

University of California, Los Angeles
Graduate Student Association Forum #1, Spring Quarter
Wednesday, April 18, 2018, 5:30pm

Forum minutes notes taken by Sherry Lin, Director of Communications

CALL TO ORDER - 5:45pm

UCPD update

Kevin Kilgore, UCPD Lieutenant

- BIRD and Lime parking and safety: wear helmet, location of nests, and tickets
- Collaboration with GSA and USAC

Graduate and Professional student survey

Annie Maxfield, UCLA GSRC Executive Director

- Post-doc and PhD exit survey results (Technical difficulty - no slideshows)
- Workshops for north and south campus (pamphlets available at GSRC)
- Transition to new platform: Handshake (more interactive and hundreds of employers have already signed up)

Executive Officer Reports

Michael Skiles, GSA President

- Westwood forward voting: all people who play a stake in Westwood can vote
 - Address issue (on campus address might not be valid for registration)
 - May 15, 2018
- Distribute the news across different departments
- Volunteering opportunities (sign up on website via a google doc)
- Make history and move Westwood Forward

Alexander Fung, GSA Vice President of Internal Affairs

- UCSA student lobby conference: international student initiatives and vote on the resolution this past weekend - passed (more engaged; ISA board of directors)
- Grad give back initiative (community service project) Monday night mission: 5-10 volunteers near DTLA to help homeless communities every Monday
- UC Irvine Mental Health conference - bring delegation - application is open
- Student interest board meeting: 1st generation students group

- Food security; gradcafe

Rebecca Katz, GSA Vice President of Academic Affairs

- Reclassification - loss of benefits such as fee remission: Academic Senate

Parshan Khosravi, GSA Vice President of External Affairs

- Send out an email with details tonight
- Tomorrow and Friday - UAW TA and Post-doc and grad student contract: Union needs our support to solidify the contract for the students
- 4/28 - graduate climate conference (UCGBC) - various issue about campus climate: publicize it and refer people who want to go (all expenses covered)
- Science policy group

RESOLUTION TO CREATE cabinet director administrative affairs and director of diversity inclusion and community engagement positions

- Administrative affairs
 - Representing GSA
 - Coordinating applications and evaluations of directors in GSA
 - A lot of committee positions that are unfilled on campus - now with the director dedicating and evaluating - they can represent us in the UC administrations
 - This position will replace the IVP chief-of-staff
- DICE
 - Local and community relations
 - Working with the Unions
 - LGBTQ community
- Make a motion: not to fund the positions - which will be discussed during the budget forum
 - Simply acknowledge the position into official cabinet level positions
 - Move to include the two positions - seconded - now discussion
- Discussion
- **Vote (PASSED unanimously)**

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUND

- General increase
- Move to discussion - seconded - discussion
- Inquiry about the amount: is \$8,000 enough?

- Move to end discussion - no objection
- **Vote: APPROVED (PASSED)**

ELECTIONS RESULTS RATIFICATION

Justin Gelzhiser, GSA Commissioner of Elections

- Next meeting (informal): mainly for feedback
- 2018-19: total eligible voter 12,254 (15% voter turnout - highest in record; 6% voter increase compare last year)
- **Results**
 - **President: Michael Skiles (Moving Forward Slate): 1,410 votes (3rd term)**
 - **VP Internal: Eric Hu (Moving Forward Slate): 1,021 votes**
 - **Katherine Jia: 582 votes**
 - **VP External: Michelle Ellis Viorato (Moving Forward Slate): 1,407 votes**
 - **VP Academic Affairs: Ashley Wright (Moving Forward Slate): 1,425 votes**
- **2018 Graduate Student Writing Support Referendum GSWC: in favor (620) <-> opposed (1,102)**
- Motion to ratify the results - discuss
- **Vote to ratify: PASSED unanimously** - has been ratified

ADJOURNMENT 7:19pm