

General Assembly Minute

October 8 | 2019 | 6PM — 7:45PM

GSA Lounge

Meeting called by Cierra Raine Sorin, GSA President

Notes recorded by Pedro Craveiro, VP of Communication and Records

- **Introduction**

- **Community Agreement**

- **Roll Call//Academic Departments Present: [28 Graduate Representatives]**
 - History of Art and Architecture [1]
 - Comparative Literature [1]
 - Film and Media Studies [1]
 - Philosophy [1]
 - Religious Studies [1]
 - Spanish and Portuguese [1]
 - Theater and Dance [1]
 - Biomolecular Science and Engineering [1]
 - Dynamical Neuroscience [1]
 - Ecology, Evolution and Marine Biology [2]
 - Geography [2]
 - Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology [2]
 - Physics [2]
 - Communication [1]
 - Chemical Engineering [1]
 - Electrical and Computer Engineering [2]
 - Education [4]
 - Bren School [3]

- **Approval of last meeting minutes**

- **Approval of current agenda**

- **Presentations**
 - ***Co-sponsorship: Chemical Sciences Student Seminar***
 - 10 to 15-minutes time slot for seminar sponsors
 - 2 speakers

- Food & coffee for seminar attendees
 - CSSS is requesting \$300 from UCSB GSA
- *UCSB Health & Wellness*
- *Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity*
 - Works with students, staff, & faculty to support LGBTQ graduate students on campus
 - Put your pronouns on Gold!
 - Introduce yourself with pronouns <http://rcsgd.sa.ucsb.edu/>
 - QTie Seminars provide education about the queer and trans community which include Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) identities and experiences.
 - Pronoun Trainings:
 - Monday, October 14th | 11 to 11:30am | SRB 1st Floor Conference Room
 - Thursday, October 24th | 1 to 1:30pm | Library 1312
 - Tuesday, October 29th | 3 to 3:30pm | Library 1312
- **Staff Reports**
 - *GSA Advisor/Students Affairs Report // Carlos Nash and Robert Hamm*
 - Diversity Matters Events:
 - Friday, October 11, 2019 (9:00a.m. – 10:30a.m. UCEN Flying A Studio)
 - Breakfast Discussion of the 2018 National Academies' Report on Sexual Harassment of Women – National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine
 - Monday, October 21, 2019 (2PM – 3:30PM Multicultural Center)
 - "Can I Be of Any Help" – Theater Delta Presentation. An interactive theater performance addressing conflicts in the classroom.
 - Wednesday, October 30, 2019 (1PM – 3PM. UCEN Flying A Studio)
 - Diversity in Graduate Education through Admissions Practices – Presentation by Professors Julie Posselt (USC) and Casey Miller (Rochester Institute of Technology)
 - Contact cnash@ucsb.edu for RSVP information
 - *Student Regent // Jamaal Muwwakkil*
 - *Associated Students Report // Alison Sir (Catherine Flaherty as proxy)*
- **Executive Committee Reports**
 - *President // Cierra Raine Sorin*
 - Lounge renovations are progressing
 - Painting: \$7,696

- Window tinting: \$3,762
 - New lighting: \$8,500
 - Furniture (*in process*)
 - Removal: \$1,200-1,500
 - New & installed: \$67,313.16
 - Card reader door (*in process*): \$7,005
 - New projector (*in process*): \$5,726.33
 - Total: \$101,502.49 of \$98,529.75 from SFAC
- Lounge events this month:
 - Pumpkin Carving/Decorating, date/time TBD
 - Paint night hosted by Health & Wellness Oct. 17
 - Meeting with Provost Brown last week
 - UCPATH Center plan to implement switch of all student workers to biweekly pay by Fall 2020
 - GSA is currently without an advisor
 - Working with Student Affairs to get a search underway
 - Currently recruiting for committee reps:
 - Rec Center Governance Board
 - UCSB Action Collaborative Steering Committee
 - Student Fee Advisory Committee
 - Goals for the year (*in progress*)
 - Paid staff member/advisor to GSA
 - Mental health
 - Lounge renovations will be done before winter
 - Year-round bus subsidization
 - Travel grants
- **VP of Budget and Finance // Luke Rosedahl**
 - Travel Grant Application Window for Fall Closes Tomorrow
 - Up to \$200 for travel to a conference at which you are presenting original work
 - <http://www.gsa.ucsb.edu/funding/conference-travel-grant>
 - The new Emergency Grant form is online
 - Up to \$1,000 to offset unexpected emergency expenses
 - <http://www.gsa.ucsb.edu/funding/gsa-emergency-relief-grant>
 - **VP of Communication and Records // Pedro Craveiro**
 - GSA Logo Contest

- GSA Archives and Records
 - GSA Graduate Representatives
 - GSA Social Media
- **VP of Academic Affairs // Alex LeBrun**
 - Faculty Mentoring Best Practices
- **VP of External Affairs // Emma Schuster**
 - Summer/Sept. systemwide updates: Pres. Napolitano, fossil fuel divestment, UC in DC (Nov., DACA), cohort-based tuition
 - UCSB Basic Needs Task Force: grad eligibility for CalFresh, Miramar food pantry
- **VP of Internal Affairs // Heather Prentice-Walz**
 - Bagel Hour starts at 10/9 at 8:15AM
- **VP of Committees and Planning // TBD**
- **VP of Students Affairs // TBD**
- **Discussion Items**
 - **Massage chair for relaxation room**
 - Health & Wellness cover first year
 - \$~2,000/year thereafter
 - **Concerns from GA Members**
 - Fees for Graduate Students
 - Filing Taxes for International Graduate Students
- **Action Items** (Requires Assembly Vote)
 - *Co-sponsorship vote for the Chemical Sciences Student Seminar: **APPROVED***
 - *CALL FOR CONSENT: 28 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 nays.*
 - *Vote on lease for massage chair only for the first year: **APPROVED***
 - *CALL FOR CONSENT: 28 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 nays.*
- **Announcements**
- **Adjournment**