General Assembly Meeting
November 1, 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]
  - 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
  o Co-sponsorship: Chemical Engineering Student Seminar (CheSS)
  o Co-sponsorship: Navigating Academia
  o Brianna Conway, Director of the CARE Office
  o Education Opportunity Program // Ashkon Molaei
    Coordinator of the Middle Eastern Resource Center

• Administration Reports
  o Graduate Division Report // Dr. Carlos M. Nash
  o Graduate Council Report // Dr. Tammy Afifi

• Executive Committee Reports
  o 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

Questions about student fees
• 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 to 24 hours: $360
  - xiii. 25 to 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
  o 29 Grad Reps > 52 Grad Reps
  o 19 Departments > 40 Departments out of 45 Departments
  o 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

  o 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
  o Increasing Committee Rep Stipends

• Action Items (Requires Assembly Vote)
  o Co-sponsorship vote for the CheSS of $250: APPROVED
    ▪ CALL FOR CONSENT: 48 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 nays.

  o Co-sponsorship vote for the Navigating Academia of $300: APPROVED
    ▪ CALL FOR CONSENT: 48 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 nays.

  o 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