



Council Meeting Minutes

**GSA Office, Conference Room
06/04/08**

1. Call to order at 6:15 pm
 - a. Present: Alex, Louise, Erik, Kristy, Tony, Joe, Gary.
 - b. Motion to approve agenda and accept minutes amended to change the speaker's name from RCC and remove the presidential candidates no longer running for the office. Motion was approved. Motion to approve minutes from last council meeting, seconded, no objections, motion carries and the minutes are approved.

2. Guest Speaker
 - a. Phyllis Scott (RCC Norco) – Presented on internship program for RCC Moreno Valley and Norco. Program intended to fund underrepresented ethnic groups that desire to work at a Community Level(open to all though) to intern on RCC campuses. It is open to both teaching and administrative opportunities. Participate in teaching along with a mentor. 2 semesterds (1 guidance another for a project at the mentor's discretion).The internship is two semesters with an application deadline of June 30th. \$1000 stipend for interns in the program and the student will work out schedule of hours with their mentor. Selection and interview process. Resume, references, and area of interest. They can accommodate school schedule. More information available no MV website. There is an orientation session at the Moreno Valley campus on June 12th.

3. Officer Reports
 - a. President (Alex Cortez)
 - i. GSA Conference plug on Saturday. GSA Research Awards postponed until after finals. Soccer and softball tournaments postponed until after finals.
 - b. EVP (Gary Coyne) – Student Regent designate is Jesse Bernal, a grad student from UCSB. UCSA Congress July 10-13, Days of action “study-in” in Sacramento, significant impact met with a few legislators. Contact Gary if interested in attending the next UCSA meeting in July. Two days of action last month: One, a sit-in at Sacramento. UC Regent meeting, fees were raised by 7%, could have been higher. Applications available for COD, LL, and CTGC.

- c. VPAA (Erik Kolb) – Growth in programming. Goals were professional development, work to represent underserved groups, and improve relations with administration. Increase in funding for student groups. 12 mini-GSAs to 22 mini-GSAs. Went from 3 AAOs to every AAO and ISAO filled. Had 31 graduate students serve on external committees and 43 on internal committees. Urge to increase participation in committees. Helped sponsor new interdisciplinary conferences, e.g. Microbiology. GSA stronger than at beginning of the year, push for changing GSA policies. Thanks for the opportunity to serve. Acknowledgement for his staff.
 - d. PR Officer (Kristy Richardson)
 - i. Grad Bash in May had over 400 attend, very high. Tuesday June 11th 1-3pm is the last social, DEATH BY CHOCOLATE. The survey pamphlet is not complete yet, will be completed soon. Thanks for 2 years of services as PRO.
 - e. Finance Officer (Tony Yang)
 - i. Presentation of budget to follow.
 - f. CTG Coordinator (Joe Steirer)
 - i. 135,000 spent this year. Changes in policy. \$30 per Diems. Caps will be reduced. Changes due to switch to iTravel: 1) Itemized receipts due after 7 working days 2) Direct Deposit 3) Submit all original receipts 4) Log-in process, accounts will be set up 5) Separate receipts. More information will be available on the website. Encourage students to apply to be the CTGC. Thanks the council for remuneration provides information.
 - g. Conference chair (Vanessa Miller)
 - i. Breakfast registration at 8:30 am. Talks from 9-noon, Lunch poster session.
4. New Business
- a. Bylaws (Louise Hendrickson)
 - i. Finance officer serve from July to June at \$200 per month instead of Sept to June at \$240 per month, approved by the council (18,0,0).
 - b. Budget (Tony Yang)
 - i. Rollover 2006-2007: CTG \$28k, General \$18k
 - ii. Rollover 2007-2008: CTG \$7k General \$8k
 - iii. Needed to make cuts inbudget due to decrease in rollover and not rely on large rollover for future budgets.
 - iv. Bank charges increased and had to make cuts to budget for officer retreats, \$500 for each retreat and \$15,000 less in the budget.
 - v. Most of rollover from mini-GSA and Conference and Speaker budget

- vi. Some future concern for mini-GSA budget if all mini-GSAs max out their budget through GSA
 - vii. Currently difficult to get budget as finances spread through 3 different accounting systems.
 - viii. Budget approved (17,0,1)
 - c. Special Elections (Louise Hendrickson)
 - i. President elect Alejandro Cortez
 - ii. Finance Officer elect Gregory Gibson
5. Adjournment – motion to adjourn, no objections, meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.