

University of California, Los Angeles
Graduate Student Association Forum #3, Fall Quarter
Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 5:30pm

Forum minutes prepared by Sherry Lin, Director of Communications

CALL TO ORDER - 5:36pm

Alexander F., Vice President of Internal Affairs

“There are some additions to the program from the week 6 list. We would like to as the forum member to amend the agenda.”

- move to change the agenda to add the program addition (seconded); discussion will be held after the executive report

ANNOUNCEMENT of ELECTION COMMISSIONER

Justin, Election Commissioner

“The first election meeting will take place a week from today. It will be from 5:30 to 6:30pm in the GSA office in the conference room. I already sent emails to most of you. In the winter and spring quarter, we are going to meet the week after each general forum. We have been doing a lot of work on research about strategies of election for next year. Please write down on this sheet of the name of the department representatives who will serve on the election board and their contact information. I will appreciate that. Please pass this sheet around.”

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

Michael S., President

“The printing in the BioMed library finally started working on a semi-consistent fashion. Now we have free printing for some graduate students at GSRC and BioMed library. Every graduate student is eligible for 250 sheets of printing per quarter for free. Please share this information. We are thrilled to make that happen. Another news. We have heard of an alarming number of damages to the vehicles in various parking structure. Therefore, we have assembled a task force to work with Vice Chancellor on creating the security cameras in the parking garages, which we currently do not have any. We should have some. We try to find balance in privacy and security to keep the campus safe. Another focus is on the absurd proposal of tax on graduate students of graduate education. I will leave this part of discussion to Parshan when he took trips and work

under UC advocacy network. I assure you that this has been our top of our focus. Finally I would like to share with you on what I have been doing. Westwood Forward. We had our presentation last forum, which is the main thing I am working on since summer. We developed our Coalition, which composed of graduate and undergraduate leaders as well as local businesses.”

Alex F., Vice President of Internal Affairs

“We focused most on programming. Our next GradCafe is coming up, which will be next Monday where we will be passing out Sushi Burritos from Nushi. This event will be sent out in details through our newsletter. We also had our Global Evenings, which was a successful event at Weyburn Terrace. We have ongoing Sustainability projects, especially on on-campus recycling. We have GreenScreens coming up. We try to make GSA zero-waste. We are expanding our GradFam, recruiting more students in to the program. We are also finalizing the online platform for graduate students to find off-campus housing.”

Parshan Khosravi, Vice President of External Affairs

“The most important thing I would like to talk about is the Grad Tax. It is a great concern to many students, or all students actually. We have been working with many organizations that are associated with the original decision to call attention to the issue. We will be going to DC next week to deal with concerns about this plan. In January 27 to 28th, there will be a conference at Riverside discussing about topics such as underrepresented communities and student well-beings. UCSA and UCGPC, neither of them have meetings between the time of last forum till now. This coming weekend will have the first meeting for UCSA.”

Rebecca Katz, Vice President of Academic Affairs

“For the past few weeks, I have been working with the administration to work on the TA marketplace for students and faculty with easy access and features that are user-friendly. Also, it’s almost the end of the quarter. I will be collecting reports from senates about significant happenings during this quarter.”

ANNOUNCEMENT – 2

Joshua Mayer, Director of Administrative Affairs

“We will have our Graduate Writing Center committee is going to have a meeting starting the end of this quarter. Several representatives have been selected.”

APPROVAL of 2017-2018 GRADUATE PROGRAM LIST

Alex F.

“The list was previously approved during the last forum meeting. However, administration office notified us two days ago that the list we approved did not include all graduate programs. According to administration, the programs that are missing have been added on this new list. The forum must approve this new list.”

- **Move to approve program list and associated allocations (seconded)**
- **Vote: 26 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstain → Discussion**

Roy, ASUCLA

“We had already approved the list last forum. Now we are just adding the missing programs into the list. I would encourage the approval of the list to get things moving forward.”

- **Social Sciences: Motion to amend list to place Islamic Studies in Humanities (seconded)**
- **Vote: 26 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstain → motion approved**
- **Public Health: Move to have Molecular Toxicology placed under Biological Sciences (seconded)**
- **Vote: 26 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstain → motion approved**
- **Vote → Program list APPROVED**

ANNOUNCEMENT – 3

- **Vice President of External Affairs: Move to amend the agenda to discuss University attempt to discourage GSR unionization (seconded)**
- **Approved by unanimous consent**

UNIVERSITY ATTEMPT TO DISCOURAGE GSR UNIONIZATION

Michael

“The Graduate Students Association asks the University to cease and desist sending out emails that imply that UAW is conducting its unionization petition in a duplicitous or deceitful manner. Moreover, the Graduate Students Association acknowledges that the UAW has been a champion of graduate students’ rights for many years and has full faith and confidence in them to carry out their campaign in a transparent and upright manner.”

- **Vote: 24 in favor, 0 oppose, 1 abstain → Approved**

ADJOURNMENT 7:34pm

Total time of Forum meeting 1:58:23