

UC **SANTA BARBARA**

## Graduate Student Association

General Assembly Minutes

February 7th | 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 (33 representatives present)

Approval of last meeting minutes – – MOTION APPROVED

Approval of current agenda – – MOTION APPROVED

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

- Contact: [gperrone@ucsb.edu](mailto:gperrone@ucsb.edu) if you have concerns or questions

Administrative Report: Graduate Division

- Carlos Nash & Robert Hamm
- Grad Slam is currently running (divisional rounds)
- Applications for continuing student fellowships are now available

Co-Sponsorship Presentations

- Physics & Engineering Graduate Mixer: \$300
  - MOTION APPROVED
- Conference on Language, Interaction and Social Organization (LISO): \$300
  - MOTION APPROVED
- EEMB Writing Retreat: \$300
  - MOTION APPROVED
- EEMB Undergraduate Research Symposium: \$300
  - MOTION APPROVED
- ChemE Seminar Series: \$300
  - MOTION APPROVED
- Physics & Music & Political Science Graduate Mixer: \$300
  - MOTION APPROVED

## Action Items (Fee Affirmations)

- Explainer
  - Graduate students who work as TAs, GSRs or are on full fellowships receive fee remission which covers campus-based fees like the ones discussed below
    - students who fund themselves or pay their own tuition do not have fee remission and pay out of pocket
  - the GSA General Assembly votes to put fees on the general graduate student ballot in the Spring
    - votes must be approved by 66% of GA representatives present
- AS Coastal Fund
  - Lock-In Fee Proposal
  - Student run organization on campus focused on protecting the coastal region around school
  - requests \$3 per student increase (\$6) → fees would be covered under free remission for TAs and GSRs
  - VOTE:
    - Yes: 83.9%
    - No: 9.7%
    - Abstain: 9.7%
    - Result: APPROVED
- Rec Center Fee
  - New fee proposal
  - Lock-in Fee is running out this year as the Rec Cen has paid off its 30-year loan
    - Original finance plan did not include projection for maintenance and upkeep of facilities; thus the Rec Cen risks running into financial trouble after the academic year concludes
  - Current fee: 24.68 per student
  - Proposed fee: \$41.60 per graduate student per quarter and \$27.74 per graduate student per summer
  - Beginning Fall 2023; fee reaffirmation every 4 years and inflation adjustment every 5 years
  - VOTE
    - Yes: 61.3%
    - No: 35.5%
    - Abstain: 3.2%
    - Result: NOT APPROVED
- Emergency Grant Fee
  - Proposed language would double the mandatory fee (\$4.08 → \$8.16 per quarter, Summer excluded) in order to provide ~16 additional grants to students experiencing temporary and acute financial hardship
  - VOTE
    - Yes: 90.3%
    - No: 6.5%
    - Abstain: 3.2%
    - Result: APPROVED

- Food Bank Fee
  - Graduate Student currently contribute less than \$1 dollar to every ~\$5 undergraduates pay for the AS Food Bank
  - Proposal: Increase fee to match undergraduate contribution:
  - \$CURRENT FEE \$0.85 → INCREASED FEE \$4.96
  - VOTE:
    - Yes: 90.3%
    - No: 6.5%
    - Abstain: 3.2%
    - Result: APPROVED

## Executive Board Reports

- Internal Co-President (Becky Martin)
  - SEAL: GSA is working on removing removing requirements for graduate led registered student organizations
    - alternatively, GSA believes graduate led RSOs should receive specific training that is tailored to the graduate experience rather than the undergraduate experience
- VP Communications & Events (Annjulie Vester)
  - March 10th Event
    - Dinner and Games Night at the GSA Lounge
    - Capacity: 130 students
    - Sign-up coming soon
- VP Graduate Student Affairs (Sara Tyberg)
  - UCSHIP Insurance renewal process started
    - Increase to fertility testing benefits; 2) expansion of nutrition/dietician services for members with ulcerative colitis, Crohn's, celiac disease, and diverticulitis; 3) dental benefit increase; 4) free prescriptions for male condoms; and 5) updated language around gender-affirming care
      - Anticipated ~12% increase in premiums for '23-'24 plan year (this is if none of the above proposals are passed)
      - Will know more if it seems like the proposed changes will pass next week after EOB student caucus meeting
    - Discussion at SHAC about hiring a security officer for Student Health because of safety concerns
  - Continuing Graduate Housing application will open March 1st
- VP External Affairs (Anne Berry)
  - UCGPC is discussing the problem of increase in availability of online undergraduate courses throughout the UC system
  - UCGPC Advocacy Day in Washington DC (end of March)

## Discussion Items (will NOT be voted on in March meeting)

- VPFA position
  - proposal to amend Constitution/Bylaws to move VPFA Committee duties under VPCE duties
    - Explanation: The VPCE is already in charge of recruiting General Assembly representatives - a pool from which Committee representatives are drawn. The VPCE is the primary communicator of the organization and collects contact information of General Assembly representatives. Hence, the VPCE is naturally in the position to coordinate the selection of Committee representatives with much more ease than the VPFA
  - proposal to improve the durability of GSA Finances through either 1) creation of a second VPFA officer position or 2) addition of VPFA oversight to the duties of either Co-President or 3) creation of a GSA position similar to the Chief of Staff who acts as a liaison

## Adjournment – – MOTION APPROVED

- Next General Assembly Meeting March 7th, 2023

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, Annjulie Vester, at [vpce@gsa.ucsb.edu](mailto:vpce@gsa.ucsb.edu).

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# General Assembly

February 7th, 2022



# Community Agreements

## Community Agreements

- No recording
- Respect the speaker
- One mic one diva
- Step up step back
- Decorum

## Zoom Specific Agreements

- Please keep your mic muted when you're not speaking
- We will NOT use the private chat function
- If you have any questions/doubts, please raise your *blue hand* and you will talk shortly.

# Robert's Rules of Order: A Brief Overview

## Robert's Rules of Order Motion Steps

1. **Motion:** A member rises or raises a hand to signal the chairperson. *"I move to..."* for approving, adjourning
2. **Second:** Another member seconds the motion.  
*"Second!"* or *"I second the motion"*
3. **Restate motion:** The chairperson restates the motion.
4. **Debate:** The members debate the motion.
5. **Vote:** The chairperson restates the motion, and then first asks for affirmative votes, and then negative votes.  
*"All in favor? Opposed? Abstaining?"*
6. **Announce the vote:** The chairperson announces the result of the vote and any instructions.



# Meeting Agenda

Assembly Vote Required

# Meeting Agenda

- Greetings
- Last Meeting Minutes/Current Agenda Approval
- Roll Call/Community Agreements
- Announcement
- Fee Affirmation Presentations
- Co-sponsorship Presentations
- Administration Reports
- Executive Board Report
- Action Items
- Discussion Items
- Swearing in New Officers
- Announcements
- Adjournment

# **Last Meeting Minutes and Current Agenda Approval**

Assembly Vote Required

## Announcement

- Black Graduate Student Association (**BGSA**) and American Indian and Indigenous Graduate Student Association (**AIGSA**) are looking for Student leadership
- Both lost traction in the student community during COVID and are looking for potential student leaders
- Please let individuals in your departments know, and direct them to Becky ([gsa-int-co-president@ucsb.edu](mailto:gsa-int-co-president@ucsb.edu))
- Annual budget of \$7000 from Grad Div and GSA

## **Fee Affirmation - Final Presentations and Vote**

- Coastal Fund
- RecCen Fee
- Emergency Fund Fee Increase
- Food Bank Fee Increase

## Clarification on this Discussion and Fee Affirmation

- We will review additional information, provided to give more context on the fees we are being asked to pay
- **After we have reviewed these presentations, we will vote on whether or not these fees will be on the ballot in April**

What fees are covered by departments?


- GSRs or TAs have an employment benefit of all those costs being covered (majority of students)
- If you are funding yourself, you pay tuition, campus-based fees and health insurance



# AS Coastal Fund's Lock-In Fee Proposal

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Anannya Deshmukh, Chair  
Kaley Sten, Graduate Board Member  
Sarah Siedschlag, Staff Advisor



# Grad Students By the Numbers (2021-2022)

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Grad Student Contribution: \$26,847 (5.4% of total Coastal Fund Budget)

Requested by Grad Students: \$246,115 (28.5% of total requested)

Awarded to Projects Submitted by Grad Students: \$128,271 (25.2% of total funded)

Check out our website to see a full list of funded projects!

<https://coastalfund.as.ucsb.edu/funded-projects/>

**Side note:** We are currently campaigning to appear on the undergrad ballot as well



# Recreation Lock-in Fee Proposal

Prepared for Graduate Students Association (GSA)

Rod Tucknott

He | Him | His

Assistant Director, UCSB Department of Recreation

Cathy Czuleger

She | Her | Hers

Interim Director, UCSB Department of Recreation

# Introductory Remarks



# Ballot Proposal for Spring Student-Wide Vote

## Replace Rec Cen I Lock In Fee with a Rec Cen Operations Fee

- **\$41.60/** quarter Fall, Winter, Spring
  - \$29.17 Rec Cen, \$10.39 RTA, \$2.04 Admin Assessment
- **\$27.74** Summer
  - \$19.45 Rec Cen, \$6.93 RTA, \$1.36 Admin Assessment
- Beginning Fall 2023
- Reaffirmation every 4 years
- Inflation Adjustment every 5 years (COLA)



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Department of Recreation



FIND YOUR FIT

# Student Fees Currently Invested to Recreation

## UNDERGRADUATE

- **Rec Cen I** **\$24.68**
- Rec Cen II \$34.50
- **Flip the Switch** **\$15.00**
- Rec Sports \$7.00
- Students Initiative \$13.50
- Intramurals \$2.50

TOTAL: \$97.18

## GRADUATE

- **Rec Cen I** **\$24.68**
- Rec Cen II \$34.50
- **Flip the Switch** **\$0.00**
- Rec Sports \$7.00
- Students Initiative \$0.00
- Intramurals \$0.00

TOTAL: \$66.18

# Proposed Student Fees Collected by Recreation Starting Fall 2023

## UNDERGRADUATE

- **Rec Cen Operations**     **\$41.60**
- Rec Cen II                 \$34.50
- **Flip the Switch**         **\$2.00**
- RecSports                 \$7.00
- Students Initiative     \$13.50
- Intramurals              \$2.50

TOTAL: \$101.10

Currently \$97.18

## GRADUATE

- **Rec Cen Operations**     **\$41.60**
- Rec Cen II                 \$34.50
- **Flip the Switch**         **\$0.00**
- RecSports                 \$7.00
- Students Initiative     \$0.00
- Intramurals              \$0.00

TOTAL: \$83.10

Currently \$66.18



# What Would We Do With the Additional \$16.92?

- Keep pace with inflation
- Keep pace with student wage increases
- Deferred maintenance
- Ongoing repairs & maintenance
- Re-establish the necessary reserve
- Provide discretionary funding for the Governance Board to fund new fitness equipment and other minor facility improvements

# What Would We Do With the Additional Revenue?





# Rec Cen By The Numbers

- Average **18,613 visits weekly** (high of 24,381)
- Average **2,659 visits daily** (high of 4,708)
- **~60% of undergraduates** utilize the facility
- **~50% of graduate students** utilize the facility
- **~390 faculty & staff** members
- **Employ ~280 Rec Cen Student Employees**
  - ~700 total across the whole department

# Rec Cen I Lock In Fee

- Originally passed in **1990**
  - Build, operate, and maintain the Rec Cen
- Grand Opening in **1995**
- Bond (mortgage) will be paid off this year and the original ballot language states that the **Lock In Fee will end** at that time.
- Original architects of the Lock In Fee didn't factor in ongoing **operating expenses** and **maintenance**.
- Rec Cen receives **NO financial investment/** support from Campus, State, or Tuition

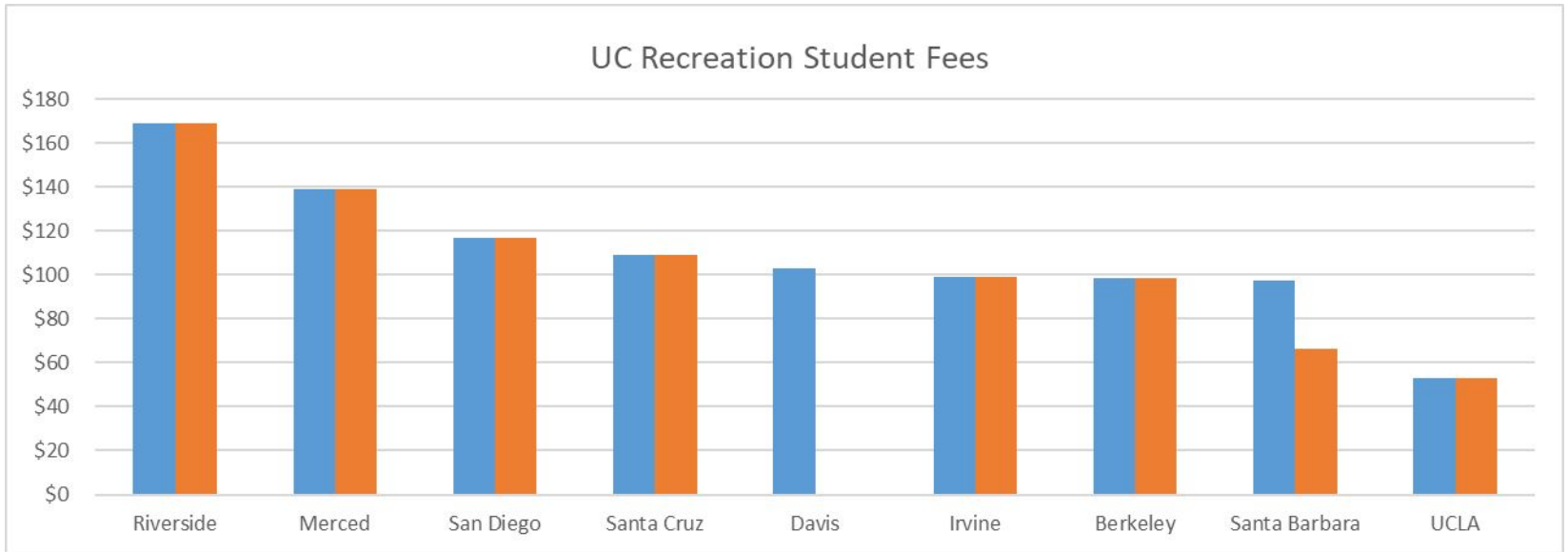
# Rec Cen I Lock In Fee & Inflation

- The fee has **not increased** since it was passed
- Inflation has gone up **128.57% since 1990**
- You need \$228.57 to buy today what cost \$100 in 1990

	<b>1990</b>	<b>TODAY</b>
Average Price of a Movie Ticket	\$4.23	\$9.57
Average Price of Gas	\$1.15/gallon	\$5.90/gallon
<b>Minimum Wage</b>	<b>\$4.25</b>	<b>\$15.50</b>

- Student employee cost (wages & benefits) in 1995: ~\$545,000
- Student employee cost projected for 2022-23: ~\$1,968,000

# Student Lock In Fee Comparison

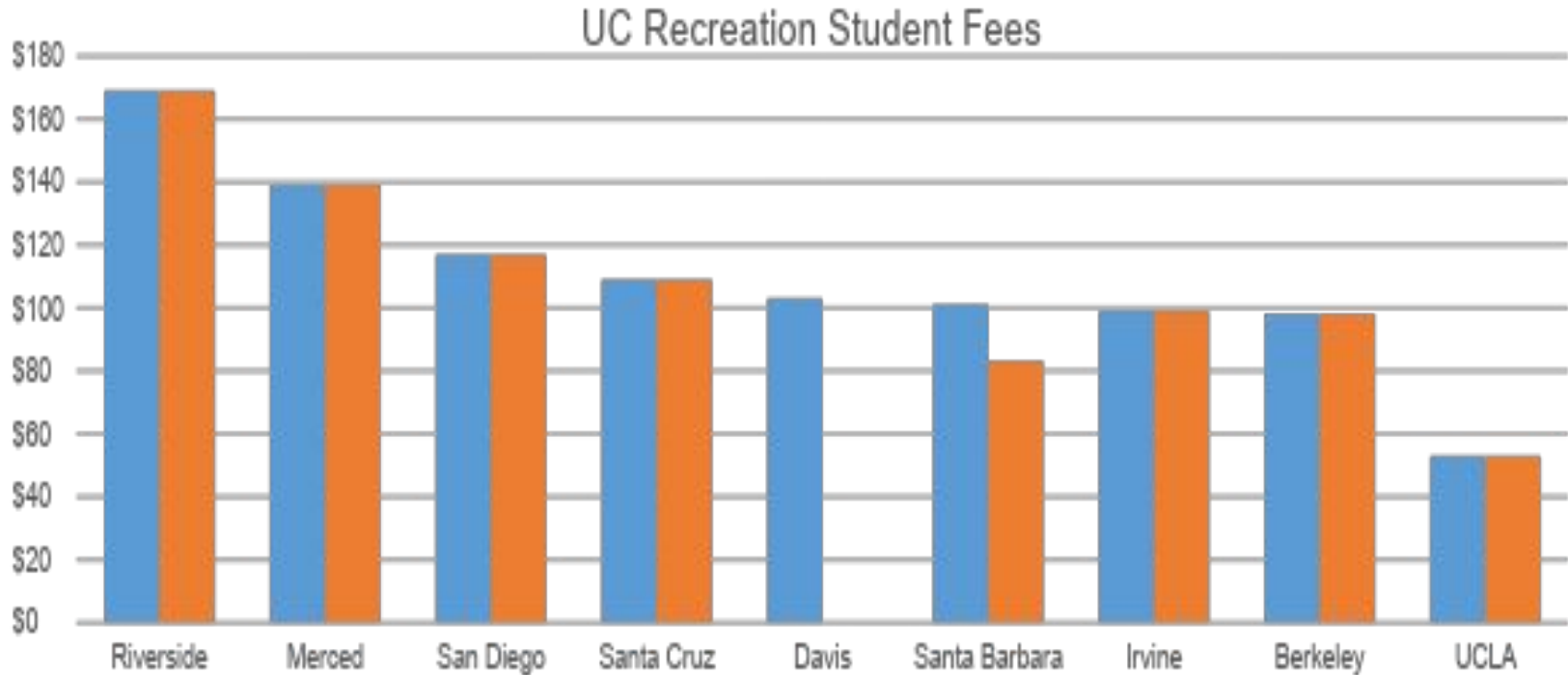


	Riverside	Merced	San Diego	Santa Cruz	Davis	Irvine	Berkeley	Santa Barbara	UCLA
<b>UG Fees</b>	\$169.00	\$139*	\$117.00	\$109.00	\$102.99	\$99.00	\$98.25*	\$97.18	\$53.00
<b>Grad Fees</b>	\$169.00	\$139*	\$117.00	\$109.00	\$0 **	\$99.00	\$98.25*	\$66.18	\$53.00

\* Equivalent quarterly rate, they are on the semester system

\*\* No Grad student lock in; out of pocket access @

# Student Lock In Fee Comparison If Passed



<b>UG Fees</b>	\$169.00	\$139*	\$117.00	\$109.00	\$102.99	\$101.10	\$99.00***	\$98.25*	\$53.00
<b>Grad Fees</b>	\$169.00	\$139*	\$117.00	\$109.00	\$0 **	\$83.10	\$99.00***	\$98.25*	\$53.00

\* Equivalent quarterly rate, they are on the semester system

\*\* No Grad student lock in; out of pocket access @ \$600 per year

\*\*\* UCI going out for an additional \$145/ quarter

# GSA Emergency Grant Fund

## INCREASE LANGUAGE

### Graduate Student Emergency Relief Grant Fund Fee Increase

Do you wish to increase the current Graduate Student Emergency Relief Grant Fund mandatory fee of \$4.08 by \$4.08 (\$2.89 goes to the fund, \$1.02 is for return-to-aid, and \$0.17 is for administrative tax) for a total of \$8.16 per graduate student, per quarter (excluding summer) to increase the number of available grants for registered graduate students experiencing temporary and acute financial hardship? If passed, the increase would continue to be collected until subject to joint reaffirmation (original Graduate Student Emergency Relief Grant Fund plus this increase) in spring 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain

The fee increase would allow the GSA to meet the current demand for this grant and award approximately 16 more allocations for graduate students experiencing temporary and acute financial hardship.

## Summary:

- This proposed language would double the mandatory fee (\$4.08 → \$8.16 per quarter, Summer excluded) in order to provide ~16 additional grants to students experiencing temporary and acute financial hardship.

## Food Bank Contribution

- At present, undergraduate students contribute \$4.96/qtr and during summer towards the Food Bank
- Graduate students, by comparison, contribute \$0.85/qtr and nothing in the summer towards the Food Bank
  
- In the year of 2021-22 school year, 21.8% of undergraduates and 21.2% of graduate students used the food bank

### INCREASE LANGUAGE

#### Graduate Student Association Food Bank Fund **Fee Increase**

Do you wish to increase the current Graduate Student Association Food Bank Fund mandatory fee of \$0.85 by \$4.11 (\$2.89 goes to the fund, \$1.02 is for return-to-aid, and \$0.17 is for administrative tax) for a total of \$4.96 per graduate student, per quarter (excluding summer) to improve services provided by the AS Food Bank for registered graduate students experiencing food insecurity? If passed, the increase would continue to be collected until subject to joint reaffirmation (original Graduate Student Association Food Bank Fund plus this increase) in spring 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain

## Voting time!

- Annjulie will send out a Google Form to all graduate reps to vote on whether or not the discussed fees shall be on the ballot



Note: As of the February GA, we have approved 11 co-sponsorships. This represents \$3,300 of our \$11,750 co-sponsorship budget.

## Co-sponsorship Requests

- Physics/Engineering Grad/UGrad Mixer
  - Undergrad Diversity and Inclusion - Lee Fowler
- Conference on Language, interaction and Social Organization
  - LISO GSO - Munila Hailati
- EEMB Writing Retreat
  - EEMB GSAC - Siena Kim
- EEMB Undergraduate Research Symposium
  - Planning Committee - Madison Heard
- ChemE Seminar Series
  - ChemE GSA - Colleen Ahern
- Physics + Music + Political Science Social Mixer
  - Amina Li

# Physics/Engineering Grad-Undergraduate Mixer

Lee Fowler

# What is the Event?

- UCSB Physics/Engineering Graduate-Undergraduate Mixer
- Will be held on Thursday, February 16th from 5:00-7:00 PM
- Will be held outside of Broida at the picnic benches
- Will be expecting about 40 people; 15-20 grad students and 15-20 undergrads.
- Will be an opportunity for physics and engineering graduate students to get to meet undergraduates and vice versa
- Want to provide food to encourage people to come to the event; catering from Super Cuca's in Isla Vista

# What's in it for Graduate Students?

- Provides a way for graduate students to socialize with other graduate students outside of their majors and lab groups
- Provides a way for graduate students to meet undergraduates in order to help them understand and help teach undergraduates better
- Will help build overall community in the physics/engineering community
- Provided food will allow for people to attend who couldn't otherwise, which will help improve the positive effects of the event

# What We're Requesting

- Need funding for catering, which will allow for more people to attend the event
- Catering will come from Super Cuca's Isla Vista, which will provide tortillas, vegetables, and meat for tacos
- Vegetarian/vegan options will be provided by vegetable tacos, and eating will be done outside to comply with covid restrictions
- Total cost is \$260.00+tax for catering for 40 people, which is the amount of people we expect for the event

*26th Annual Conference on*

**Language, Interaction, and  
Social Organization**

**“Continuing and Restarting”**

LISO Graduate Student Organization

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# The Description of Event

- LISO has been coordinated by the Departments of Communication, Linguistics, Sociology, and the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education, and has received formal participation from faculty and graduate students therefrom.
- The LISO conference is entirely run *by* and *for* graduate students. Each time, members from LISO Graduate Student Association are involved in all respects of conference planning and implementation; meanwhile, both undergraduate and graduate students are given full priority to present their own research and exchange ideas with junior and well-established scholars in various related disciplines.
- LISO Conference 2023 will continue its traditional goal of bringing together national and international researchers who share common interests in studying language, interaction, culture, and social organization.

# Publicity Plans

- Plenary Talks.
- Scholar Workshops.
- Collaboration with graduate researchers and scholars from Department of Sociology, Education, Linguistics, Communication, and Anthropology.
- Invitation of graduate researchers from Department of Feminist Studies, Asian American Studies, Black Studies, Chican@ Studies, Communication, and Psychology.
- Invitation of undergraduate researchers from Mellon Mays Undergraduate Research Fellowship and EXITO.
- Publication opportunity in UCSB-LISO and UCLA-CLIC.



Category/Item	Unit Cost	Quantity	Subtotal
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>			
Airfare	400	1	400
Ground	50	3	150
<b>FOOD</b>			
Lunch	500	2	1,000
Dinner	700	1	700
Refreshment	50	4	200
<b>LODGING</b>			
Hotel	300	1	300
<b>PERSONNEL</b>			
Keynote honorarium	500	4	2,000
<b>EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES</b>			
Poster and banner	150	1	150
Programme printing	100	1	100
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>5,000</b>

# Program Budget

<b>Name of Department</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Confirmed</b>
Conversation Analysis (CA) Lab	\$2000	\$2000
Gevirtz Graduate School of Education	\$300	\$300
Linguistics Department	\$300	\$300
Sociology Department	\$200	\$200
Interdisciplinary Humanities Center	\$1500	Pending
Graduate Student Association	\$300	Pending

**Other  
Funding  
Sources**

# Thank you!

LISO Graduate Student Organization

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# EEMB Writing Retreat!

Hosted by EEMB GSAC  
Presentation by Siena McKim

Give an opportunity for graduate students in EEMB to stay at a UC Natural Reserve and work on writing.

Community building

Get writing help and feedback on your work!



Event limited to graduate students  
in EEMB, promote through email  
and department slack



Recipients

EEMB Writing Retreat

Hello!

GSAC is hosting a **writing retreat** on the weekend of **February 24th, 2023** at the **UC Rancho Marino Reserve!** This is an opportunity for you to visit a UC reserve, get away and write, and receive help from other graduate students writing. This event will be **free, we will provide food, cover the camp fee, and provide some transportation** the reserve 2 hours north. Please fill out [this poll](#) if you are interested in joining. If you don't already have camping gear, we can help you acquire some. Please let me know if you have any questions!

Best,  
Your GSAC Social Chair

February 24, 6pm - February 26  
Rancho Marino Reserve  
No fee for attendees  
Camping gear supplemented

## Estimated Cost of Event

Item	Cost (in USD)
Food and non alcoholic beverages	\$175
Gas to travel to and from reserve	\$75
Camp Reserve Fee	\$50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$300</b>

(**Funding:** EEMB GSAC does have additional funds but very little, ~\$500 and this is reserved for smaller events)



## Undergraduate Research Symposium

- A space for undergraduate students to present their research and gain experience in science communication alongside grad student mentors.
- Poster session and oral presentations
- Graduate students serve a pivotal role in our event by serving as judges for poster and oral presentations and hosting a grad student panel for undergraduates to demystify graduate school.
- Opportunity to disseminate scientific findings with peers, EEMB graduate students, EEMB faculty
- Creates a more diverse, inclusive and equitable future by bridging the gap between undergraduate and graduate students in this celebratory and supportive event.



# This will be the second annual URS

Art by Bridget Vincent

- Spring 2022 there were 148 attendees!

## When is it?

Saturday, April 22nd, 2023

8:45 am - 5 pm



## Who attends?

- EEMB faculty
- Graduate students
- Undergraduate students
- Prospective undergraduate students

## What we need funding for:

- Stickers for participants
- T-shirts for participants

*Check out our website for more info!*

[undergrad-symposium.eemb.ucsb.edu/](https://undergrad-symposium.eemb.ucsb.edu/)



# Budget

- *Poster printing (for those in need)* – \$40.00
- *Poster stands* – \$315.00
- *Name tags* – \$10.00
- *UCen Catering: lunch* – \$2,900
- *Snacks and coffee* – \$850
- *T-shirts and stickers* – \$380
- *Prices* – \$60
- *Media* – \$145
- *Supplies* – \$100

**Total: \$4,800**

*Secured funding from other sources: \$1,070*

***Deficit: \$3,730***



**Requesting from GSA:**

**\$300**

# Thank you for your consideration!



The URS Planning Committee

# UCSB GSA

## Co-sponsorship fund application (Winter 2023)

### CHEMICAL ENGINEERING GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE CHAIR:**

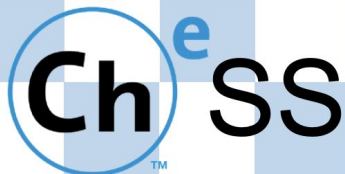
Tse-Chiang Huang

**CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVES:**

Colleen Ahern

Liz Schauer

# ChESS: Chemical Engineering Seminar Series



Chemical Engineering Seminar Series  
by graduate students & postdocs

**Presenters:** Audra Destefano, Han & Segalman Groups  
& Sally Jiao, Shell Group

Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2:15 PM

**In-Person:** EII-3301  
*refreshments provided*

**Zoom:**  
<https://ucsb.zoom.us/j/83268284658>

## **A combined experimental and computational approach to characterizing chemical patterning effects on interfacial water**



**Abstract:** Chemical patterning shows potential for tuning the structure and dynamics of hydration waters. In this talk, we bring together molecular dynamics simulations and state of the art magnetic resonance techniques to investigate the effects of chemical patterning and surface architecture on water behavior. Understanding how to use surface composition to control water behavior will enable design of made-to-order materials, such as marine antifouling coatings and water filtration membranes. Here, we consider porous membranes from several nanoscale perspectives. First, we use polypeptoids to understand the hydration of small-molecules used to modify membrane surface chemistry. Next, block copolymer micelles are used to probe water behavior within the soft wall of a membrane pore. Finally, patterned nanopores shed light on the effects of surface patterning on water transport in membrane pores.

**Next Talk:** Stephen Lillington (*O'Malley and Shell Groups*)

**Date:** TBD (Engineering 2 Room 3301)

*After the talk* : To sign in and offer feedback on the presentation/event format, scan the QR



## **Goal:**

- Allow graduate students to present their research to a broader audience (campus-wide if funded by GSA)
- Encourage engagement & collaboration between researchers in different fields

## **Publicity Plan:**

- ChESS website [chegsa.engineering.ucsb.edu/chess](http://chegsa.engineering.ucsb.edu/chess)
- Emails
- Flyers

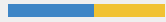
**Dates for Winter Quarter:** 9 talks (one per month for a maximum of 3 per quarter)

- Dates TBD

**Location:** Engineering II, Room 1519 (capacity: 70)  
**Requested funding from GSA:** \$300 for Winter 2023 Quarter (\$60/seminar)

**GRADLIFE**

UCSB PHYSICS



# Physics + Music + Poli Sci HBar

Event Co-Sponsorship Application  
Amina Li (on behalf of Physics GradLife)  
February 2023 GSA Meeting



## Physics HBars

Social hour for physics graduate students, frequently featuring other departments!

- Previously: Materials, ECE, and ChemE

### Goals:

2. Get graduate students out of their labs and offices to socialize in a non-professional environment.
3. Pop the degree program “bubble” to make interdisciplinary connections.





## Event Overview

**February 17th starting at 5:30pm, Broida Hall Rooftop Patio**

Music and Political Science graduate students invited!

- In contact with Music GSA rep and PSGSA to coordinate promotion

Snacks (healthy and vegan options!) and drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) provided

Expect attendance to be at least 30 unique graduate students throughout the night



## Budget

- Large cooler for drinks: \$100
- Alcoholic beverages: \$80
- Snacks: \$80
- Non-alcoholic beverages: \$60
- Ice, plates, napkins: \$60

**TOTAL: \$380**

## Funding

- Physics Department: \$80
- PSGSA: ?





## Budget

- Large cooler for drinks: \$100
- Alcoholic beverages: \$80
- Snacks: \$80
- Non-alcoholic beverages: \$60
- Ice, plates, napkins: \$60

**TOTAL: \$380**

## Funding

- Physics Department: \$80
- PSGSA: ?

**Questions, comments, or  
concerns?**

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Interested in getting to know physics grads? Email all the officers (above email) or myself ([aminali@ucsb.edu](mailto:aminali@ucsb.edu)) with questions or ideas!

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*\*Know that the gradlife email includes GradLife's faculty advisor, the physics staff graduate advisor, and physics computing staff.*

# Administration Reports

GSA Advisor

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# **Executive Board Report**

Summary of all Executive Officers

# Co-Presidents' Report: Eugene Riordan Jr. and Becky Martin

- Working with SEAL
  - All RCO requirements for Grad Student Orgs are Waived
  - Discussing grad specific requirement
- Supporting Affinity Orgs~

## **VP Communication & Events: Annjulie Vester**

- Winter Lounge Event scheduled for March 10th
  - at the GSA Lounge → will be dinner + games night + music

## VP Graduate Student Affairs: Sara Tyberg

- UCSHIP Insurance renewal process started
  - Several proposed changes, including 1) increase to fertility testing benefits; 2) expansion of nutrition/dietician services for members with ulcerative colitis, Crohn's, celiac disease, and diverticulitis; 3) dental benefit increase; 4) free prescriptions for male condoms; and 5) updated language around gender-affirming care
  - Anticipated ~12% increase in premiums for '23-'24 plan year (this is if none of the above proposals are passed)
  - Will know more if it seems like the proposed changes will pass next week after EOB student caucus meeting
- Discussion at SHAC about hiring a security officer for Student Health because of safety concerns
  - Other options are CSO officer or UCPD officers - among student discussion, security officer seemed to be the best option to limit UCPD presence, issue of privacy with CSOs (who are students), etc.,

## VP Graduate Student Affairs: Sara Tyberg

- Continuing grad housing application will open March 1st for interest in San Clemente
  - <https://www.housing.ucsb.edu/apply/continuing-students-graduate>
  - Housing is allocated on a lottery basis so it's not first-come, first-serve but the application closes March 13th



## **Discussion Items**

VPFA position

GA representative stipends

# Discussion Item 1: VPFA position

Current position: Vice President of Budget, Finance and Committees

Change 1 (Bylaws (p. 16) and Constitution):

- Move Committee work under VPCE position → VPCE already collects information for GA representatives (which often fill Committee positions)
- Articles
  - The VPFA shall maintain current information regarding UCSB committees and similar bodies and shall post such information to the GSA website at least quarterly in coordination with the VPCE.
  - r. The VPFA shall maintain a current list of administrative contacts, mission statements, and other information relevant to committees for which the GSA appoints committee representatives.
  - s. The VPFA shall maintain a list of all GSA Committee Representatives and their contact information.
  - t. The VPFA shall publicize vacant committee positions and recruit a diverse group of graduate students to serve on-campus committees.
  - u. The VPFA shall handle correspondence regarding the application process for GSA Committee Representative positions.
  - v. The VPFA shall request, receive, and record all Committee Representative reports about their respective committees and post an executive summary of each quarter's reports to the GSA website in coordination with the VPCE.
- **VPFA is still responsible for collection Committee representative hours and paying the stipends connected to them**

# Discussion Item 1: VPFA position (cont.)

## Change 2: Preventing a loss of knowledge and/or control over finance

- Discussion: VPFA is currently the only designated person with access/control/knowledge of how GSA finances work

### Option 1:

- Make one other Board member 'Vice of the Vice-President'
- responsible for learning GSA Finance
- access to VPFA Gmail and Drive at all times

### Option 2:

- Creating a new position and electing a second VPFA who works in tandem with the existing one
- to be elected in alternating years

### Option 3

- creating a new position like that of the Chief of Staff who shares responsibility of the VPFA (liaison)

## Discussion Item 2: GA rep stipends

### Current rule:

#### GSA Stipends to Departmental GSA Representatives

- a. The GSA Assembly shall provide a stipend in the fall, winter, and spring quarters to each departmental GSA representative that attends the monthly General Assembly meetings.
- b. The amount of the stipend shall be \$22.50 per meeting.
- c. Stipends shall be paid directly to the departmental GSA representative within 30 calendar days of the last day of the quarter.
- d. To receive their stipend, departmental GSA representatives must complete a committee pay form listing their General Assembly attendance.
- e. Departmental GSA representatives must have signed in when attending the General Assembly to confirm attendance.

Problem: Can these be processed as stipends on Grad Point?

## **Action Items**

Assembly Vote Required

# Announcements

# Swearing In of New Officers

Adrienne Tsikewa - Vice President of Financial Affairs

# Adjournment

Next General Assembly in October