

Graduate Student Association

General Assembly Meeting

November | 2020 | 6PM — 7:45PM

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
- Roll Call//Academic Departments Present: [33 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]
 - Theater and Dance [1]
 - Dynamical Neuroscience
 - Ecology, Evolution and Marine Biology [2]
 - Earth Science [1]
 - Marine Science [1]
 - Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology [2]
 - Physics [3]
 - Anthropology [1]
 - Communication [1]
 - Feminist Studies [1]
 - Geography [2]
 - Global Studies [1]
 - Political Science [1]
 - Sociology [1]
 - Computer Science [1]
 - Chemical Engineering [1]
 - Electrical and Computer Engineering [2]
 - Education [1]
 - Bren [2]
- Approval of last meeting minutes // MOTION CONSENTED

- Approval of current agenda // MOTION CONSENTED

- Presentation
 - *Mental Health Peer for Graduate Students*
 - *COLA Survey & Union presentation*

- Administration Reports
 - *Graduate Division Report // Dr. Carlos M. Nash and Robert Hamm*
 - *Graduate Council // Dr. Adam Sabra*
 - *COVID-19 Response Team*

- Executive Board Reports
 - Internal Co-President // Pedro Craveiro
 - GSA is on shoreline (email soon about this)
 - Possible collaborations TBA

 - External Co-President // Alex LeBrun
 - Interdepartmental PhD Emphasis in Climate Sciences and Climate Change
 - Eligible departments: Earth Science, Economics, Environmental Science and Management, Geography, or the Interdepartmental Graduate Program in Marine Science.
 - Fundraising with Graduate Division
 - Curtailment Program
 - A tiered system for forced unpaid days off from Office of the President
 - Comments by staff, Academic Senate, and the Chancellor's Coordinating Committee on Budget Strategy
 - Grad Student TAs are exempt;
 - (It is rumored that) those making <59k are exempt.

 - Vice President of Communication and Events // Maya Zaynetdinova
 - So far, we have **60 graduate representatives!** Still missing from:
 - Chicana and Chicano Studies
 - Classics
 - Economics
 - English
 - History
 - Materials

- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Media Arts & Technology
- Music
- Upcoming events: Virtual escape room with gift cards and underrepresented students reception (with GSA head lounge staff **Kenzie Wade**)
- **Vice President of Graduate Student Affairs // Jordan J. Tudisco**
 - The UC SHIP Executive Oversight Board has asked UC SHIP to go back to entirely covering all Covid-related medical and testing expenses. They are running projections to see if this would increase our premium and by how much.
 - Other UC students have reported that UC SHIP has refused to cover testing conducted off-campus -- if you are in such a situation, please contact me: gsavpstudentaffairs@gmail.com
 - If you have any specific issues with Student Health (Medical, Dental, Optic, Pharmacy, etc.) or Housing, please contact me as well
 - From Undergraduate Council: the UC is considering creating degree-granting online programs - the council seemed very opposed to it
- **Vice President of External Affairs // Felicity Stone-Richards**
 - University of California Graduate and Professional Council (UCGPC) policing subcommittee will organize targeted meetings with California reps and senators who voted against the last police reform bill
 - UCGPC meeting with Pres Drake scheduled for Nov 20. Our chosen agenda for that meeting: clarifying curtailment protection for grads; health insurance coverage for covid related treatments; retrenchment of police budget; resisting the increase in NRST (non-resident supplemental tuition); clearer professional mentoring guidelines for faculty
 - There will be a symposium on UCPD organized by UCOP in January (no further details of content or structure at this time)
 - Useful initiatives on other campuses:
 - UC Davis: Next Generation Campus Safety Task Force - looking at policing and disciplinary structures. Organizing focus groups to determine what people perceive campus safety to be
 - UC Berkeley & LA: (Delayed) were meant to be rolling out biweekly pay
- **Vice President of Financial Affairs // Melanie Adams**

- No updates
- Action Items
- Announcements
 - Online Film Screening & Discussion with the Filmmakers “Finding Courage”
- Adjournment