

Graduate Student Association

General Assembly Meeting

June | 2020 | 5:30PM — 7:00PM

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
- Approval of last meeting minutes // MOTION CONSENTED
- Approval of current agenda // MOTION CONSENTED
- 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
 - Changes on our General Assembly Approved Position of Vice President of Diversity.
 - Funds' Allocation for Affinity Groups.
 - GSA exec board will petition the GA to commit to sending funds to the affinity groups directly in lieu of funding a new VP for DEI. We will request that \$2,000 each be sent to APIGSA, AIGSA, BGSA, and QTGSU. We will ask that this be made a permanent annual commitment, such that the affinity groups do not need to request this money from future GAs. We will vote on this at the June GA meeting.
 - External Co-President // Alex LeBrun
 - Graduate Division Dean Search Committee
 - The committee is looking for candidates whose priorities are to continue Interim Dean Rupp's goal of securing five years of funding for each newly admitted PhD student and a demonstrated commitment to graduate diversity.
 - My final General Assembly as Co-President =[

- **Vice President of Communication and Events // Maya Zaynetdinova**
 - Checked in with OISS
 - still ongoing visa issues for international students
 - Any students still overseas need to contact professors directly to arrange for online accommodations
 - UC to accept vaccines approved by WHO
 - Summer 2021
 - Start of grad rep recruitment for the next academic year
 - I will be reaching out to you with a Google form
 - Email me if you know who will be a new graduate rep in your department
 - Brainstorm of safe in person events for the Fall 2021
- **Vice President of Graduate Student Affairs // Jordan J. Tudisco**
 - Nothing to report
- **Vice President of External Affairs // Felicity Stone-Richards**
 - Nothing to report
- **Vice President of Financial Affairs // Melanie Adams**
 - Budget review and proposed for the next year.
- **Discussion Items**
 - COVID-19 Relief Funds
 - GSA budget line items that may have unspent funds pending Fall reopening:
 - Travel to UCSA/UCGPC/UC Lobbying: \$4,000
 - Co-Presidents' Travel Fund: \$1,000
 - UCSA/UCGPC Travel: \$3,000
 - Travel UC Systemwide Conferences: \$3,000
 - Travel State Lobby Efforts: \$2,500
 - General Assembly meetings: \$5,000
 - Reduced social events (Bagel hour/Mosher Time/Lounge): \$10,000
 - Total: \$28,500
 - COVID-19 Relief Guidelines
 - COVID-19 Relief Fund requires the emergency to be COVID19-related.
 - Applicants for the COVID-19 relief fund do not need to have taken out available loans (different from Emergency grant).
 - A three-member panel will review all applications to ensure they meet the guidelines.
 - Allocation of Annual funding to Affinity Groups

- Following discussion with affinity group leaders, the decision has been made by the GSA exec board not to move forward with establishing the VP for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.
- Affinity groups expressed concern that the position could be co-opted by admin to bypass meeting with affinity groups themselves.
- Instead, affinity groups proposed using the money that would have funded the new VP position to offer permanent annual support to affinity groups.
- We ask that GSA commit to allocating \$8,000 to fund affinity groups. \$2,000 each would be sent to APIGSA, AIGSA, BGSA and QTGSU.
- This would be an annual commitment from the GSA, to offer permanent financial support to affinity groups.

- **Action Items**

- Vote to approve the GSA Resolution in Support of Student Researcher Unionization // **PASSED [24 yes, 1 abstain]**
- Vote to approve the relocation of COVID-19 Relief Fund // **PASSED [18 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain]**
- Vote to approve the allocation of annual funding to affinity groups (APIGSA, AIGSA, BGSA, and QTGSU) // **PASSED [18 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain]**
- Vote to approve budget for next year 2021-2022 // **PASSED [19 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain]**

- **Swearing in**

- 2021-2022 Newly-Elected GSA Officers

- **Announcements**

- Vox Populi

- **Adjournment**

- **GSA Awards**