

Graduate Student Association

General Assembly Meeting

May | 2020 | 6PM — 7:45PM

Via Zoom

Meeting called by the GSA Co-Presidents Cierra Raine Sorin and Heather Prentice-Walz
Notes recorded by Pedro Craveiro, VP of Communication and Records

- Introduction

- Community Agreement and Zoom Specific Agreements

- Roll Call//Academic Departments Present: [24 Graduate Representatives]
 - History of Art and Architecture [1]
 - Classics [1]
 - Comparative Literature [1]
 - Latin American and Iberian Studies [1]
 - Religious Studies [1]
 - Spanish and Portuguese [1]
 - Theater and Dance [1]
 - Ecology, Evolution and Marine Biology [2]
 - Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology [2]
 - Physics [1]
 - Statistics and Applied Probability [1]
 - Feminist Studies [1]
 - Geography [2]
 - Global Studies [1]
 - Political Science [1]
 - Sociology [1]
 - Chemical Engineering [2]
 - Electrical and Computer Engineering [1]
 - Education [1]
 - Bren [1]

- Approval of last meeting minutes // MOTION CONSENTED

- Approval of current agenda // MOTION CONSENTED

- Presentation
 - *Basic Needs Resources // Miranda O'Brien*

- **Administration Reports**
 - *Graduate Division Report // Dr. Carlos M. Nash*
 - *Graduate Council // Dr. Tammy Afifi*

- **Executive Board Reports**
 - **Co-Presidents // Cierra Raine Sorin & Heather Prentice-Walz**
 - Most of our work has focused on COVID-19 efforts
 - GSA COVID-19 Grant
 - Conversations with Grad Div on CARES Act funding
 - Fundraising with John Loftus

Collecting more information on:

 - Possible extension of Spring Filing deadlines
 - Improvements to internet in FSH & San Clemente
 - Summer Session B and/or Fall online
 - Extensions of FSH housing to match normative time extensions
 - UC President search should wrap soon
 - **GSA ELECTION RESULTS:**
 - (Vote Turnout: 23.26%)
 - **PASSED:**
 - GSA FOOD BANK FUND (REAFFIRMATION)
 - GSA SUBSIDIZED SUMMER MTD BUS PASS FEE
 - **DID NOT PASS:**
 - GSA GENERAL FEE INCREASE
 - Email gsapresident.ucsb@gmail.com or gsavpinternal@gmail.com if you have info or concerns!

- **Vice President of Communication and Records // Pedro Craveiro**
 - GSA Elections for 2020-2021 Executive Board
 - Resource Packet for the Graduate Orientation 2020 in co-partnership with Graduate Division, GSA, and GSRC

- **Vice President of Academic Affairs // Alex LeBrun**
 - Time to Degree and Time to Candidacy Extension
 - All Master's and PhD Students, including international, up to 1 year
 - Things not covered: funding, NRST (yet), 18-quarter TA cap, extension of FSH housing (see [FAQ](#))
 - S/U Grading
 - Researching in the time of COVID-19 (see [link](#))
 - 6 phases of re-opening (currently in 2, ramping up in June)
 - Currently only "critical" research projects
 - Max 25% occupancy goal

- Contact tracing, social distancing, and increased cleaning
- Library for grad student research is being treated as a lab

- **Vice President of Student Affairs // Maya Zaynetdinova**
 - UC SHIP Emergency Medical fund (\$2M) proposal
 - SB \$115,200 based on enrollment
 - Vote on May 12th
 - Logisticare transportation (pilot program) for non-medical transportation in discussion
 - There isn't reliable data to accurately model the financial effects of COVID 19 on health plans
 - Sent a list of Basic Needs resources to all grad students
 - Housing:
 - San Clemente was able to accomodate all international students
 - an updated list of housing resources was sent out to grad students
 - Margaret T. Getman and William J. Villa award review in progress

- **Vice President of Budget, Finances, and Committees // Luke Rosedahl**
 - 88 Applicants so far for the COVID19 Relief Fund
 - ~70% Have or will receive assistance
 - 30 through the Financial Crisis Response Team
 - 31 through the COVID19 Relief Fund
 - 2 through GSA Egrant
 - 17% Pending more Information
 - only 11% we couldn't help
 - Due to savings, their situation not being caused by COVID19, or not being a grad student
 - Have awarded ~\$22,000 of \$40,000
 - If you have a COVID19 related expenses not covered by other programs, Grad Div has CARES act money to help you. Check your email for the link

- **Action Items** (Requires Assembly Vote)
 - *Vote on the Updated GSA Constitution: **APPROVED***
 - *22 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 nays.*

- **Announcements**

- **Adjournment**