

Graduate Student Association

General Assembly Meeting

April | 2021 | 6PM — 7:45PM

Via Zoom

Meeting called by the GSA Co-Presidents Pedro Craveiro and Alex LeBrun

Notes recorded by Maya Zaynetdinova, VP of Communication and Events

- Introduction and sign in
- Community Agreement and Zoom Specific Agreements
- Roll Call//Academic Departments Present: [31 Graduate Representatives]
 - History of Art and Architecture [1]
 - Comparative Literature [1]
 - Film and Media Studies [1]
 - History [1]
 - Latin American and Iberian Studies [1]
 - Religious Studies [1]
 - Spanish & Portuguese [1]
 - Theater & Dance [1]
 - Biomolecular Science & Engineering [1]
 - Ecology, Evolution and Marine Biology [2]
 - Earth Science [1]
 - Marine Science [1]
 - Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology [1]
 - Physics [3]
 - Anthropology [1]
 - Communication [1]
 - Feminist Studies [1]
 - Geography [1]
 - Global Studies [1]
 - Political Science [1]
 - Sociology [1]
 - Chemical Engineering [2]
 - Electrical and Computer Engineering [2]
 - Education [1]
 - Bren [2]
- Approval of last meeting minutes // MOTION CONSENTED

- **Approval of current agenda // MOTION CONSENTED**

- **Presentation**
 - *Internship Fellowship*
 - *APIGSA*

- **Co-sponsorships**
 - XX Hispanic and Lusophone Conference

- **Administration Reports**
 - *Graduate Division Report // Dr. Carlos M. Nash and Robert Hamm*
 - *Graduate Council // Dr. Adam Sabra*

- **Executive Board Reports**
 - **Internal Co-President // Pedro Craveiro**
 - Music Building Seismic Improvements Project Committee
 - A graduate student representative needed
 - Any folks interested in serving, reach out to me
InternalCoPresident@gmail.com
 - Bylaws need to be updated before opening the electoral season
 - What is new?
 - Some updates in the current positions mostly regarding to committees and duties
 - GSA'S Chief of Staff
 - The Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
 - Ballot measures for April's elections are reaffirmations:
 - Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) and Career Services Support Fee (CEC)
 - Health & Wellness Programs Fee (CEC)
 - Women, Gender, and Sexual Equity (WGSE) Support Fee (CEC)
 - GSA Travel Grant Fee (GSA)
 - SMERF (Student Medical Emergencies Relief Fund) (GSA)
 - Graduate Student Internship Fellowship (GSA)
 - Graduate Student Emergency Relief Fund (GSA)
 - Arts & Lectures 2011 Fee Initiative (GSA)
 - Nights & Weekends Parking for Graduate Students (GSA)
 - **External Co-President // Alex LeBrun**
 - GSA Officer Positions and Election
 - UCSB will be open in Fall 2021

- (Roughly) all classes in person except large lectures, but those may have in-person section.
 - I want concerns of yours to send up the chain of command.
 - Covid-19 Vaccinations
 - MyTurn.ca.gov
 - SB County Public Health Department:
<https://publichealthsb.org/phd-vaccination-clinics/>
 - Long-Term Budget Information
- **Vice President of Communication and Events // Maya Zaynetdinova**
 - GSA Executive board nominations open until April 8th!
 - Nominate yourself or someone who is a good fit!
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeXJK8wKxNRbuxssi_tzifKCgSfgZ1Ool7No2UgotFpV3Si0oQ/viewform
 - McKenzie Wade is a co-chair of the election committee
 - All nominees will have until April 14th to write a statement
 - Elections will take place during April 19-22
 - **Vice President of Graduate Student Affairs // Jordan J. Tudisco**
 - The Chancellor approved the recommendation from the UCSB Student Health Advisory Committee to leave our health insurances unchanged.
 - Our premiums will still increase by 6.2% due to utilization
 - UCSB is looking into removing mandatory referrals for therapy appointments but it needs to be proposed and go through the UC-wide level -- it will also depend on how much this will impact our premiums (if at all)
 - **Vice President of External Affairs // Felicity Stone-Richards**
 - Had meetings with Goleta and Santa Barbara mayors and SB County rep to discuss affordable housing development plans and police funding
 - SB Mayor Murillo confirmed that UCSB is contractually obliged to build more student housing than it currently has, and is not meeting its contractual commitments
 - UCGPC organising lobbying meetings with California senators and assembly members on bills that would benefit graduate students, especially as it relates to housing, higher education spending and policing
 - **Vice President of Financial Affairs // Melanie Adams**
 - Working on new system for check processing - should reduce delays
 - Looking into pause lock-in fee for upcoming year for Travel Grants
 - Potentially developing alternative for current virtual conferences

- Need to vote to approve additional \$20k for COVID relief grants - fund has been heavily used and balance may not be sufficient for the rest of the year

- **Action Items**

- *Vote on co-sponsorships [passed with unanimous consent]*
- *Vote on Bylaws [passed with unanimous consent]*
- *Vote on VPDEI [passed with unanimous consent]*

- **Announcements**

- **Adjournment**