

## Graduate Student Association

### General Assembly Meeting

March 1 2022 | 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

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- Introduction and sign in
- Community Agreement and Zoom Specific Agreements
- Roll Call//Academic Departments Present: [26 Graduate Representatives]
  - History of Art & Architecture [1]
  - Asian Studies [1]
  - Film &Media Studies [1]
  - History [1]
  - Linguistics [1]
  - Religious Studies [1]
  - Theater & Dance [1]
  - Biomolecular science & Engineering [1]
  - Ecology, Evolution and Marine Biology [2]
  - Earth Science [1]
  - Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Bio [2]
  - Physics [2]
  - Communication [1]
  - Geography [2]
  - Global Studies [1]
  - Political Science [1]
  - Sociology [1]
  - Chemical Engineering [2]
  - Electrical and Computer Engineering [1]
  - Bren [2]
- Approval of last meeting minutes // MOTION CONSENTED
- Approval of current agenda // MOTION CONSENTED
- Presentations
  - COVID-19 Response Team

- Internship Fellowship Program
- AS Coastal Fund Initiative
- UCSB NRS Advisory Committee
- Field Research Safety
  
- **Co-Sponsorships**
  - *Global Snapshot: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Media, Performativity, and Global Communities*
  
- **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**
    - Nominations for GSA Exec positions will be open this week. Nominations will close April 13th.
    - All existing GSA officers will be stepping down at the end of this year
    - Week 1 Spring Quarter: Information Lunch, Q&A info session on responsibilities of exec positions
      - **Tuesday 29th March, 12:00-1:30**
    - These are PAID POSITIONS!
    - President stipends: \$3,000 per quarter, \$1,000 over summer
    - VP stipends: \$2,250 per quarter, \$500 over summer
    - Organising a Social Sciences Dean info session in Spring Quarter with Charlie Hale
    - Social Sciences students will be able to learn the what the role of the Dean entails and how the Dean can support graduate student needs
    - GSA ETA and D-L nominations closed. We got nearly 120 nominations.
  - **Vice President of Communication and Events // Maya Zaynetdinova**
    - Grad Student Appreciation Lunch TOMORROW, March 2, 12-1pm at GSA Lounge
    - We will have pizza and other snacks
    - HUGE thanks to Kenzie Wade for helping with organizing!
    - GSA elections - candidacy statements will open on March 4<sup>th</sup>
    - We will hold an info session and lunch for anyone interested in running on March 29th
    - Met w/ OISS:
      - international students affected by the events in Ukraine and Russia should seek campus resources for emotional help, BARC sending out individual inquiries re financial difficulties

- As long as you have an active I-20, you can stay in the country on an expired visa
- **Vice President of Graduate Student Affairs // Jordan J. Tudisco**
  - Health Insurance:
    - Next year, health insurance premiums for grads will be fully decoupled from undergrads; this means that we are taking a ***big*** increase to our rates; in addition, there will be votes for making physical therapy free and extending trans health care and STI testing which can further impact our rates
  - Housing:
    - Still working on revisiting the prioritization criteria of Family Housing so that married couples aren't prioritized over unmarried couples; the UC Legal office is not responding
    - San Clemente application will be open to continuing students from February 28th to March 10th (NOW); applying does not guarantee a spot, but you may be eligible even if not in SCV right now!!
- **Vice President of External Affairs // Heather Prentice-Waltz**
  - UC Student Policy Summit UPDATES:
    - Hybrid cross-campus meeting of UC Student Association (UCSA), UC Graduate and Professional Council (UCGPC), and UC Council of Presidents (UCCP) at UCB.
    - Organized as part of the boycott of the redesigned meetings with UC Office of the President (UCOP)
    - Policy Working Groups: 1)climate change and sustainability; 2)basic needs & UC affordability; 3)student support and retention; 4)academic planning and UC capacity
- **Vice President of Financial Affairs // Melanie Adams**
  - Two items to vote on later:
    - Increase grad student lock-in fees by \$1 to add to childcare grants
    - Increase amount of money allocated per travel grant to \$400
- **Discussion Items**
  - GSA Bylaw Change
- **Action Items**
  - Vote to approve adding the Coastal Fund fee increase to the ballot// **PASSED**  
[19 YES, 2 NO, 3 ABSTAIN]
- **Announcements**

- Vox Populi
- Adjournment
  - Next General Assembly on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022