

Graduate Student Association

General Assembly Meeting

November | 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: [48 Graduate Representatives]
 - History of Art and Architecture [1]
 - Classics [1]
 - Comparative Literature [1]
 - English [1]
 - Film and Media Studies [1]
 - History [1]
 - Latin American and Iberian Studies [1]
 - Linguistics [1]
 - Philosophy [1]
 - Media Arts and Technology [1]
 - Music [1]
 - Religious Studies [1]
 - Spanish and Portuguese [1]
 - Theater and Dance [1]
 - Art [1]
 - Biomolecular Science and Engineering [1]
 - Chemistry [2]
 - Dynamical Neuroscience [1]
 - Ecology, Evolution and Marine Biology [2]
 - Earth Science [1]
 - Mathematics [1]
 - Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology [2]
 - Physics [3]
 - Psychological and Brain Sciences [1]
 - Anthropology [1]
 - Communication [1]
 - Feminist Studies [1]

- Geography [2]
 - Political Science [1]
 - Computer Science [1]
 - Chemical Engineering [1]
 - Electrical and Computer Engineering [1]
 - Materials [2]
 - Counseling, Clinical, and School Psychology [2]
 - Education [4]
 - Bren School [2]
- Approval of last meeting minutes // APPROVED
 - Approval of current agenda// APPROVED
 - Presentations
 - *Co-sponsorship: Chemical Engineering Student Seminar (CheSS)*
 - *Co-sponsorship: Navigating Academia*
 - *Brianna Conway, Director of the CARE Office*
 - Education Opportunity Program // Ashkon Molaei
Coordinator of the Middle Eastern Resource Center
 - Administration Reports
 - *Graduate Division Report // Dr. Carlos M. Nash*
 - *Graduate Council Report // Dr. Tammy Afifi*
 - Executive Committee Reports
 - *President // Cierra Raine Sorin*
 - Lounge renovations updates
 - Egg chairs should be here this week
 - Conference room will slowly be converted to relaxation space
 - Furniture is ordered: waiting on date of delivery
 - Lounge likely will be closed for 2-3 days
 - Card reader door will be installed by the end of the month
 - Working on getting a new projector ordered and installed
 - Game shelf, plants, and other smaller improvements still in the works
 - Mosher is happening!
 - Friday, November 22nd
 - More information - including the theme! - coming soon

- Breakdown for 2019-2020 fees
- Four-month Fall pay
- **VP of Budget, Finance and Committees // Luke Rosedahl**
 - Apply for a Co-Sponsorship
 - Co-Sponsorship Overview:
 - Will provide a maximum contribution of \$300.00 per event or activity and \$600.00 per year to any organization.
 - The GSA shall be acknowledged as a sponsor on any information/advertising for the event
 - We have \$6,000 budgeted for co-sponsorships and have not gone over this for the past 3 years
 - Co-Sponsorship Priorities
 - Enhance graduate student life at UCSB
 - Fund activities organized by graduate students
 - Requests that are interdisciplinary, involving multiple academic departments will have a higher priority than requests involving only one academic department or discipline.
 - The GSA Assembly may decline to fund an event or activity if the GSA is the only sponsor.
 - The GSA Assembly encourages organizations making funding requests to seek co-sponsorship from other organizations as applicable.
 - The GSA Assembly may require that organizations that seek repeat funding for recurring activities demonstrate evidence that financial support from other sponsors has been sought and/or received.
 - The VP of Budget and Finance will be taking over committee rep work
 - We need reps for a wide range of committees
 - A call was sent out last week, so check it out and email me for more info
 - As a reminder: you will be paid for being a committee rep
 - 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
 - We vote on this next month
- **VP of External Affairs // Emma Schuster**
 - November Regents meeting
 - Cohort-based tuition
 - AFSCME strike (day of action = 11/13)
 - Housing affordability calculations
 - *****UCSB specific item***** "Student Housing Development Joint Venture, Santa Barbara Campus"
 - Other things happening system wide!!
 - BARC loan/rent deduction problems across the UCs (problem here?)
 - Undocu conf. @ UCM → external planning committee!
 - Look out for info on Sacramento/DC trips!
- **VP of Academic Affairs // Alex LeBrun**
 - Trivia Night November 13 @ Night Lizard Brewing
 - 7pm event starts; show up no later than 6:40
 - GSA will cover the cost of trivia!
 - Graduate Council
 - Overview of Program Reviews
- **VP of Communication and Records // Pedro Craveiro**
 - New Graduate Students Representatives

- Number of Grad Reps and Number of Departments Represented
 - 29 Grad Reps > 52 Grad Reps
 - 19 Departments > 40 Departments out of 45 Departments
 - 5 Departments have no GSA Reps
 - New Website Launched // New GSA Image
 - Meeting with UCSB Archivist on Friday 11/1
 - GSA Logo Contest: Guidelines will be sent out very soon
 - **VP of Internal Affairs // Heather Prentice-Walz**
 - Weekly Bagel Hour (Wed. mornings)
 - Weekly Rejuvenation Station (Thurs. afternoons)
 - Homemade Coffee Workshop w/ H&W (Thurs 11/14 at 6:30pm)
 - Upcoming events with UCSB Alumni:
 - Join for 2nd Annual Day of Service on 11/16
- **Discussion Items**
 - *Increasing Committee Rep Stipends*
- **Action Items** (Requires Assembly Vote)
 - *Co-sponsorship vote for the CheSS of \$250: **APPROVED***
 - *CALL FOR CONSENT: 48 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 nays.*
 - *Co-sponsorship vote for the Navigating Academia of \$300: **APPROVED***
 - *CALL FOR CONSENT: 48 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 nays.*
 - *Vote on the new GSA Executive Board Members [Special Elections]:*
 - *VP of Events and Planning — Aishwarya Rameshbabu: **APPROVED***
 - *CALL FOR CONSENT: 48 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 nays.*
 - *VP of Student Affairs — Maya Zaynetdinova: **APPROVED***
 - *CALL FOR CONSENT: 48 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 nays.*
- **Announcements**
- **Adjournment**