GSA Council Meeting Minutes  
November 7, 2018

Type of Meeting: Meeting of the Council  
Location: GSC Fireside Lounge  
Meeting Facilitator: Radhika Prasad, GSA Chair  
Note Taker: Tony Boardman  
Invitees: Graduate Student Body

1. **6.30 Call to Order**
2. **6.30-6.35 Roll Call and intros Action Item:** Nomination of new department reps  
   a. Tony in Literature and Peng Zhou in Electrical Engineering are voted in as department reps. 12 for, 0 abstained  
3. **6.40-6.50 Officers’ Reports**  
   a. **6.40-6.45 EVP Rebecca Ora**  
      status of UCSA, UCGPC, NAGPS, SAGE, Regents meeting **Postponed**  
   b. **6.45-6.50 International Students Committee Chairs Yulia and Tony**  
      Rule changes regarding international students’ student visas **Postponed**
4. **6.50-7.08 (Randy) Action Item:** Elections for Solidarity Officer and Secretary/Webmaster  
   i. Two openings in executive board: Secretary/ webmaster, $800 a quarter, and solidarity officer, $1000 a quarter.  
   b. **6.50-6.55 Introduction of candidates:**  
      i. Roy for Secretary/Webmaster; Natalie Ng, Peng Zhou for Solidarity Officer  
   c. **6.55-7.08 Vote by ballot, count, announce.**  
      a. Peng and Natalie were voted in as the shared solidarity officer.  
      b. Roy voted in as Secretary/Webmaster.
5. **7.08-7.10 (Randy, in lieu of Katie) Action Item:** Nominations of new committee members  
   a. Motion to approve new committee members - 12 for, 1 abstained. **Approved!**
6. **7.10-7.15 (Randy) Action Item:** Robert’s Rules and alternatives  
   i. Comment: something that doesn’t seem stiff or imposing to outside students.  
   ii. Motion: A version of Rosenberg’s rules, that can be adapted so it’s less stiff and imposing. 14 in favour, 2 abstain. **Approved.**  
   iii. Comment: can we have a primer next meeting?
b. **7.15-7.20** (Randy, in lieu of Katie) **Discussion Item:** Committee Stipend Qualification
   i. New set of minimum hours to get stipend for serving on committees. Question about how to change bylaw in constitution? - Resolved: this is a GSA council vote.
   ii. Comment: some international students on very strict visas, and then if they serve too long they might be ineligible to serve on these committees. We could have not strict rules about hours, but recommended hours.
   iii. Comment: People should get stipend for however many meetings are necessary, and showing proof of what work they’ve done.

8. **New Business**
   a. **7.20-7.25** (Melody Nixon) **Action Item:** Proposal for international students’ writing group
      i. Proposal to get money for tea and snacks and stationery. $244 a month
      ii. Motion to provide the $300 a month for the group until the end of the quarter.
      iii. 12 in favour, 4 abstained. **Approved.**
   b. **7.25-7.35** (Will Hollingsworth) **Discussion Item:** 2018-19 Housing Forum
      i. The people (Capstone) building the housing, student representatives, people on advisory committees
      ii. They are planning to bring the proposal to the regents at the January regents’ meeting.
      iii. Can the regents discuss a housing stipend.
      iv. Guaranteed housing for first year grad students?
   c. **7.35-7.40** (Ashwin and Jin) **Action Item:** Additional opportunities for department representative stipend qualification
      i. Motion to get the full stipend that you make 2 of the 3 meetings in quarters where there are 3.
      ii. In favour, 17 (all). **Approved.**
   d. **7.40-7.45** (Yulia and Tony) **Discussion Item:** Announcement for international students mixer in November
      i. All graduate students are invited to the first International Graduate Student mixer of the year. Come meet your peers, enjoy free food and drinks, and sing karaoke in many many languages!
   e. **7.45-7.55** (Adrienne Ricker) **Discussion Item:** UCSHIP frauds: requesting student input
      i. People who enroll in (the first week?) classes and never take classes to get a good health plan? These are people who AREN’T students, who are just individuals in California who sign up and then leave so as to get the cheaper health insurance.
      ii. Comment: does this affect students who go on medical leave?
iii. Comment: can’t this go through admin?

9. Announcements
   a. **7.55-8.00** (Alexandra and Juliana) Travel and research grants
      i. First round of grants due on Friday, Nov 16. - Looking for three members for research and travel grants committee, please email Alexandra or Katie (travelgr@ucsc.edu).
      ii. International students are taxed higher than in-state students. Looking for solutions, suggestions so that international students do not get less money.
      iii. Comment: international students also getting taxed more on GSA pay. We could fix this so it’s equal across the board.

10. **8.00** Adjournment