focused discussion?

Antony: Yes

VIII. CAPS & Mental Health Fee Referendum [20 minutes]

Rachel Flanagan, GSA President

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Rachel: UCOP recommended CAPS be expanded to “Counseling and Psychological Services.” Language was added to clarify the length when sent to UCOP.

Item 3a. This language was changed from UCSD is required to requested because the language is mandated to be provided to both student governments and be made public.

3b. UCOP wanted to change from “recommended increase” to change fee level.

This has been approved by 5/6 people in the work group and by AS.

Ethan (financial controller for AS): This was not handed to us by the administration. This was brought up by students out of concern for students around us. The work group decided that this

would not be divided between graduate students and undergraduate students because the point of the fee is that everyone is treated equally and respected.

To address “No free lunch,” there will never be free lunch. This is a payment that we make as a body because we need to address where the administration falls short. We need to handle it. The goal of SMHAC is to phase out the fee and continue pressuring the administration to support it. The 72% increase is because it is starting low and then increasing over time. This will not impact later students who will then have to bear the brunt of the financial burden.

Parla: If the goal is to phase out the fee, why isn't there a sunset clause?

Rachel: The reason for no sunset clause is to provide security for staff, which is what 95% of the money will go toward. This is a non-starter for administration. Will include more details in her exec report. Will continue to provide pressure from the top down and bottom up.

Michael Chua: This was an exceptionally strong group effort in analyzing the referendum. To speak to the two changes: 1. The ability to amend this in the future. 2. The softening of language on reporting requirements. We kept the UCOP change but then added our own language. This resolved concerns about those two points. This is not a question of whether the fee will be implemented, but to allow the student body to make the choice. Undergraduate counterparts have been supportive.

Elizabeth: One of the concerns of her department is the 13.50 to 1 student to councilor ratio. As part of this fee referendum, will some of the councilors be dedicated to graduate students?

Rachel: HDH is giving space to 2-3 CAPS councilors in the new Mesa space. Graduates use close to one third of CAPS services, despite only making up 20% of students.

Petia: Is for the referendum but would like to revise the language. Asked CAPS if this could be covered under UC SHIP. Unsure why this is the case. My input was not integrated on the committee. Undergraduate vote will overwhelm graduate vote. Over 25% considered quitting school and the number one reason was finances. Students and advisors will pay more in fees and that will leave less for research.

Rachel: The Canyonview fee is an example of how administrators are beholden to students. For Canyonview, that money was originally designated to maintain the facility, but now that they would like to use it differently, students need to vote. AS is very supportive and student-centered. Currently there isn't enough money to provide positions for staff.

Gregory: Can we fund someone through the GSA or have it covered by UC SHIP?

Rachel: We have in the past funded staffpersons in the past. We are funding our staff person at 50%. Our reserves are at 150,000, which is enough to fund one person for one year and would exhaust the reserved. Not everyone is on UC SHIP, some students use cheaper services. At UCLA, one of the CAPS directors said that UCSHIP students get priority. If you don't have UC SHIP it is \$15 copay and you only get 3 visits. If you do have UC SHIP, you get 6 visits. This approach has fallen short at UCLA.

Neville: This may be forgotten in several years. If we were to approve this language, we should pass a resolution to say that it was passed but does not reflect how this campus should be.

Hannah: POI, for any referendum to have a binding capability requires 20%, and the highest turnout has historically been 19%. If we made these changes, would we be able to vote by April?

Rachel: These changes were discussed previously and are nonstarters for administration – separation of votes, and sunset clause. Additional points can be discussed for the committee charge for SMAC and reevaluate every year.

Eleanor (Undergraduate President): Re: sunset clause. As a public institution, we do not pay as much for councilor as private practices, which means that it is already difficult to hire. A sunset clause would make that more difficult. Re: UC SHIP, if you are supported by your parents, many insurance practices make institutions notify parents when those services are used. This is why many students choose CAPS over private institutions, even if they are able to afford it. Re: Charge letter, Rachel and Eleanor will be involved in the Committee Charter, and will ensure that these points are included in the committee charge. Many other options were explored prior to this option to fund mental health, and this was the last available option. While we do not want to increase fees, this is a life and death situation for many peers.

VP Campus: POI the director of CAPS said that high critical cases are able to be seen.

Rachel: This is not the case.

Eleanor: Students are unsure if what qualifies as high critical and do not go because of wait times.

Sarah: For long-term care, much care is off campus. CAPS is not equipped to treat many graduate issues, and therefore many students are sent off-campus. When we voted 5 years ago to fund a staffperson for 1.5 years, we were told that CAPS would be fully funded and staffed. We spent GSA money and prioritized CAPS over other initiatives. This was the same conversation that happened 4 years ago to fund the Triton Food Pantry.

Parla: This is not the way to support graduate students. Do we know that the money we are providing is going to staff.

Rachel: This is the language in the fee referendum and specifically states that it will go toward personnel.

Parla: Why can we not have a sunset clause? Why do we have to fund this as students?

Michael: Motion to Approve

Neville: Objection – Propose and amendment under 3b, where SMHAC will work to find additional sources of funding to reduce or eliminate this fee. Seconded.

Amendment does not carry.

IX. Canyonview Fee Referendum [10 minutes]

Rachel Flanagan, GSA President

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Language is approved.

X. GSA Service Policy Bylaw[15 minutes]

Angus Chapman, GSA Parliamentarian

[Presentation](#)

Angus described points in the proposed service policy bylaw.

Jack (Governing Docs): The solution [to low rep turnout] that the SOM has come to is to reform the election process and target first years for rep positions.

XI. Spring Election Procedures [15 minutes]

Michael Ostertag, Elections Committee

[Presentation](#)

XII. Special Election: VP Academic [30 minutes]

Michael Ostertag, Elections Committee

[Presentation](#)

Michael Chua is elected new VP Academic.

XIII. Open Floor and Call for Agenda Items [5 minutes]

I. Adjourn

Appendix A: Finance Bills

APRF28: Bioengineering Day 2020

Organization: **Bioengineering Department**

Date: **Apr 22, 2020** Expected Grad Attendance: **50** Amount Requested: **\$350**

Event to help all students in their research journeys in Bioengineering at UCSD. Promotes scientific literacy, leadership abilities, and professional communication skills. Students can present research at poster sessions and learn about post-graduate opportunities, like industry. Last year received \$395 from GSA.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Approve for \$350. Beneficial to graduate students and conforms to GSA Funding guidelines and university policies.

APRF29: Biology Graduate Success Symposium

Organization: **Biological Sciences Department**

Date: **Mar 17, 2020** Expected Grad Attendance: **60** Amount Requested: **\$420**

Student-run symposium for how to succeed in graduate school. Workshops will be held for navigating different stages of graduate school (choosing advisor, advancing to candidacy, etc.). 58 graduate students attended in previous year.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Approve for \$420. Beneficial to graduate students and conforms to GSA Funding guidelines and university policies.

APRF30: LEK Info Session and Coffee Chats

Organization: **APDCC**

Date: **May 14, 2020** Expected Grad Attendance: **50** Amount Requested: **\$350**

Annual event with LEK, a large life sciences consulting firm. Reps from LEK will talk about the firm and network with students. Additionally, two guests from LEK will hold individual coffee chats with interested students. This will help grad students better understand the career of consulting.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Approve for \$350. Beneficial to graduate students and conforms to GSA Funding guidelines and university policies.

APRF31: Pharmacoeconomics Model-Building Lectures and Workshops

Organization: **Skaggs School of Pharmacy**

Date: **Apr 1 - Jun 30, 2020** Expected Grad Attendance: **60** Amount Requested: **\$420**

A series of Pharmacoeconomics Model-building Lectures and Workshops on-campus welcome every UCSD graduate student. (expected 20 attendees per workshop, monthly through the end of the school year).

Finance Committee Recommendation: Approve for \$420. Beneficial to graduate students and conforms to GSA Funding guidelines and university policies.

APRF32: What is Urology?

Organization: **School of Medicine**

Date: **Apr 1, 2020** Expected Grad Attendance: **35** Amount Requested: **\$245**

Dinner conversation with community urologists to describe what is and isn't urology. This event will illuminate what the field of urology encompasses, break up common misconceptions about

the field, and provide students a small group setting to ask urologists about their practice. As one of the less-publicized fields of medicine, this event will be many students' first experience with urology.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Approve for \$245. Beneficial to graduate students and conforms to GSA Funding guidelines and university policies.

GRF11: Skaggs Got Talent: Pharmacy Idol

Organization: **Skaggs School of Pharmacy**

Date: **Apr 7, 2020** Expected Grad Attendance: **90** Amount Requested: **\$630**

8th Annual Skaggs Got Talent is an all-inclusive appreciation event put up by the members of APhA-ASP/CPhA to celebrate the student pharmacists of Skaggs. Participating members will be competing in a competition that will test their skills, style, and knowledge. Dinner will be served and at the end of the night, a winner will be crowned.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Approve for \$630. Beneficial to graduate students and conforms to GSA Funding guidelines and university policies.

DRF6: Welcome and Networking Dinner

Organization: **Latina Doctoral Student Collective**

Date: **Apr 10, 2020** Expected Grad Attendance: **30** Amount Requested: **\$210**

The Latina Doctoral Student Collective became an officially recognized student organization during winter 2020. The purpose of our Welcome and Networking Dinner is to celebrate the launch of our organization, recruit members, and create a space for Latina doctoral students, staff, and faculty to connect and build community.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Approve for \$210. Beneficial to graduate students and conforms to GSA Funding guidelines and university policies.

Fund	Budget Funds	Funds Remaining	Funds under Request	Funds remaining if requests approved
Early Request Fund	\$2,000	\$42.39	\$0	\$42.39
General Request Fund	\$9,500	\$4,762.53	\$630	\$3,966.00
Academic and Professional Request Fund	\$11,000	\$7,573.04	\$1,785	\$5,788.04
Lounge Improvement Fund	\$4,500	\$3,471.18	\$0	\$3,471.18
Diversity Request Fund	\$5,500	\$4,800	\$210	\$4,590

Family Friendly Fund	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
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Appendix B: Appointments

1. WCSAB (VP Campus)
 1. Peery White
2. UC SHIP Committee (VP Campus)
 1. Jack Olmstead