

UC **SANTA BARBARA**

## Graduate Student Association

General Assembly Minutes

October 11 | 2022 | 6-8 PM

Hybrid Format

Meeting called by the GSA Co-Presidents Becky Martin and Eugene Riodan Jr

Minutes recorded by Annjulie Vester, VP of Communication & Events

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Introduction and sign-in

Community Agreements

Roll Call (Academic Departments present: 21 representatives)

- Biomolecular Science & Engineering [1]
- Bren School [2]
- Classics [1]
- Communication [1]
- Counseling, Clinical, and School Psychology
- East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies [1]
- Earth Science [1]
- Ecology, Evolution, and Marine Biology [2]
- Education [2]
- English [1]
- History of Art and Architecture [1]
- Film & Media Studies [1]
- Geography [1]
- Global Studies [1]
- Linguistics [1]
- Physics [2]
- Political Science [1]
- Sociology [1]
- Spanish & Portuguese [1]
- Religious Studies [1]
- Theater, Dance, and Performance Studies [1]

Approval of last meeting minutes – – MOTION APPROVED

Approval of current agenda – – MOTION APPROVED

Administrative Report: Carlos Nash (Graduate Division Advisor)

- Important Resources for Graduate Students
  - Graduate Division Website can be a resource for graduate students
  - Guidelines for campus-wide mentorship guidelines have been approved in June 2022

- GradTeach Google Group: advertises Teaching Assistantships across campus
- Interdisciplinary events are encouraged to foster intellectual exchange and community across graduate programs

## Administrative Report: Giuliana Perrone (Graduate Council - Academic Senate)

- Contact: gperrone@ucsb.edu
- Representative from the Graduate Council (GC) who acts as a liaison between graduate students and faculty
  - The GC addresses graduate issues like housing, mentorship etc.
  - The GC seeks to be an advocate for graduate students

## Co-Sponsorship Presentations

- Halloween Pumpkin Decorating Party (International Peer – Dee Dee Hong)
  - Co-sponsorship \$300 – – MOTION APPROVED
- WISE (Womxn in Science and Engineering)
  - Co-sponsorship \$300 – – MOTION APPROVED
- Escape Room Design (Diversity & Outreach Peer – Felicia Rutland)
  - Co-sponsorship \$300 – – MOTION APPROVED
- ECE GSA Fall Research Seminar Series
  - Co-sponsorship \$225 – – MOTION APPROVED

## Executive Board Reports

- External Co-President (Eugene Riodan Jr)
  - Graduate Housing is GSA priority
  - Graduate Division Dean Search is in its final stages
  - Board of Trustee Meeting: seeking to establish a closer alumni network for graduate students
- Internal Co-President (Becky Martin)
  - Committee Work
    - Chancellor's Committee on Childcare is considering new childcare facilities (including Devereaux Apartments)
    - GSA Lounge is fully staffed and stocked
- VP Communications & Events (Annjolie Vester)
  - Housing Survey: executive summary can be found on the GSA Website (red banner)
  - GA representatives: missing over half of departments
  - Committees: 7 committees open
- VP Graduate Student Affairs (Sara Tyberg)
  - UC SHIP
    - Abortion care is full covered for undergraduate and graduate students
    - Undergraduate and graduate health care plans are decoupled
    - UC SHIP Oversight Board proposal to move to EPIC
    - Monkeypox and Bivalent Covid Vaccines are available at the Health Center
- VP External Affairs (Anne Berry)
  - Voter Registration has been successful
  - Professional Board Meeting (October 1st)
    - Inflation Reduction Act
    - Student Loan Forgiveness

- VP Financial Affairs (Gabrielle Salo)
  - Graduate student fees fund the Graduate Student Association!
  - Large carry-over from previous year (due to Covid) – especially on summer bus passes

## Discussion Items

- Travel Grant Temporary Increase: \$200 to \$500
  - Temporary increase until end of the current academic year
  - MOTION PASSED:
    - 23 Yes
    - 0 No
    - 0 Abstain
- Travel Grant Deadline Extension
  - Moving to a first come first serve basis due to large volume of grant money available
  - More discussion needed
- Emergency Grant
  - Proposal to double the mandatory fee on the next ballot → currently only funds 16 students per year
  - More discussion needed
- Union Update
  - The Union is currently still bargaining with the university – the university is not bargaining in good faith
  - TA contracts end this month
  - Large Storke Tower Rally on Thursday 10/13/2022 at 5PM

## Adjournment – – MOTION APPROVED

- Next General Assembly Meeting November 1st 2022

Questions or comments concerning the meeting minutes should be directed to the GSA Co-Presidents, Becky Martin, at [int-co-president@gsa.ucsb.edu](mailto:int-co-president@gsa.ucsb.edu) and Eugene Riordan Jr, at [ext-co-president@gsa.ucsb.edu](mailto:ext-co-president@gsa.ucsb.edu) or the VP of Communications & Events, Annjolie Vester, at [vpce@gsa.ucsb.edu](mailto:vpce@gsa.ucsb.edu).