

## Graduate Student Association

### General Assembly Meeting

January | 2021 | 6PM — 7:30PM

Via Zoom

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

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: [36 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]
  - Religious Studies [1]
  - Theater and Dance [1]
  - Biomolecular Science & Engineering [1]
  - Dynamical Neuroscience [1]
  - Ecology, Evolution and Marine Biology [2]
  - Earth Science [1]
  - Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology [2]
  - Physics [3]
  - 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 [2]
  - Education [2]
  - Bren [2]
- Approval of last meeting minutes // MOTION CONSENTED

- Approval of current agenda // MOTION CONSENTED
  
- Presentation
  - UAW 2865
  
- 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
    - We need a GSA representative to the search advisory committee for our next Dean of Humanities and Fine Arts
      - Folks interested email both Alex and I so we may forward this info to Chancellor Yang
      - [pedrocraveiro@ucsb.edu](mailto:pedrocraveiro@ucsb.edu)
      - [lebrun@ucsb.edu](mailto:lebrun@ucsb.edu)
    - Graduate Students & AS Food Bank
    - GSA Awards nominations will be out next week. Keep an eye on it!
    - Excellence in Teaching Award
    - Dixon-Levy Service Award
  - External Co-President // Alex LeBrun
    - Ongoing Budget Talks
      - Nothing official. Looks like UCSB will be doing a mix of loans (amount TBD) and budget cuts (both one-time and permanent).
    - UC Council of Presidents meeting w/ President Drake Jan 28.
    - International Students not receiving paychecks
      - Contemplating emergency payments
      - Contact me: [lebrun@ucsb.edu](mailto:lebrun@ucsb.edu)
    - Departmental Graduate Student Associations
    - TAP Parking Update
    - Covid update
      - Unfortunately not much more than is public:
      - Reopening fall (?)
      - Yang wants enough vaccines for anyone affiliated with the university to have access
  - Vice President of Communication and Events // Maya Zaynetdinova
    - 68 registered graduate representatives

- Graduate Student Reception was a success (200+ meals served)
  - Discussions on a similar event this quarter (more updates later)
- **Vice President of Graduate Student Affairs // Jordan J. Tudisco**
  - No relevant news from the Committee on Diversity and Equity and the Undergraduate Council
  - No relevant news from the UC-Wide Title IX Student Advisory Board
  - **Housing** -- 37 new graduate students moved in San Clemente in Winter for a current total population of 740 students. There are more than 200 rooms still vacant. Housing decided NOT to fill these vacancies with Undergraduates.
  - **Student Health** -- Vaccination are supposed to be coming soon; UCSB is currently vaccinating healthcare workers, custodians, and staff working in quarantine housing; then they will vaccinate essential workers, and then the general campus population.
  - **Health Insurance** -- the Executive Oversight Board is voting (next Tuesday) to reinstate the zero-cost Covid-19 policy that was voted on last Spring and originally stopped at the beginning of the academic year. If voting goes right, it will be a zero-cost policy for Covid-19 related medical and testing/screening procedures. We are still unclear about vaccines (on a national scale).
- **Vice President of External Affairs // Felicity Stone-Richards**
  - Collating different campus curtailment plans in order to hold UCSB accountable in protecting graduate student funding.
  - UCGPC planning for upcoming legislative sessions. Tracking California and Federal bills related to education spending, policing and immigration.
  - UCGPC planning for upcoming Police Symposium
- **Vice President of Financial Affairs // Melanie Adams**
  - GSA Emergency Relief Grant
    - Eligibility Requirement 3: For FAFSA eligible students, you have completed the FAFSA for the current academic year (if eligible) and **have accepted any loans offered through the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarship (OFAS)**. For undocumented students, you do not have to complete the CA Dream Act since you are not eligible for federal loans.
- **Action Items**

Vote to change UCGPC tax status from 501 c4 nonprofit to 501 c3 – PASSED [34 Yes, 2 Abstain]

- [Announcements](#)
- [Adjournment](#)

Next General Assembly on February 2