

Graduate Student Association

General Assembly Meeting

February | 2021 | 6:00PM — 7:30PM

Via Zoom

Meeting called by the GSA Co-Presidents Pedro Craveiro and Felicity Stone-Richards

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: [18 Graduate Representatives]
 - History of Art & Architecture [1]
 - Asian Studies [1]
 - Linguistics [1]
 - Religious Studies [1]
 - Theater & Dance [1]
 - Ecology, Evolution and Marine Biology [2]
 - Physics [2]
 - Geography [1]
 - Global Studies [1]
 - Political Science [1]
 - Sociology [1]
 - Computer Science [1]
 - Chemical Engineering [1]
 - Electrical and Computer Engineering [1]
 - Education [1]
 - Bren [1]
- Approval of last meeting minutes // MOTION CONSENTED
- Approval of current agenda // MOTION CONSENTED
- Presentations
 - *Interdisciplinary Humanities Center (IHC)*
 - *AS Coastal Fund Initiative*
 - *Sundowner Wind Experiment (SWEX)*

- **Administration Reports**
 - *Graduate Division Report // Dr. Carlos M. Nash and Robert Hamm*
 - *Graduate Council // Giuliana Perrone*
 - *Academic Senate*
- **Executive Board Reports**
 - **Co-Presidents // Pedro Craveiro & Felicity Stone-Richards**
 - Currently working with the Assistant Dean of Development & Graduate Initiatives to raise money for Graduate Students
 - GSA Alumni Officers
 - Call for Nominations is opened for the GSA Excellence in Teaching Award and Dixon-Levy GSA Service Award.
 - **Vice President of Communication and Events // Maya Zaynetdinova**
 - 49 grad reps! (+6 from last month)
 - In the process of event planning - stay tuned!
 - If you wish to serve on the GSA board next year, feel free to email me with any questions!
 - more info on elections coming soon
 - **Vice President of Graduate Student Affairs // Jordan J. Tudisco**
 - Health Insurance:
 - No meeting since last GA – next week will be important UC-wide meeting with votes on COVID-19 testing coverage (including over the counter), trans healthcare, and dental or vision premium holidays
 - Housing:
 - Housing will discontinue hotel housing for Spring; remaining hotel residents will be moved to an on-campus location
 - Still working with Housing and Grad Div to revisit the prioritization criteria of Family Housing so that married couples aren't prioritized over unmarried couples
 - San Clemente application will be open to continuing students from February 28th to March 10th; applying does not guarantee a spot, but you may be eligible even if not in SCV right now
 - Remote instruction: Primary caretakers of children younger than 5 can remain remote for the entirety of Winter!
 - **Vice President of External Affairs // Heather Prentice-Waltz**
 - UCGPC UPDATES:
 - UCGPC will no longer have individual meetings with President Drake; President Drake will meet quarterly with UCGPC, UCSA,

and the Council of Presidents in a banquet setting (UCSA and UCGPC opposed this plan)

- COVID and campus reopening concerns are forefront, but UCGPC does not want to lose sight of other (overlapping) issues such as housing, policing, and climate change policy
- Ongoing discussions about what affordable, dignified housing looks like. *If you are interested in contributing to this discussion AND/OR if you are interested in doing paid work related to housing issues for GSA/UCGPC please contact Heather @ gsavpexternal@gmail.com!*

- Vice President of Financial Affairs // Melanie Adams

- No updates

- Discussion Items

- GSA Bylaw Change
- GSA Rebates to Graduate Degree Programs

- Action Items

- Vote to Change GSA Bylaws to Adjust Stipends to GSA Representatives // **PASSED [27 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAIN]**

- Announcements

- Vox Populi

- Adjournment

- Next General Assembly on March 1st, 2022