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GPSA 2020-21 Council Meeting #4

Date: November 23, 2020

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm

[Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 977 6909 2207

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Last Meeting: November 9, 2020

Next Meeting: December 7, 2020

Meeting Objectives:

- Updates from Grad Division leadership team
- Approval of officers positions and bylaws changes
- Charge to Governing Documents on Judicial Board proposal

Items to be reviewed before meeting:

- Officer & committee appointments (Appendix B)



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Call To Order & Land Acknowledgement

- Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM
- Laura C: The GPSA acknowledges that UCSD is built upon unceded territory of the Kumeyaay Nation. We are honored to share this space with them and we thank them for their leadership.

Approval of Agenda

- Anjali P: motion to approve agenda. 2nded w/o objection.

Review & Approve Minutes

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- Cong D: motion to approve CM #3 minutes. 2nded w/o objection.

Public Comment & General Announcements

- Burgundy: Planning to send out info about good mutual aid organizations one may donate to during this holiday season. Please send me any suggestions you have.
- Jack: Please consider joining the GPSA Elections Committee
- Quynh: Please get COVID tested regularly and remind peers to do the same!
 - Moving to weekly testing Nov 30

Review and Approval of Appointments (Appendix B)

- Jack O: motion to form a slate of all appointments. 2nded w/o objection.
- Duncan W: motion to approve the slate. 2nded w/o objection.

Proposal and Approval on Student Health & Well-being Liaison Position

Laura Chipman, VP Campus

- Slides here (vpcampus@gsa.ucsd.edu), please link to them here! and lock them if possible for posterity?)
- Parla B: Will the Student Mental Health Advisory Committee and the Office of Student Disabilities be included in this position's purview?
 - Laura: Yes. I sit ex officio on that committee as VP Campus, and the Student Mental Health Advisory Committee can amend their charter to include this position as ex officio. As for OSD, I want to work out the details with VP EDI, because they interface with OSD quite a bit currently
- Kellen (from Chemistry dept): What will the role look like day-to-day?
 - Laura: a mini version of what most execs do each week. Coordinating committee meetings w/ students, meeting w/ administration to follow up on priorities identified in committees, quarterly town hall meetings.
- Becca L: I sit on the Student Health and Well-being Committee. I wanted to speak up in support of this role. As a new student and committee member, I do think a leader to



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bridge these committees and organize the overlap between them would be very helpful for cross-discussion.

- Victor W: Laura, will VP Campus be the primary contact between GPSA and CAPS/Student Health and Wellbeing Advisory Board/Student Mental Health Advisory Committee, etc.—or will it be this new liaison?
 - Laura: realistically it will probably be this person for day-to-day stuff. I expect that I can problem solve at a higher level w/ admin if there is an issue that can't get worked out in a committee.
 - Victor: I think we should add a point in the position description to explicate this to ensure that this communication doesn't fall under VP Campus normally
- Stephen B: How will compensation for this position fit into our budget?
 - Andy R: This could be paid for by our rollover budget. But we should keep in mind that pretty much every aspect of our budget is being impacted right now, so things are uncertain. VP Campus's budget is about 0.5% of our budget, which is an undersized portion compared to other Executive Officer positions.
- Mia R: This is especially timely to create this position. With the amendment that Victor W proposed, I would like to make a motion to approve this change to the bylaws.
- Mia R: Motion to amend, inserting as point 5 in the officer duties "Serve as the initial point of contact between the GPSA and the UCSD Student Health and Wellbeing Cluster."
 - Parla B: Objection—This language contains nothing about compensation
 - Andy R: They will be compensated approximately \$1500
 - Quynh: Keep in mind that this motion was simply to create the position. We can discuss compensation later.
 - Parla B: I withdraw my objection then.
 - With the objection withdrawn, we return to Mia's original motion. Is there a 2nd to amend the language?
 - Yes, 2nded without objection. The motion carries and the language passes.
- Jack: Point of information—do we not need to pass this through a majority vote in two Council meetings, including tonight?
 - Angus: yes we do, but we will vote in the next meeting.

Review and Approval of [Local Legislative Liaison](#) and [Webmaster](#) Positions

Angus Chapman, Parliamentarian

Jack Olmstead, Chief of Staff

- Liaison discussion



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- Victor W: I was the VP External last year. I can attest that before splitting up the State and Local Legislative Liaison into two positions, this was a huge workload for one person. Considering this vital work, we should have our bylaws reflect the good changes we've made.
- Ashley S: As someone who served as a Legislative Liaison, I support this change. Before, one person had to communicate with like 50 people to do the job well. By splitting it up we allow each Liaison to be more effective.
- Angus C: This year, there are already two people serving in the split up Liaison positions. The bylaw changes would merely codify this reality.
- Parla B: motion to amend the Officer Bylaws to create this position. 2nded without objection.
- Webmaster discussion
 - Mia R: I communicate with the Webmaster regularly for event social media. This is a wonderful position and has made many officers' lives easier. I am very in favor of establishing this position.
 - Rachel F: I strongly suggest we pass this. Having served as the Webmaster up to this year, I think it's crucial we establish it for posterity. I've served as an officer who had these responsibilities, and now I serve
 - Brianna M: Motion to amend the Officer Bylaws to create this position. 2nded w/o objection.

Judicial Board

Jack Olmstead, Chief of Staff

- Jack: we are seeking Council's approval to work on making a new Judicial Board to replace the current process. It's currently under the purview of VP Academic. As a result of previous processes we've identified some issues with the current process, and we want to work on them. There could be better policy regarding conflicts of interest hearing complaints, for example. It's probably better to reform the whole process and replace it with a Judicial Board. We want to do this in Governing Docs.
- Quynh: is there a timeline in mind?
- Jack: this will take a whole year probably. We need to figure out the scope of the process and who will serve on the board, ironing out all the bugs we've identified in the current process.
- Ximena: do you want this to be the one place for grievances to go?
- Jack: yes, currently it's through AJC and can be referred to Inclusivity Board as well for personal grievances
- Rachel: another example of conflicts are when there are grievances around elections processes, especially fee referenda. Thinking about doing things more like how AS



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deals with it, they have a very clear process and everyone knows the expectations and timeline involved. Better prepares us for weird scenarios that could come up.

- Burgundy: how does this differ from IB?
- Jack: IB is more limited. This body would be the primary body for dealing with things. Can currently only hear cases of an interpersonal nature or for people not following bylaws. Can't file anything regarding clarification of bylaws, for example. GSA reps listserv, e.g. Sometimes issues don't involve a specific wrongdoing.
 - Another reason is because most people sign up to AJC to work on academic issues, not worry about judicial issues that might arise.
- Ximena: do you ever deal with things that involve the broader body of grad students?
- Jack: what cases have standing will be one of the first things we deal with.
- Parla: if this is taken away from VP Academic's purview, where will it end up?
- Quynh: this will be something to be discussed by governing docs
- Victor: last year we had 3 VP Academics, two got burned out from AJC. People who signed up to deal with academic affairs got caught up in lengthy judicial proceedings and got drained from them. Maybe we could put this under the GPSA Advisor who is neutral.
- Breana (advisor): probably better to consider it as an independent body rather than as being housed in a particular office.
- Angus: we're just asking to start this discussion and then we'll bring amendments back to Council later for more discussion and approval. Welcome anyone with an interest in this issue to join us at governing docs (including VP Academic and VP EDI).
- Cong D: motion to refer this issue to Governing Documents Maintenance Committee for discussion. 2nded without objections.

Open floor & call for agenda items

- Quynh: as a reminder again, please get COVID testing
- Andy R: Recreation would like to come talk to Council and tell us about their COVID services available right now
- Kellen (from Chemistry): Does the University have a standard operating procedure for how they will control campus COVID spread during intense holiday travel?
 - Their policy is more directed for undergrads. Many of them leaving for fall break have made the decision not to return until January.
 - In grad housing, admin is communicating that students need to be responsible. They say that if students travel, they should get tested and quarantine afterwards.
 - Rachel F: the university is interesting in addressing non-compliance and providing incentives to increase grad compliance for policies.
 - Danny H: I've spoken w/ all the grad students in my lab. Some of them have been getting tested regularly, and others have not. This is because some of them



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- did not switch over from the employee symptom checker to the student symptom checker during fall (the latter of which has a big red notification if a student is out of compliance w/ testing) so that they aren't getting regularly reminded to test.
- Steven B: I think some people think that tests will cost students if they "over-test," so people aren't getting tested because they think they'll get a mystery charge. I also think that people who are working as employees in labs should have the same testing requirements as students, and they don't.
 - Quynh: the *recommendation* is that employees should get tested every 2 weeks. However, they cannot require it because of unions/contracts for employees.
 - Danny H: It would help if the symptom checker told the user how many days since last testing OR number of days until one should get their next test
 - Laura: Quynh and I will bring that up as a recommendation.

Adjourn

- Steven B: motion to adjourn. 2nded without objection.



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Appendix A Finance funding requests

None

Appendix B Officers & Committee Appointments as of Nov. 20, 2020

Committee nominees

- Finance Committee: ***Jean Hanna (Pharm)***
- GPSA Legislative Advocacy Committee: ***Magdalena Donea, Danny Heinz, Amy Liu, Nevo Magnezi, Ariana Mirian, Ryan Saenger, Albert Tan, Adu Vengal, Kelsey Wardlaw, Hayden Schill, Regina Powers***
- Climate Action Policy (CAP) Committee: ***Mitchell Kong (Bioengineering), Avaneesh Narla (Physics), Eleanor McIntosh (SIO), Denielle Fullmer (Rady), Rohan Mahapatra (CSE), Brian Li (Materials Science), Sushil S (Education Studies), Chloe Gouache (SIO), June Jie Lim (Linguistics), Jean Hamma (Pharmacy), Kellen Cay (Chemistry)***
- Finance Committee: ***TBD***