Special Meeting of the GSA Council
Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2019
5:30 - 7:00 pm

Type of Meeting: Meeting of the Council
Meeting Facilitator: Radhika Prasad, GSA Chair
Invitees: Graduate Student Body
Notetaker: Roy Sfadia

1. 5.30 Roll call/sign-in, establish quorum (9 Council members)
2. 5.35 - Referendum presentations
   a. 5.30-5.45: Career Center Programs and Platforms Fee Presentation
      i. Material from 2017 opinion poll, SUA, GSA, six focus groups, conversations with 10 additional groups
      ii. Some results were
          1. More internships and job fairs with high interest employers
          2. More specialized career fairs
          3. Improved user-friendly
      iii. Career Center pays for itself by charging tabling fees
           1. Companies like Google don’t want to pay tabling fees
      iv. Requesting $10.89 per quarter per student - $2.31 toward platforms, $4.99 toward programming, rest is return to Aid
   b. 5.45-5.55 Q&A
      i. Q: how many people currently work at the CC? A: 13
      ii. Q: Return to Aid, what does that mean? A: UCSC requires portion of any fee to go to financial aid.
      iii. Q: how is CC currently funded? A: Student Services Fees, not sure of total amount.
      iv. This fee won’t go towards hiring new people
      v. Q: Balance in mind towards UG programming and G programming?
      vi. Q: Where did the $10.89 come from? A: Things our campus needs. Different majors need different platforms.
      vii. Q: how much input from from students would you have in terms of military coming here for job hiring? A: we are legally not allowed to stop the military or ICE from looking for jobs.
   viii. 5.55-6.00 Council discussion, voting
         1. 10 for, 1 against, 1 abstains
c. 6.00-6.15 Transportation Fee Presentation
   i. 11 years since transit fee has been raised, 2008
   ii. Over the course of the years, operating costs have gone up
   iii. Student populations have gone up, but not enough to offset operational costs
   iv. We’re in a deficit right now
   v. Measure 69 got a No from student population
      1. Students felt fee increase was large
      2. Students felt uncomfortable with paying off debt
      3. Students felt that accessibility shouldn’t be a student fee
   vi. Consequence of measure 69 not being passed: 20% reduction in services (night owl, etc)
   vii. Another consequence: campus paid off debt by other means, so debt will no longer be paid for by this student fee
   viii. $111 currently; $101 go to TAPs for metro service, shuttles
   ix. Fee increase goes to operating costs, admin cost and increased contract cost from Metro, and changing fleet to electric (dictated by CA and UC system)
   x. Less busses = more single occupancy vehicles
   xi. Next steps: outreach with college governance, Spring marketing campaign
   xii. If referendum doesn’t pass: means additional service reduction: either metro, bike shuttle, loops

   xiii. 6.10 - 6.35 Q&A
      1. How does Metro contract work? One flat fee, not per-ride
      2. Campus does not have master plan for big investment

   xiv. 6.25-6.30 Council discussion, voting
      1. 11 for, 0 abstain, 0 against

d. 6.30-6.45 Student Success Hub Facility Fee Presentation
   i. This is for building renovation for CAPS, Slug Support, and the Cove
   ii. $15,000,000 + 2% interest loan over 30 year period. $24 dollar per student per quarter for 30 years, starting once the building is built (likely 2024).
   iii. $8 maintenance fee every year after that.
   iv. Permanent space for CAPs for new offices. Current office psychologists, psychiatrists, counselors in trailers near Stevenson
   v. The Cove is for any students dealing with substance abuse, mental illness, or any kind of addiction (over-eating, over-exercising)
vi. If we do not get an endorsement from GSA or SUA, they will try again next year. If it doesn’t pass next year, the campus will withdraw loan.

vii. 6.45-6.55 Q&A

1. Q: how many graduate students are currently served by Slug Support? A: 150/1000 students visiting every quarter are graduate students.

2. Q: Have you asked donors? A: No, not for this project. For the renovation of the Cantu Center and other projects, we have asked donors, and it has been very difficult.

3. Q: why hasn’t campus paid for this? A: Student Union, GSC, Student Service Centers were all paid for by student fees; UCs are not allowed to use state money to pay for student services.

4. Q: why does this require a ⅔ majority? All referenda require 25% student involvement and a supermajority.

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i. 6.55-7.05 Council discussion, voting

1. 6 yes, 2 against, 3 abstains

3. 7.05 Adjournment