

General Assembly Minute

December 3 | 2019 | 6PM — 8PM

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: [36 Graduate Representatives]**
 - History of Art and Architecture [1]
 - Asian Studies [1]
 - Comparative Literature [1]
 - English [1]
 - Philosophy [1]
 - Religious Studies [1]
 - Spanish and Portuguese [1]
 - Theater and Dance [1]
 - Chemistry [1]
 - Ecology, Evolution and Marine Biology [2]
 - Earth Science [1]
 - Mathematics [1]
 - Physics [1]
 - Psychological and Brain Sciences [1]
 - Chicana and Chicano Studies [1]
 - Communication [1]
 - Feminist Studies [1]
 - Geography [1]
 - Political Science [1]
 - Computer Science [1]
 - Chemical Engineering [2]
 - Electrical and Computer Engineering [3]
 - Materials [1]
 - Counseling, Clinical, and School Psychology [1]
 - Education [4]
 - Bren School [4]

- Approval of last meeting minutes // MOTION CONSENTED
- Approval of current agenda // MOTION CONSENTED
- Presentations & Discussion on Mental Health
 - Margaret Klawunn, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs
 - Seth Goradietsky, CAPS
 - Eric Newlove, UCSB Student Health
 - Dr. Ali Javanbakht, UCSB Student Health
- Administrative Reports
 - Graduate Division // Dr. Carlos M. Nash
 - Graduate Council // Dr. Tammy Afifi
 - UC Student Regent // Jamaal Muwwakkil
- Executive Committee Reports
 - President // Cierra Raine Sorin
 - Follow-up on San Clemente concerns
 - Lowered rent resulted in closure of SC Main Office
 - We can converse with housing about reopening, somehow, if folks are interested
 - UCPATH Call on Monday
 - Move to biweekly pay
 - Other concerns/problems on UC campuses where UCPATH is live
 - Police Advisory Board
 - Meetings should begin soon
 - If you have comments/questions/concerns, please let me know!
 - Library Meeting
 - Increased workshops on software, etc.
 - Can schedule others if you're interested, as long as there is a guaranteed audience
 - Advisor / Staff Person on-going
 - Hoping to have an update at the January meeting!
 - Diversity Reception next quarter
 - In preliminary planning period, more info to follow in Winter!

- *VP of Budget, Finance and Committees // Luke Rosedahl*
 - The GSA Assembly gives a rebate to the GSA member organization of each qualifying Graduate Degree Program. This money is to be used by the GSA members of the Graduate Degree Program to enhance the graduate student experience at the Graduate Degree Program level.
 - If a department has only 1 rep, the Department Rep (or their Proxy) must attend two-thirds (66%) of all Assembly meetings during the quarter to receive the money.
 - If a department has more than 1 rep, half of the Reps (or their Proxies) must attend each Assembly meeting during the quarter to receive their money.
 - How to get the rebate:
 - Option 1: Traditional Method. \$1/student in your program/quarter sent to your department Best for most programs (any program with >30 students) Contact the finance person in your department to access the funds
 - Option 2: Alternate Method for Small Departments. Department Reps get \$10/meeting attended. For programs with few students (like mine: 10 students).
 - We will be sending out a google form for you to fill out verifying which option you choose
 - Committees: Increasing Committee Rep Stipends
 - The current Committee Rep Stipend is \$10/hour:
 - i. 1 to 2 hours: \$20 ii. 3 to 4 hours: \$40
 - iii. 5 to 6 hours: \$60 iv. 7 to 8 hours: \$80
 - v. 9 to 10 hours: \$100 vi. 10 to 11 hours: \$120
 - vii. 11 to 12 hours: \$140 viii. 13 to 14 hours: \$160
 - ix. 15 to 16 hours: \$180 x. 17 to 18 hours: \$200
 - xi. 19 to 20 hours: \$220 xii. 21 or more hours: \$250
 - This was set a long time ago and after inflation and minimum wage increase is no longer appropriate
 - Proposal: Increase Committee Stipend to \$15/HR
 - The new pay ranges will be as follows:
 - i. 1 to 2 hours: \$30 ii. 3 to 4 hours: \$60
 - iii. 5 to 6 hours: \$90 iv. 7 to 8 hours: \$120
 - v. 9 to 10 hours: \$150 vi. 11 to 12 hours: \$180
 - vii. 13 to 14 hours: \$210 viii. 15 to 16 hours: \$240
 - ix. 17 to 18 hours: \$270 x. 19 to 20 hours: \$300
 - xi. 21 to 22 hours: \$330 xii. 23-24 hours: \$360
 - xiii. 25-26 hours: \$390

- Committees: Increasing Committee Rep Stipends
 - As this is a bylaws change we must discuss this month and then vote on it next month
 - Pros: Increased Representative Recruitment (we need more reps), and We can ask more of our reps at \$15/hour (such as monthly reports)
 - Cons: Increased cost. However, we have historically underspent the budgeted amount for this. At \$15/Hour we have the line item for 111 Committee Hours/Quarter. We historically have averaged 90 Hours/Quarter
 - Several people suggested we tie the amount we pay to minimum wage to keep us from paying below minimum wage again (like we are now). However, we want to increase pay above that amount right now and want future GSAs to have flexibility
 - Solution: added following line "d. If the stipends provided to GSA Committee Representatives fall below the Federal, State, or Local minimum wage guidelines the GSA Executive Committee will bring the situation before the General Assembly at the next General Assembly meeting for discussion."

- **VP of Students Affairs // Maya Zaynetdinova**
 - UC SHIP Advisory meeting on Friday (12/6) & UC SHIP Executive Oversight Board meeting (12/17)
 - updates next at GA
 - UC SHIP Student Caucus call (12/2)
 - Plan to host 2 town halls in winter quarter: tentatively 2nd and 6th weeks of classes
 - please bring your concerns, ideas, etc

- **VP of Communication and Records // Pedro Craveiro**
 - We have 65 Graduate Representatives: Economics Department and Statistics and Applied Probability are the only 2 departments out of 45 without a GSA Rep. Welcome Sociology, Marine Sciences, ECE, Chicana and Chicano Studies, and TMP.
 - There is a brand-new *Resource Tab* on our website. Check it out! If you know about more resources and it is not listed, send me an email, please.
 - Also, we have a brand-new *Other Funding Tab*, where you can find funding opportunities campus-wide apart from GSA Funding.
 - #GSAseries
 - You might have heard of CalFresh, a federally funded nutritional assistance program, that gives students purchasing power when

shopping for groceries. However, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program //SNAP// funds such as CalFresh is back in the courts and waiting for a ruling. International Students and International Scholars are advised to *not pursue* SNAP funds until the court ruling comes through.

- **VP of Planning and Events // Aishwarya Rameshbabu**
 - Fall Mosher - attendance of 190
 - Theme for Winter Mosher
 - End of the quarter Brunch on 12.12.19

- **VP of External Affairs // Emma Schuster**
 - New legislative liaison! Konnor McMillen! Yay!
 - UCSA mtg. (11/23 in LA)
 - SOCC 2019
 - ACA 14 Endorsement
 - Upcoming UCGPC mtgs: 12/7 & 1/11-1/12 at Santa Barbara
 - Title IX/CARE/Mental Health Services
 - Housing Affordability
 - Graduate/faculty Mentorship Relations
 - DC trip details to come soon!
 - System-wide fee

- **VP of Academic Affairs // Alex LeBrun**
 - Awards info upcoming in Winter Break/beginning of Winter Quarter
 - AS Awards
 - GSA: Dixon-Levy & Excellence in Teaching
 - UCShip Fee Increase (from grad/undergrad decoupling)
 - \$1,413 per year increase (plus the standard 7%)
 - Gradual change over 5 years (thanks to Grad Div)
 - Talk to your department to ensure they have a plan

- **VP of Internal Affairs // Heather Prentice-Walz**
 - LOUNGE UPDATES: A GREENER SPACE
 - What we've already done:
 - Window tinting
 - LED-light installation
 - Recycling
 - Less disposable cups, plates, etc.
 - New water system
 - What we are planning to do:
 - More reusable dishes, cups, etc.
 - Encouraging people to bring their own commuter cups, water bottles, to-go containers
 - Discouraging "wishcycling"

- Thoughts/comments/suggestions? email: gsavpinternal@gmail.com
 - Door card reader should be installed this week!
 - Relaxation room project underway!
 - New furniture should be here in January 2020!
- **Action Items** (Requires Assembly Vote)
 - *Vote on Committee Representative Pay: Bylaws Change: **APPROVED***
 - *40 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 nays.*
- **Announcements**
- **Adjournment**