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]
  - 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**
  o **Graduate Division Report // Dr. Carlos M. Nash**
  o **Graduate Council // Dr. Tammy Afifi**

• **Executive Board Reports**
  o **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:**
      o GSA FOOD BANK FUND (REAFFIRMATION)
      o GSA SUBSIDIZED SUMMER MTD BUS PASS FEE
    • **DID NOT PASS:**
      o GSA GENERAL FEE INCREASE
    ▪ Email gsapresident.ucsb@gmail.com or gsavpinternal@gmail.com if you have info or concerns!

  o **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

  o **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

o 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:
      o San Clemente was able to accommodate all international students
      o an updated list of housing resources was sent out to grad students
    • Margaret T. Getman and William J. Villa award review in progress

o 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)
  o Vote on the Updated GSA Constitution: APPROVED
    ▪ 22 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 nays.

• Announcements
• Adjournment