

**University of California, Los Angeles**  
**Graduate Student Association Forum #2, Fall Quarter**  
**Wednesday, November 8, 2017, 5:30pm**

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**CALL TO ORDER - 5:37pm**

Alexander Fung, Vice President of Internal Affairs

“Our President, Michael Skiles, moves to have an amendment in the agenda.”

Michael Skiles, President

“HLGSA will have its launch party tomorrow, and the President Ernesto has to go to LAX to pick up some important guests. Therefore, I move to amend the agenda that the ‘HLGSA joining Student Interest Board’ discussion goes after ‘Graduate council introduction.’”

➤ Vote: 16 approved, 0 objected, 0 abstained

**GRADUATE CONUCIL INTRODUCTION**

David, Graduate Council Representative; and another representative

Representative 1

“The academic Senate at UCLA has 23 committees and councils. One of each is a graduate council. I have to emphasize that the graduate council is the only entity or body that can make policies for graduate students on campus. The graduate council oversees the departmental eight-year reviews. Every department on campus has a review on student satisfaction, faculty and student interactions, and curriculums. It’s important to keep in mind on how graduate students can get involved. We need more feedback and collaborations. If you know that your department is undergoing an eight-year review, please set up a meeting to discuss the success and failures of your program.”

David

“I was one of the member last year. It’s striking how much discussed in the council that was relevant to us. We talked about departmental reviews, study space renovations, availability of classes, mentorship of doctoral committees, TA availability. Rebecca is not here right now, but she one of the rep. You can always talk to her or you can tell me directly of your concerns. If you ever notice something is frustrating to you, for example, filing fee, we can bring that to the graduate council and they can look at it. There’s a lot

that graduate council can do for you.”

Representative 1

“Just let you know that graduate council comprises of 20 senate faculty members, and we also have student representatives. These are the faculty members on campus who really care about student wellbeing, student satisfaction, and academic progress. So, it is important for them to hear what’s going on around and how your experience at UCLA is mapping out. Encourage you send any feedback.”

## **ANNOUNCEMENT – 1**

Justin (last name) – Election Commissioner

“Good evening everyone. We are going to hold our first election meeting sometime this quarter. You will receive an email from me the next week or so of our availability. Just give you a heads-up. One other thing. I am currently working at Graduate division to do a research about what percentage of students at each department major. That way, we can strategically reach out to students, including schools that are on semester system. Hopefully, I am planning for week 9; try to stay away from finals week. I will keep you updated and stay in touch with all of you. I appreciate all of your help. Thank you.”

## **HISPANIC/LATINX GSA JOINING STUDENT INTEREST BOARD**

Michael S.

“So I will turn the floor to the leadership of Hispanic/Latinx GSA (HLGSA) momentarily. For context, of course now we have four signature student interest groups currently on campus, AGSA, BGSA, CSSA, and IGSA. Collectively, each group sent two representatives to sit on the board here at the GSA forum as opposed to a regular graduate student organization. Therefore, as student interest groups, they are eligible for \$3,000 a year of discretionary funding per group as opposed to \$200 for other student organizations. Last year, I worked with Alex Fung to revitalize the IGSA group, which was a very good success. At the end of last year, Ernesto started the first HLGSA on campus, which represent a significant population on campus. Ernesto hit the ground running and he has amazing events in store. The group finished its Constitution and got 300 signatures. I will let them tell you all about it.”

Ernesto Arciniega

“Good evening Bruins. My name is Ernesto Arciniega. And this is my vice president Aerily. We would like to read our petition to be part of the GSA student interest group (**petition attached as Appendix I**). We would love you to consider our petition to be a

part of the student interest board at GSA.”

Michael S.

“Also, as an announcement, the group has already been approved as a graduate student organization. They will have their launch kick-off event tomorrow at the westwood W hotel, which is co-sponsored with Dashew International student center and GSA.”

Ernesto A.

“All of you are invited. We look forward to seeing you at W hotel tomorrow!”

Michael S.

“I move for GSA forum to recognize the HLGSA as a student interest group as a member of the student interest board.”

➤ Discussion

No questions.

➤ Vote: 22 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstain → APPROVED

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**

Michael S., President

“I will keep my report brief. Since most of the stuff I am currently working on will be discussed during the announcement at the end of this meeting. Two week ago, I met with the Chair of UC council to discuss about the issue of granting worker compensation benefits to graduate students who are injured in a UC lab with external funding sources. Currently the students would not receive the coverage because the University does not consider them as official employees, but their external funding sources did not fund these workers the working benefits either. GSA has been advocating on this issue since 2015. Last year we took this issue to the UC level on this campus alone. We finally make some improvements. The recent SB 201 has recognized GSRs as employees. And they have started to consider some options for the package. We expect within a month or so, the UC will have a formal recognition on how to go forward to provide this coverage for our students. The other big update: Over the summer until now, I have been actively work with Westwood community and engaged in Westwood politics and formed good relationships; therefore, the business improvement district will form a student engagement board/committee that will help us put on events with local business and advocate around the issues with common interests. A success with Westwood neighborhood council: creation of a student engagement committee. For those of you who do not know, the neighborhood council is between a home-owner association and full-city council. It has real authority and funds to distribute from the city, usually

around \$40,000 a year. It is able to bring in housing projects. Unfortunately, we did not have representation in the community, which is why I have convened undergraduate and graduate student leaders as well as business owners to have a good conversation with council members to explore our options of ensuring our housing, entertainment, and good platform for student voices. We will present our collective opinions tonight when our undergraduate counterpart arrived here.”

Alex F., Vice President of Internal Affairs

“We have been pushing for a few initiatives in the past two weeks. We had our first GradFam social, which is a program that we have more than 150 graduate students who are grouped based on interests, so that people can meet others at different departments and make friends. We also had our GradCafe initiative today, which was successful because we gave our Chiptole burritos with a discounted price. Thank you Engineering GSA for using your patio for the event. We will be having our next GradCafe again during week 10, which will be bigger than this one. Also, we have a few ongoing sustainability projects. For example, Weyburn gardening initiatives as well as UCLA zero waste project 2020 plan. We also collaborated with Luskin School for environmental graduate student night as well as environmental and sustainability student leadership council. Our international student affair director is working with the Dashew Center for the International Education week as well as planning the next Global evening for international students to bond together. We also had a partnership with SOLE for all graduate organization student leaders for event of the Day of SOLE. You may find a copy of my executive report in the packet.”

Parshan Khosravi, Vice President of External Affairs

“GOP tax plan has come out, which is a very daunting effect on graduate students. Especially PhD students can be highly affected by pieces in the new plan. So, we tried to have preliminary review on what the impacts are by examining the plan word by word. As early as thanksgiving, it will be passed by the Congress. Therefore, we try to move really quickly to amend pieces of this plan. Part of this work include calling day of action (putting together a joint board with the undergraduates). I will send an email out with the dates and details as soon as we understand what the full impact will be. Please join us. Please be vocal. This is very bad. We need everybody to call their legislative officers. All of your help is needed. We had signed SB201, which was announced publicly. With SB201, we were able to provide GSR and researchers bargaining rights. We will do some education series during winter quarter about bargain power with presentations to show to all of you. I will not go into too much detail for the relationship

between UCSA and UCGPC, which will be in a presentation that I have put together. I would like to just announce that this past weekend at UCSA November board meeting, I was able to convince them for UCLA to stay in UCSA without a membership fee. And we advocated for better student consultation process for PDST proposals, both long-term form and short-term form, by the Academic Departments. This year, we try to analyze if the departmental fee is justifiable. We hope to report back in the next forum meeting. Last but not least, we had some public meetings with public leaders, which are described in my report in the packet. UC Title IX is currently looking for students interested in serving on the board. Contact my office and apply for this position if you are interested.”

Rebecca Katz, Vice President of Academic Affairs

\*ABSENT – report in the packet

## **ANNOUNCEMENT – 2**

Joshua Mayer, Director of Administrative Affairs

“Graduate Writing Center committee is going to have a meeting very soon. It is a very important committee. Each academic council is required to have one representative to serve on the committee. I will send an email about this.”

## **SURPLUS BUDGET ALLOCATIONS**

Alex F.

“There are a lot of document in the packet about the budget that I would like to go over really quickly. The first one is the ‘weekly financial report,’ which is posted every Monday on GSA website under financial document. After the weekly financial report would be the budget narratives. This is the document that is composed by the student governing accounting office at UCLA. They put together all details. All of this are sent via the forum meeting email as electronic files. The third document is the ‘2017-2018 GSA budget.’ This is the budget that we have been operating on, which is approved by the past forum. We will be giving our winter quarter mid-year budget report to you. This is just for your reference. After this, it is the thing that we will be voting on, the surplus allocation. For the previous GSA fiscal year, a total around \$96,000 from the previous GSA operations will be allocated to this year. So, this are the documents of how Michael, Parshan, Rebecca, and I will be supposed to spend on the surplus. And we would like your approval.”

Michael S.

“Last year we sent out one document. And we heard from many people that the documents were hard to comprehend. Here are some key parts: each year the budget that is passed for the next year (in the spring) is fairly incomplete because it did not account for the surplus carry-over. And because of various account rules, you don’t want to spend more than you budgeted. Therefore, we always spend less than our budget, having carry-over in most accounts. Every year we have a surplus around \$100,000. Most of it was used to pay for discretionary funding. However, many things are non-discretionary. So, for the surplus allocation, we can use that for event planning and programming that are not non-discretionary. There had been a surplus in the publications department, but the surplus can only be used for discretionary purposes. And because we opted part of the discretionary fund to the student interested boards from \$1,200 to \$3,000, we moved some funding from the publication department to the discretionary funds. Therefore, discretionary fund is adequately funded. Hopefully to a sustainable level. The main decision will be on this page, which is to authorize GSA to start spending the surplus money. For example, the Vice President of Academic Affairs is instituting a new program. The different representatives of the academic council who are specifically interested in graduate students affairs will be given a small (less than \$100) gift cards for their dedicated service throughout the whole year because they do not have stipends. Also, there will be \$1,300 extra for the election commissioner approved last forum meeting. And also for the presidential cabinet, you can see that the vast majority of budget is for events. We would like to support a variety of events this year. We will continue to support classic events like GradGames, Spring BBQ at Weyburn, new events like Inter-Dissert Dinner, GradFam Initiatives. I also work with the Director of the Graduate Career Center on having new separate north campus and south campus PhD networking nights. We would like to host more real campus-wide community events. Also, our printer, which we had for 10 years, is broken. We need to buy new printers. So, these are the principles for my budget. In addition, I need to mend the proposal on budgeting. To subtract \$2,400 funding from the event and add to the stipends for the two Graduate Event Directors, who were told \$1,600 as their stipend but in fact only \$1,200 were allocated.”

Alex F.

“Vice Presidential Cabinets have not been existed. Therefore, Pashan and I have been running pretty dry. For my cabinet, you can see from the discretionary budget report, we are running really low. That’s because we have many directors that plan to do many amazing things. We are co-sponsored and collaborated with many campus organizations,

but we need more funding. I think it is ridiculous for me to have 6 directors when only given \$1,000 per year. Michael, Parshan, and I believe that the fund from the surplus can be put in good use for the graduate students. So my breakdown is conservation and I am asking in total of \$1,300. You can see that these are all amazing initiatives that we can push forward that can benefit all graduate students.”

Parshan K.

“With regards to my requests, there are four line items here. Essentially when I came into the office last year, it was empty. It was nothing. I have been filling a lot of things with the expense of my own, which was fine. However, to move forward, we will need a lot of more materials, literal materials such as printed papers. A lot of my work depends on these reports, papers, and publications. The line item ‘Campaign materials’ should also include ‘programming.’ We have a number of campaigns, for example the ones with GSR, which needs funding to do the presentations and programming. Another line item ‘lobbying and travel’ is something very important. The biggest part of External Effort of GSA, in my opinion, is that we have to represent the voices of our graduate students at the state legislature, at national legislature, and at all of the political bodies. In the past years, lobbying and travel is low on budget, which stopped us from doing any effective advocacy at these levels. I tried to fund myself twice for different occasions to travel. We will continue work with other funding sources, but we need some solid backings so that we hit critical issues. Lastly, it’s the conferences. Last year, we went to 4 conferences. This year, we want to expand for much more.”

Alex F.

“One more point to add. The money that we are asking will last for the entire academic year. This will be one-time and we really appreciate your support on approving this plan. This will sustain our operations.”

Michael S.

“Move to approve this budget with the amendment of Graduate Event Director’s stipend and Parshan’s line item changed to ‘Campaign materials/programming.’”

➤ **discussion**

Law/SBA

“Even though we are allocated from discretionary fund and we were told last time that it was 25%, is that 25% going to be impacted at all by this surplus?”

Michael S.

“No. And Alex can explain where we are allocating those 25%.”

Alex F.

“So the surplus \$96,000 are Central office fees. Not academic council fees. The \$96,000 is the leftovers from GSA’s operations last year. The 25% is the part when your programs are audited and approved under your academic councils. You will see the new list of the academic programs later today. Once that is done, I will send it to the Student Governing Accounting.”

Math and Sciences

“Are we allocating the entire \$96,000 today? Are we going to pass everything in one chunk? Or we can approve parts of the request.”

Michael S.

“You can do so if you make a motion.”

Social Sciences

“Can the fund be allocated to the council? Or do they still have to go through GSA discretionary.”

Roy, ASUCLA

“The structure is that there are certain money for councils and certain money for only the central office, while also for the GWC. So, the three strata has to stay within their boundaries because that is what the voters determined for the money that was collected for. That’s why we keep them distinct.”

Student Interest Board (SIB)

“Could you explain the difference in GSA event and other event programs in other cabinets?”

Michael S.

“Sure. Frankly the language of the Presidential Cabinet never existed before and only exist now because there are now Vice Presidential cabinets. However, the allocation we made for the Vice Presidential cabinets are to the discretionary fund of these presidents. The allocation to the Presidential cabinet are not to me special because it is a traditional cabinet of the GSA. The money going to the Events under the Presidential Cabinet is precisely into that account overseeing the two Event Directors.”

SIB

“Ok. I will say that kudos to the GradBar. Next question is regards to the IVP’s cabinet. Can you talk a little bit about International resource and workshops on your budget? Are you partnering up with IGSA in SIB?”

Alex F.

“I will begin by saying that the amount that we allocate to the line item is not as sustainable as we wanted it to be. We are partnering up with a lot of organizations so

that we can pull together funding. One of our big platform in IVP cabinet is international student advocacy. Historically it has been close to none advocacy for international graduate students, which is a big problem. And we believe that these events in total will be funded with \$6,000 for international student resources and programs, which is to help build communities for international graduate students. I hope this answer your questions.”

SIB

“I think the language is a bit exclusive. I am a bit questioning because it seems like you are primarily targeting one marginalized group of students, but not the whole graduate student body. That will be a concern for the Black GSA.”

Alex F.

“I understand your concern. The only thing is that we only asked for \$6,000 out of how much we have. So, what we ask is probably just a little around 1%. We appreciate if you would support. To back you up, our International Student Affairs Chair, Jeannie, is here. Would you like to say a little bit about your programming as well?”

Michael S.

“Before Jeannie comes and talks, I would like to clarify with SIB representative Christian. We had a discussion last forum about up the SIB budget to \$3,000. What SIB can get from the discretionary fund is the money to support just for that group. With this money, the event can be just for that group. You do not need to invite the whole campus. However, you can definitely co-sponsor the events with GSA as a whole if you are open. Just like what we are going to do with the HLGSA event tomorrow. These events are open to the entire graduate student body. This is a way for you to get more money if you are open to the idea of networking with some of us here.”

Christian Green, SIB

“I think it is a great idea, but I just want to call into question.”

Alex F.

“To answer Christian’s question more. There are events that do target specific groups, but at the end of the day, all GSA events are open to the entire graduate student body. These international student workshops and career fairs, we also invite domestic graduate students. And ultimately our goals were to have graduate students mingle and know one another. The events themselves are inclusive.”

Jeannie Chen, International Student Affairs Director

“I agree that the language might seem a bit exclusive and only target to certain populations. However, as Alex has said, these events that we are doing are also open to

domestic graduate students. I am completely open to collaborations. For example, from November 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> is the International Education Week, which is across US. UCLA is doing several great events. The events also open to students who are interested in studying abroad or working abroad in other countries. In regards to for example, working with the career center, we are looking at workshops targeting both domestic and international graduate students.”

SBA

“I understand that international events are really great, but if you are not a member of International student group, do you get funding from this allocation?”

Alex F.

“Our ISA director Jeannie is happy to collaborate with all academic council and any graduate student organizations. There is no specific funding application for this collaboration. If you have an idea to co-sponsor for an event, just talk to who you would like to work together.”

Michael S.

“Selene Mak is one of our Graduate Event Director sitting at the back. She will be a great person to talk to if you would like to collaborate on events with GSA.”

SBA

“I agree these are all great events, but I just feel a bit uncomfortable that one group gets a fast pass through this budget allocation, while other student groups have to apply through the discretionary fund or partner up with other organizations. I do support these ideas and understand the needs. Just feel a bit uneasy.”

Alex F.

“I am happy to talk to you after the meeting if there are any concerns you have. Just to clarify that we have our majority of funding spent on Graduate events. Even though the IVP allocation to ISA can be perceived as the funding is just for international students, there is still a lot money we have to co-host events with our GSA Event.”

Social Sciences

“I have a quick question about the allocation here. For example, if International Student Leadership conferences fall through, but we allocated you \$2,500 for conferences that do not happen. For this case, are we saying that you will be free to reallocate that unused \$2,500?”

Parshan K.

“If the money is not used, it has to go back or send an official request for re-allocation to this forum body.”

Social Sciences

“I know that registered student groups have to apply through GSA discretionary fund. I am just wondering where is that fund coming from?”

Alex F.

“The GSA discretionary fund is covered by SFAC funding, so the fund is not from the central offices. Thank you for clarifying.”

Michael S.

“Yes. So now it is about the surplus allocation. We allocated a fair amount to programs. We meant to fund programs, which can have a potential of increased cap for Student Interest Board. I also know that the discretionary fund is 25% of the allocated by Xfact. In spring, it has increased to 40%. Therefore, it is adequately funded.”

Alex F.

“One final remark before we move forward. The reason why we have \$96,000 from last year was because this is the first year that we are doing Vice Presidential Cabinet, tripling our efforts in GSA with increased programing for graduate students. I understand that some people might think that we are allocating the money to specific groups, but we never see it that way. We want to make sure there are programing, advocacy, socials, and benefits. We try to be as inclusive as possible.”

Michael S.

“Every year, our accountants asked us to be conservative, where we were only allowed to spend 95% of our fund each year. Therefore, year after year, we now have the surplus. If we still do not allocate the surplus, next year, there will be a even larger surplus for the executives next year.”

ASUCLA

“I think it is important to allocate the surplus money as early in the year. When we go into next year, the problem we will face is a snowballing surplus, which can become problematic. We are trying to find a productive path to spend the money on important initiatives.”

Mike Cohn

“An expectation on how to spend the money.”

Math and sciences

“Is there a way for us to divide the part where we approve on for the allocation budget?”

Alex F.

“You can, but any money that is not allocated will probably take a hit on our programming.”

Michael S.

“We will not be able to plan for the rest of the quarter or even the rest of the year because we cannot proceed on our process this quarter.”

Math and sciences

“I move to divide the budget into two parts: first part will be the amount for the expenditure costs (around \$26,000); and second part is all the rest.”

➤ DISCUSSION about division of the approved parts of surplus budget

Roy, ASUCLA

“Expenditure costs have already been approved in the last forum, which was last year’s budget. This is the part of the surplus that has been approved.”

Michael S.

“Part of the way we are spending was already approved in the last forum in spring. Therefore, it is redundant to do another approval on the part that has been approved. There is no productivity in doing so.”

Social Sciences

“I move to call to question. Immediate vote on whether to end this discussion.”

➤ **Vote: 23 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstain → END OF DISCUSSION on the motion of division**

Social Sciences

“Why do you object the idea on allocation? What is the issue on each cabinet’s budget? I don’t want to hold up the programming. Do you need to hold up everything?”

Math and Sciences

“Rebecca is not even here and she can’t justify her budget. The other issue is that I am wondering that Event needs that huge portion of the money. And a couple of people are uncomfortable about the allocation of IVP cabinet with some budget to the International Student groups.”

Roy ASUCLA

“Perhaps if you can propose another different division method.”

Mike Cohn

“Usually in situation like this. You can just proceed to the vote. If the body is not ok with the budget, they will vote it down. Otherwise, they will approve it, which makes things a lot easier.”

Michael S.

“I would encourage the body to approve our budget. And if you find anything that you are unclear, you can ask us to explain to you. For example, I spoke with Rebecca personally

and part of her budget goes into getting the gift cards as an incentives for people to diligently represent their graduate councils. I really do not think we should make a huge deal about it. I would like to be able to tell others that we are able to move things forward. Our budget planning is a thoughtful process. I call to the original question to vote on the budget.”

➤ **Vote: 18 in favor, 2 oppose, 3 abstain → PASSED**

## **RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT FAST CASUAL FOOD USES IN WESTWOOD**

Michael S.

“I sent this out to you weeks ago. The resolution to support fast casual restaurants is in the packet (**letter attached as Appendix II**). They would like to make recommendation to change the definition on fast casual food use. Originally there were five criteria to be a non-fast food restaurant. The criteria were set to restrict the number of fast food in the village for better and healthy environment. However, healthy restaurants, such as Tender Green, CAVA, 800 Degree Pizza, and Lemonade in a style of order and pay before you get the meal, are still considered as fast food. Some café also sells incidental food items. Therefore, the provision has turned down many fast casual food businesses that could potentially revitalize the community due to the quota for fast food restaurants in Westwood. I move to approve the resolution letter.”

➤ **DISCUSSION**

Humanities

“We notice many duplications of similar food concepts. Is there a reason behind that?”

Michael S.

“Even though there is provision that turned many fast casual food businesses. The principal person who does the inspection turns out to have affiliation to the ownership of certain businesses, resulting in multiple installment of similar food concepts.”

Engineering

“What is the purpose of this letter being discussed in our forum meeting? Is it in any way related to UCLA graduate students?”

Michael S.

“We as the graduate students at UCLA in Westwood are a part of the stakeholder in this situation.”

➤ **Vote: 22 in favor, 0 oppose, 2 abstain → APPROVED**

## **APPROVAL of 2017-2018 GRADUATE PROGRAM LIST**

Alex F.

“Every year the forum member must approve the graduate programs that fall into each academic council. This is how you remain your 25% council allocation. The last four pages of the packet will contain all of the edits that you have made to your academic programs.”

➤ **Move by acclamation; DISCUSSION**

Social Sciences

“This is not the list that I received. I am confused. I don’t know what some program came from. This probably would not matter in terms of allocation. Some are just majors, but are not departments.”

Alex F.

“We have personally sent out email to all academic councils twice.”

SS

“We told you about our changes, but the packet here does not reflect those changes.”

Alex F.

“The changes that everyone emailed me were already reflected on here. I apologize if there’s any miscommunications during the process. These are all the programs from last year allocation from GSA Student Governing Accounting, including the updated departments that you have told me. I am happy to work with you after the meeting or I am happy to do the edits right now if you tell me.”

SIB

“Why there is a separation in certain programs?”

Roy, ASUCLA

“If there is change that you want to make, you have to validate your program so that we can get the 25% allocated to you. If we can vote right now to validate, then we can set about the remainder 25% allocation calculation right away. In order to get your money now, the 25% is dependent on the enrollment. We have to look at alignment in order to do the precise allocation.”

Alex F.

“Any changes in the program list has to notify the IVP, which is me.”

Humanities

“Recently, musicology department became part of the School of Music, while in the past they were part of the Arts & Architecture.”

Roy

“There is a mechanism to define how everybody think in our code. Definition comes

from the group of students in the discipline on how they want to align themselves.”

SBA/Law

“I am concerned that there are already some people saying that this list is not what we thought it would be. I move to table this discussion to the next forum meeting.”

➤ **Vote: 7 in favor, 10 oppose, 5 abstain → DISCUSSION will not be tabled**

Michael S.

“I would ask Roy on if there is any mechanism to approve the budget for council to get their money for their programming to start running and do a budget transfer as needed.”

Parshan K.

“Just a heads-up. If you don’t approve this list, you won’t get your money.”

SAB/Law

“I move to vote on approval of this list.”

➤ **Vote: 20 in favor, 0 oppose, 2 abstain → Program list APPROVED**

## **DISCUSSION ON UC STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**

Parshan K.

“The time is running late. Therefore, I would suggest that idea that I send out the information to the council via email and table this item on agenda to our next forum meeting.”

➤ **Vote: 19 in favor, 1 oppose, 0 abstain → TABLE the discussion to the next forum**

## **ANNOUNCEMENT – 3**

Michael S.

“Here we have the members of the coalition: I myself is Michael, the President of UCLA GSA and Graduate Chair of the UC Council of Student Body Presidents. Parshan is the External Vice President of UCLA GSA. Joshua is the Local Legislative Director of UCLA GSA. Arielle is the President of UCLA USAC (Undergraduate Student Association Council). Chloe is the External Vice President of UCLA USAC. Zahra is the Facilities Commissioner of UCLA USAC. And lastly we have Wren, who is UCLA staff member. On behalf of Westwood Forward, a coalition of UCLA graduate and undergraduate student leaders, faculty, staff members, Westwood Homeowners, Renters, and Business leaders, we invite you to join us for a discussion over the next few months that will determine the future of our beloved community (**letter attached as Appendix III**).

Social Sciences

“On the map, some parts of the Blue is not connected to the Black area. Is it going to

cause any problems?”

Michael

“The area you described is the veteran cemetery, which is the federal property. The current boundary does cover all apartments that students live in in the Westwood neighborhood. We have our updates on WestwoodForward.com if this boundary have any changes.”

SBA/Law

“This is exciting. Why do you want to create a new council, which is an independent body? This is a great movement and a lot of students, if they heard about it, they would all take action to vote down the council because this is against the idea of democracy.”

Michael

“They are not going to have another election in 2019. We cannot count on them and they always got away. We were only able to vote on certain number of seats. They still have the majority on the council. Therefore, we have this coalition to firmly secure what matter the most to us and to accelerate the process. This is the tool we have to restore democracy in Westwood.”

**ADJOURNMENT 7:58pm**

**Total time of Forum meeting 2:17:31**