General Assembly Meeting
November 1, 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
  - 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
  o Mental Health Peer for Graduate Students
  o COLA Survey & Union presentation

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

• Executive Board Reports
  o Internal Co-President // Pedro Craveiro
    ▪ GSA is on shoreline (email soon about this)
    ▪ Possible collaborations TBA
  o 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
        o Grad Student TAs are exempt;
        o (It is rumored that) those making <59k are exempt.
  o 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
  
  o Online Film Screening & Discussion with the Filmmakers “Finding Courage”

• Adjournment