

Forum Meeting Notes - 2/12/2020

Consent Calendar: Unanimously Approved

Executive Officer Reports

- Zak
 - UCSC on day 3 of full strike
 - Alarming police presence
 - Apr. 24-25th Grad Games
 - Cabinet meeting - boycotting Napolitano meeting
- JP
 - Working with Shrinidhi on survey
 - Working with Housing office to finalize housing website
 - Working with GSRC on grad student resource accessibility
 - Reaching out to councils regarding SnapCart
 - Preparing for Advocacy Day April 5th and 6th
- Shrinidhi
 - Working with JP on survey

AGORA Project

- Final Vote on Support
- The GSA withdraws its support of the AGORA project. The GSA supports all affordable housing for graduate students but we do not feel it is within our capacity to comment on private housing market endeavours
- 13 in favor
- 1 against
- 4 abstentions
- Motion passes

Presentation and Q&A - Gregg Goldman

- Dialogue about budgetary information
- Tenure track vs non tenure track professors - disturbing trend toward non-tenure
- UCLA campus is “at capacity”
- Tuition predictability for families
- Available funds decreasing, # of students increasing
- Reducing Administrative Overhead
- Budget Context: Challenges & Opportunities
- Office of the President proposed budget presented to the Regents in Nov 19
- Q&A: Questions about where grad students fit in, and why administrators pretend like there isn't enough money (and whether or not it's a “choice” to pad salaries of people at the top)

Robert Lawson of USAC

- Coordinating with Zak on housing affordability
- Budget transparency
- Continuing the relationship between USAC and GSA

Presentation and Discussion of GSA Hardship Fund

- Borrowing from USC framework

- What does the committee look like?
- \$700 per student cap
- Description of the fund
- Will be taking an official vote in the future
 - Google doc for proposed edits will go out soon

Transit Referendum Presentation

- Unanimously passed to put on ballot (17 in favor)