

Graduate Student Association

General Assembly Meeting

June | 2022 | 6:00PM — 7:30PM

Via Zoom

Meeting called by the GSA Co-Presidents Pedro Craveiro and Felicity Stone-Richards

Notes recorded by Maya Zaynetdinova, VP of Communication and Events

- Introduction and sign in
- Community Agreement and Zoom Specific Agreements
- Roll Call//Academic Departments Present: [19 Graduate Representatives]
 - History of Art & Architecture [1]
 - Linguistics [1]
 - Religious Studies [1]
 - Theater & Dance [1]
 - Biomolecular Science & Engineering [1]
 - Ecology, Evolution and Marine Biology [1]
 - Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Bio [1]
 - Physics [2]
 - Geography [2]
 - Global Studies [1]
 - Political Science [1]
 - Sociology [1]
 - Chemical Engineering [2]
 - Electrical and Computer Engineering [2]
 - Education [1]
- Approval of last meeting minutes // MOTION CONSENTED
- Approval of current agenda // MOTION CONSENTED
- Presentations
- Co-Sponsorships
 - Mathematics Department Spring BBQ
- Administration Reports
 - Graduate Division Report // Dr. Carlos M. Nash and Robert Hamm
 - Graduate Council // Giuliana Perrone

- *Academic Senate*
- **Executive Board Reports**
 - **Co-Presidents // Pedro Craveiro & Felicity Stone-Richards**
 - We have a new GSA Executive Board! Congrats folks!
 - The GSA Dixon-Levy Award
 - The GSA Excellence in Teaching Awards
 - We are working to bring all GSA finances under GSA control. Currently we have to go through AS to process reimbursements, stipends and grants, and these are often delayed due to understaffing in AS office.
 - **Vice President of Communication and Events // Maya Zaynetdinova**
 - Had a transition meeting with the new GSA Board and new VP of Communications and Events, Annjulie Vester
 - Working on updating GSA records and accounts to pass them on to Annjulie
 - **Vice President of Graduate Student Affairs // Jordan J. Tudisco**
 - No updates
 - **Vice President of External Affairs // Heather Prentice-Waltz**
 - Student Regent Interviews (Saturday May 7) "The Student Regent is a voting member of The Regents of the University of California, attending all meetings of the Board and its Committees and serving a one-year term."
 - 8 finalists interviewed by grads/undergrads from across UCs
 - We recommended 3 finalists- waiting to hear who secured the position
 - Meeting with President Drake (Friday May 13)
 - UCPD & student protests Presentation on demilitarization of police; in April ~20 students arrested at protests at UCLA
 - Dignified & equitable housing UCOP pushing for CA Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund Act; issue of housing always met with pushback; Munger Hall follow-up
 - Decarbonization of the UC UCOP confident in its plan for carbon neutrality, less info about decarbonization
 - Assistance for Displaced Students & Scholars In light of crisis in Ukraine, how are UCs protecting displaced students/students seeking sanctuary? (Not much time for discussion)
 - **Vice President of Financial Affairs // Melanie Adams**
 - Grad reps: Please reach out to the Financial administrator in your department so we can ensure receipt of GSA checks

- **Discussion Items**
 - GSA Bylaw Change
- **Action Items**
 - Vote to approve the new bylaw language that GSA officers shall receive stipends monthly instead of quarterly // **PASSED [18 YES, 0 NO, 3 ABSTAIN]**
- **Announcements**
 - Vox Populi
- **Swearing In Newly Elected GSA Officers for 2022-2023**
- **Adjournment**
 - Next General Assembly October 2022