

Graduate Student Association

General Assembly Meeting

December | 2020 | 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: [32 Graduate Representatives]
 - History of Art and Architecture [1]
 - Asian Studies [1]
 - Comparative Literature [1]
 - Film and Media Studies [1]
 - Latin American and Iberian Studies [1]
 - Linguistics [1]
 - Spanish & Portuguese [1]
 - Theater and Dance [1]
 - Biomolecular Science & Engineering [1]
 - Dynamical Neuroscience [1]
 - Ecology, Evolution and Marine Biology [2]
 - Earth Science [1]
 - Marine Science [1]
 - Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology [2]
 - Physics [1]
 - Statistics & Applied Probability [1]
 - Anthropology [1]
 - Communication [1]
 - Geography [2]
 - Global Studies [1]
 - Political Science [1]
 - Sociology [2]
 - Computer Science [1]
 - Chemical Engineering [2]
 - Electrical and Computer Engineering [1]
 - Education [1]
 - Bren [2]

- Approval of last meeting minutes // MOTION CONSENTED
- Approval of current agenda // MOTION CONSENTED
- **Presentation**
 - *UC Santa Barbara Library*
- **Administration Reports**
 - *Graduate Division Report // Dr. Carlos M. Nash and Robert Hamm*
 - *Graduate Council // Dr. Adam Sabra*
 - *Academic Senate*
- **Executive Board Reports**
 - **Internal Co-President // Pedro Craveiro**
 - Working currently with VCDEI to create the template survey instrument for Campus Climate Graduate Student/Postdoc Survey
 - Notice of New Presidential Policy: Gender Recognition and Lived Name
 - The policy ensures all University-issued identification documents display personal identification information that recognizes an individual's accurate gender identity and lived name. In brief, the policy stipulates that the University must provide the minimum three equally recognized gender options in university information systems — woman, man, and nonbinary — and an efficient process for current students, employees, and UC alumni and affiliates to retroactively amend their gender designations and lived names in information systems and on university-issued documents, including eligible academic documents.
 - Co-organizing with Maya and Kenzie the next event
 - Committee Search for the next Graduate Division Dean
 - GSA Awards
 - Updating Bylaws
 - **External Co-President // Alex LeBrun**
 - Faculty COVID pressure regarding research
 - ehs.ucsb.edu -- Hazard
 - UC-Wide Whistleblower Hotline -- 800-403-4744
 - Library rooms for graduate research or teaching
 - <https://libcal.library.ucsb.edu/reserve/library>
 - <https://libcal.library.ucsb.edu/reserve/hssb>
 - Arts & Lectures
 - UCSB Reads 2021: *When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir* by Patrisse Cullors

- Virtual talks, panel discussions, film screenings, book clubs, exhibitions and more, including a discussion with the author herself
- **Vice President of Communication and Events // Maya Zaynetdinova**
 - 66 Graduate representatives!
 - Continued communication with OISS
 - Educational campaign against bias - bias reporting link
 - GSA website: Updated library page and internship fellowship for 2021
 - Graduate Student reception for San Clemente on Friday, 12/
- **Vice President of Graduate Student Affairs // Jordan J. Tudisco**
 - Nothing to report
- **Vice President of External Affairs // Felicity Stone-Richards**
 - UCGPC had meeting with Pres Drake Nov 20
 - Main issues discussed: maintaining covid related emergency health coverage, developing better UCpath communication and fixes for late pay; reducing police budget and increased transparency. Drake most resistant to reducing police budget, generally positive in other areas.
 - UCGPC met with Federal Government Relations office in DC - UC looking to federal funding to counter loss in state funding. This they hope will be in the form of: Financial Aid, Research Aid, and Healthcare primarily
- **Vice President of Financial Affairs // Melanie Adams**
 - No updates
- **Action Items**
- **Announcements**
- **Adjournment**