

Graduate Student Association

General Assembly Meeting

November | 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: [20 Graduate Representatives]
 - History of Art & Architecture [1]
 - Asian Studies [1]
 - Film & Media Studies [1]
 - Linguistics [1]
 - Theater & Dance [1]
 - Biomolecular Science & Engineering [1]
 - Ecology, Evolution and Marine Biology [1]
 - Physics [3]
 - Communication [1]
 - Feminist Studies [1]
 - Geography [2]
 - Global Studies [1]
 - Sociology [1]
 - Chemical Engineering [2]
 - Electrical and Computer Engineering [1]
 - Bren [1]
- Approval of last meeting minutes // MOTION CONSENTED
- Approval of current agenda // MOTION CONSENTED
- Presentations
 - *Food not bombs*
 - *Project First Light*
 - *The Thriving Initiative*
 - *Campus Housing*

- **Co-sponsorship**
 - *Graduate Simulation Seminar Series*
 - *Physics/Engineering Graduate-Undergraduate Mixer*
- **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**
 - GSA Co-Presidents working with donor team to raise money for graduate students summer funding
 - Board of Trustees meeting discussed the Munger Hall development, Chancellor and Chuck Haines presented this a 'done deal', which is to say the plans will not be re-designed to include windows at this stage. However many trustees were uncomfortable with the idea of windowless bedrooms.
 - We also reopened the lounge yesterday!
 - The GSA Lounge is open to all graduate students and campus-registered student groups or organizations that directly work with or benefit the graduate student body.
 - It's a great space to work, relax, or visit with fellow graduate students! Amenities include a balcony, a pool table, couches, tables, and chairs. Free coffee is provided for graduate students every weekday during the academic year.
 - Opening hours: Monday - Friday from 9am to 4pm
 - Only current UC Santa Barbara graduate students may book the GSA Lounge. We accept reservations from official on-campus graduate student organizations or other organizations with a graduate student member. We also welcome graduate students hosting study sessions, writing groups, etc.
 - Graduate students have 24-hours access to the lounge as a study space. Be aware that all graduate students may use the lounge anytime, even if booked for an event.
 - Reservation requests are available at <https://gsa.ucsb.edu/reservation-request>.
 - It may take up to 2 UC business days to receive a response. The lounge use is allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis, and there is no fee to rent the space. Before making a reservation, please look at [our calendar](#) and confirm no scheduling conflicts.
 - **Vice President of Communication and Events // Maya Zaynetdinova**

- Grad reps recruitment - we already have **39 reps!**
 - Grad Brunch #1 was attended by over 120 people
 - Grad Brunch #2 is taking place on November 3rd in the GSA Lounge
 - we will have double the amount of food to accommodate more people
 - Working on organizing a Friendsgiving lunch later in November
 - Stay tuned ;)
- **Vice President of Graduate Student Affairs // Jordan J. Tudisco**
 - No updates; monthly housing meeting is tomorrow
- **Vice President of External Affairs // Heather Prentice-Waltz**
 - RECAP:
 - UCGPC Meeting with President Drake on 10/15/21
 - TOPICS:
 - Affordable housing
 - Climate change and carbon neutrality
 - Return to campus
 - Policing
- **Vice President of Financial Affairs // Melanie Adams**
 - Additional medical fund (not affiliated with GSA): CAMPUS MEDICAL CARE ASSISTANCE FUND (CMCAF)
 - <https://studenthealth.sa.ucsb.edu/index.php/insurance/uc-ship-academic-year-2021-22/campus-medical-care-assistance-fund-cmcaf>
 - To track your checks (we cannot track them once sent for processing):
 - Google 'ucsb as wheres my check'
 - or: <https://www.as.ucsb.edu/misplaced-document-or-check/>
- **Discussion Items**
 - Change to the Bylaws - make permanent the \$8,000 a year GSA support to the affinity groups (vote in December)
 - Change to the Bylaws - departmental rebates (vote in December)
- **Announcements**
 - Vox Populi
- **Adjournment**
 - Next General Assembly on November 30th, 2021