

GSRC Report from 6/28/20 for UA GSB 6/29/20 Meeting

Hello and greetings to everyone!

The monthly GSRC meeting took place on Sunday, June 28, 2020, at 1:30 pm ET. Our Vice-Chair, Quin, presided over the meeting; our Interim Co-Chair, Debora, was present and acted as Secretary.

There were 25 GSRs, and three GSB members present. I want to thank the Board members for attending our meeting yesterday.

I listened to the recording of the meeting after the close of the weekend seminar I attended. The meeting went well, and in an orderly manner the standard procedures took place. We had Reports from the Treasurer, two Co-Webmasters, Fundraising Information Subcommittee, and the WSC Planning Committee.

The first main event was the GSR Open Shares time, with Questions and Answers. One GSR does not want to have her Group re-vote on Topics of Concern for inclusion on the WSC 2020 Agenda that were on the WSC 2018 agenda. She expressed a desire to honor the time, work and thinking that has been put into the 2018 Top Ten Topics of Concern, and to not create time indifference by re-voting.

My Co-chair, Debora, and I agree that if topics were on the 2018 and 2019 Agendas, then they should be carried over as Unfinished Business to the WSC 2020 Agenda, even if they were not formally postponed.

The next main event was the presentation of the Motion to Establish the Guidelines for Registering a UA Group, a Motion that was passed by the GSRC in 2018 and that needed to be updated with a few small amendments. However, this brought up a lot of discussion, including a brief suggestion by a GSR, which was not accepted by the motion maker, to delete the entire Motion and only include the actual topic for the WSC 2020, without any details or content included.

A friendly amendment was offered by a GSR to strike the requirement that to register a UA Group, it had to be "open to all UA members." The rationale was that Groups are now forming that will be open only to particular populations, such as "black and indigenous people of color, and not open to all UA members." This suggestion was not accepted by the motion maker, as a Motion passed by the Convocation at the WSC 2018 requires that Groups be open to all UA members.

I mention these matters because the process and the procedures of developing structure for UA, for example the Motion to Establish the Suggested Duties and Qualifications of GSRs, and

the Motion to Establish Guidelines to Register a UA Group have been the burden and pleasure of the GSR Committee's work. We have worked hard since 2017 to create solid structure for UA, structure that can hold up over the test of time, on behalf of the larger Fellowship.

These structures have been co-created by the Committee, the Fellowship and the GSRs who represent them. The GSRs are the direct representatives of the individuals in their Groups, many of whom have spent a lot of time to think, write and speak about these issues.

To take Motions that have already been passed by the GSRC and strip the content down to a simple Topic of Concern in order to let the 2020 Convocation hammer out all of the details, as suggested by one GSR, is unacceptable to me as the person speaking on behalf of the GSR Committee.

To do so would be a denial of the voice of the Fellowship that has already spoken through GSRs since 2017. In addition, when our Committee deliberates for months to develop language for a motion, there is an increased likelihood of clarity. An example of confusion is the WSC 2016 motion to create the GSR Committee, which lacked important information, which was only resolved by having a detailed motion presented and passed at the WSC 2018, a two-year process. The latter motion was developed in advance of the WSC 2018 by the GSRC, GSRs and the Groups.

We believe that fully formed motions should be put on the WSC 2020 Agenda, and then posted on the UA website in advance for feedback from the Fellowship and the GSB.

Thank you very much for being part of our UA unity. Together we can build a better Fellowship to serve the healing of underearning and under-being, with the guidance and support of Higher Power, to which I do give heartfelt thanks and gratitude.