

**University of California, Los Angeles**  
**Graduate Student Association Forum #1, Winter Quarter**  
**Wednesday, January 24, 2018, 5:30pm**

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Forum minutes prepared by Sherry Lin, Director of Communications

**CALL TO ORDER - 5:35pm**

Parshan K., Vice President of External Affairs

- move to adjust agenda item: elections immediately before performance concerns (seconded); unanimous consent

**ELECTIONS CALENDAR**

Justin Gelzhiser, Election Commissioner

“Confirmed time window: Wednesday April 11 at noon to Tuesday April 17 at noon.”

- move to adopt the calendar (seconded); PASSED

**PERFORMANCE CONCERNS OF DIRECTOR OF DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Christian Green, President of BGSA

“Response time is slow and delayed in regards to funding questions.”

Jason Lin, President of IGSA

“Many complaints about the performance.”

Parshan K., Vice President of External Affairs

“Possibility of account problems and miscommunications.”

Michael S., President

“To ensure everything going more smoothly, the application cycle will be reduced to one-week cycle.”

- move to end discussion (seconded); PASSED (2/3)

**GSA LGBT DIRECTOR PRESENTATION**

Robert Gamboa, LGBT Affairs Co-Director

“We would like to create more spaces for graduate students, have workshops about LGBT, and make sure LGBT students get sufficient resources.”

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**

Michael S., President

“Evaluation report for all appointed officer of GSA will be presented this quarter to

ensure officers' accountability. GradBar will be at Rocco's, where we booked the entire venue due to our involvement in Westwood Forward. We will have more events in Westwood in the future."

Parshan Khosravi, Vice President of External Affairs

"We try to work on the advocacy on putting a stop on the tuition increase. Our office will attend the Student of Color Conference, which is the largest conference on the west about issue on minority communities."

Rebecca Katz, Vice President of Academic Affairs

"TA job shortage is a big challenge right now. We are now working on bringing about TA market, which is an online job positing platform."

Alex F., Vice President of Internal Affairs

"Partnership with Dashew Center and a movement to reduce the iStart fee (\$59) charged to all international students. The details about how the fee is used will be released soon. We also will have our GradCafe Initiatives on week 6 and 10."

## **UCPD PRESENTATION**

Kevin Kilgore, UCLA Police Department

"We try to be more involved with student groups. I need your help to reach more students. We want to be a part of the student groups to ensure safety. We would like to handle any problems that you've got. Also, we would also like to hear your issues. We respond really quickly."

## **ASUCLA BOD REPORT**

ASUCLA Graduate Representatives

"ASUCLA is composed of the following sectors: Undergraduate USAC, GSA, Student Media, and Student-Run Enterprises. We try to make our campus more sustainable. We have workshops and expanding our student options such as including Veggie Grills on campus. Also, our top on our priority list is to have good quality coffee. We offer coffee experience such as coffee tasting for students."

## **PRESENTATION FROM GSRC & GWC**

Christine Wilson, GSRC Director & Marilyn Gray, GWC Director

"GSRC has new FTE for administrative specialist. We also will have more consultant staff for multi-location approach. For GWC, we have thesis and dissertation workshops as well as boot-camps and retreats for writings."

## **DISCUSSION REGARDING WEEK 6 MEETING**

Alexander F., Vice President of Internal Affairs

“Week 6 meeting is on the day of Feb 14, which many people reached out to me for the possibility of moving the meeting to either week 5 or week 7 due to schedule conflict.”

➤ **motion to move the next Forum meeting to week 5 instead (seconded); PASSED**

**ADJOURNMENT 7:53pm**

**Total time of Forum meeting 2:18:00**