

Graduate Student Association

General Assembly Meeting

January | 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: [21 Graduate Representatives]**
 - 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 [1]
 - Physics [2]
 - Geography [1]
 - Global Studies [1]
 - Political Science [1]
 - Sociology [1]
 - Computer Science [1]
 - Chemical Engineering [2]
 - Electrical and Computer Engineering [2]
 - Education [1]
 - Bren [1]
- **Approval of last meeting minutes // MOTION CONSENTED**
- **Approval of current agenda // MOTION CONSENTED**
- **Presentations**
 - *Isla Vista Co-Op*
- **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**
 - Bagels & Coffee event last December was attended by over 250 people!
 - No events at least until February due to Covid :(
 - will have more updates on programming next GA
 - Updated GSA website with GA minutes and agendas
 - currently working on the updated list of grad reps
 - **Vice President of Graduate Student Affairs // Jordan J. Tudisco**
 - Health Insurance:
 - Campus meeting on Thursday
 - Campus-wide meeting next week – students across the UC are trying to increase trans health coverage as well as Dental and Vision; there is also a huge conversation about Covid testing
 - Housing:
 - Housing said they offered something to everyone on the waitlist; there are currently 10 graduate students in hotel housing
 - We are working with Housing and Grad Div to revisit the prioritization criteria of Family Housing so that married couples aren't prioritized over unmarried couples
 - Academic Senate Committees (UgC, CDE, CFW): Nothing relevant to report
 - **Vice President of External Affairs // Heather Prentice-Waltz**
 - New Legislative Liaison:
 - Please welcome Anne Berry (Ph.D. student GGSE) as GSA's new Legislative Liaison!
 - 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
- Vice President of Financial Affairs // Melanie Adams
 - No updates
- Discussion Items
 - Concerns Re: Campus Reopening & Omicron Variant
 - GSA Bylaw Change
 - GSA Rebates to Graduate Degree Programs
- Action Items
- Announcements
 - Vox Populi
- Adjournment
 - Next General Assembly on February 8th, 2022