

UC SANTA BARBARA

Graduate Student Association

General Assembly Minutes

June 6th | 2023 | 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

Introduction and sign-in

Community Agreements

Roll Call (21 representatives present)

Approval of last meeting minutes – – MOTION APPROVED

Approval of current agenda – – MOTION APPROVED

Administrative Report: Graduate Division

- Baron Haber
 - Interim Graduate Student Advisor
 - Hiring two graduate student peers
 - Loss of Robby Nadler
 - leaves a large hole in the Writing Program's ability to support graduate student writing for publications and grants
 - Proposals:
 - Graduate Student Fee for the 2023-2024 ballot to support the Writing Program
 - Petition among graduate students demanding permanent writing support
 - Graduate Student Experience Survey: Take the survey [here!](#)
 - This UCOP survey asks important questions about departments, mentorship, housing and graduate student representation

Co-Sponsorships

- SEE (Society of Engineering Ethics) - \$300
 - MOTION APPROVED

Executive Board Reports

- Internal Co-President (Becky Martin)
 - Changes to the General Assembly in the Fall
 - 2x1 format: 2 General Assemblies on Zoom and 1 in person (with hybrid option)

- encourages attendance and socializing at the in-person GA and a more smooth format during the online GAs
- GSA Lounge Projector has been identified and will be paid for by combining \$600 of GSA funds with funding from the Chancellor's Office
- External Co-President (Eugene Riordan Jr)
 - no updates
- VP Communications & Events (Annjulie Vester)
 - Taskforce on Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Support
 - GSA will be part of the Taskforce on a meeting by meeting basis due to overlap with employment related issues
 - Taskforce will tackle questions of external funding for graduate students, as well as housing and transportation
- VP Graduate Student Affairs (Sara Tyberg)
 - SHS Pharmacy is moving in the previous Dental Clinic space by August 14th
 - SHS Gauchos for Recovery program is collecting data on positive fentanyl testing strips and Narcan reversals in our community
 - Anonymous survey here: <https://tinyurl.com/GFRdata>
 - the survey collects data to identify patterns in accidental overdoses, fentanyl-positive drugs, and FTS/Narcan use
- VP Budget, Finance, & Committees (Adrienne Tsikewa)
 - 2023-2024 proposed budget: ~\$180,000
- VP External Affairs (Anne Berry) - absent

ACTION ITEMS

- Election Committee Bylaw Change
 - UCSB Elections are entirely handled by a third party on campus
 - Existing language in the Constitution establishes a GSA Election Committee which has duties that are not applicable to the practical election process
 - Ranked Choice Voting for Special Elections
 - Current voting practice (plurality) does not reflect well democratic choice of representatives
 - Proposal to change Special Election voting method to 'ranked choice'
 - MOTION: APPROVED
- Thriving, Not Just Surviving (TNJS)
 - TNJS is requesting financial support from the GSA (\$3000)
 - TNJS is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that provides recovery programs for survivors of sexual assault
 - Graduate Student needs on campus are currently not met
 - MOTION: APPROVED

Discussion Items (None)

Swearing in new 2023-2024 Executive Board

- Co-President Internal: Becky Martin
- Co-President External: Annjulie Vester
- VPFA: Adrienne Tsikewa
- VPCE: Gustavo Lenzi de Almeida Prado Sampaio
- VPGSA: Felicia Rutland
- VPEA: Miriam Burnett

GSA Awards Announcements

- 2023 Dixon-Levy Service Award
 - Olga Faccani
 - Janna Haider
 - Daniel Masterson
 - Jenna Riley-Truesdell
 - *Honorable Mentions*
 - Madison Heard
 - Madeleine Bow Jun Leibovitch
- 2023 Teaching in Excellence Award
 - Donna Doan Anderson
 - Pedro Craveiro
 - Eloise Masquelier
 - Elena Paola
 - Bri Reddick
 - Sam Sehayek
 - Marcel Strobel
 - Chloe Willis
 - Danielle Whitaker
 - Kylie Woodman
 - Sigrid Van Den Abbeele
 - Katherine (Katie) Von Wald
 - *Honorable Mentions*
 - Charlotte Bailey (Bremser)
 - Elliott Finn
 - Janna Haider
 - Alyssa Lawson
 - Azucena Trincado Murugarren

Adjournment – – MOTION APPROVED

- Next General Assembly Fall 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 and Eugene Riordan Jr, at ext-co-president@gsa.ucsb.edu or the VP of Communications & Events, AnnjuMolie Vester, at vpce@gsa.ucsb.edu.

General Assembly

June 6th, 2023



Community Agreements

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- 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
- If you have any questions/doubts, please raise your *Zoom 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 & Last Meeting's Minutes

Assembly Vote Required

Meeting Agenda

- Greetings
- Last Meeting Minutes/Current Agenda Approval
- Roll Call/Community Agreements
- Writing Program
- Administration Reports
- Executive Board Report
- Action Items (5)
- Discussion Items (2)
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Last Meeting Minutes and Current Agenda Approval

Assembly Vote Required

Baron Haber

Writing Program

Administration Reports

GSA Advisor

Graduate Division

Graduate Council

Executive Board Report

Summary of all Executive Officers

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

- Please encourage your departments to take [the Graduate Student Experience Survey!](#)
 - 40 \$25 Gift Cards being raffled to respondents!
- GSA Awards Committee selection!
- GSA Lounge will be open over finals week
- GSA Lounge Projector - finally identified overhead projector
 - Need ~\$600-700 from the GSA to make up gap from Chancellor's funding
- GAs for next year
 - How do we feel about one in-person meeting (with a hybrid option) and two Zoom meetings per quarter
 - Would allow us to splash out on really nice food and drink once per quarter - more of a social vibe?

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VP Communication & Events: Annjulie Vester

- Taskforce on Doctoral and Post-doctoral support

VP Graduate Student Affairs: Sara Tyberg

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VP Budget, Finance, & Committees: Adrienne Tsikewa

2023-2024 Proposed BUDGET

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VP External Affairs: Anne Berry



Action Item 1: Updating Election Process

Updating bylaws to reflect reality of elections

BYLAW VI: GSA ELECTIONS AND VOTES

B. The GSA Election Committee

- ~~a. The GSA VPCE shall open nominations and the GSA Assembly shall select the Election Committee members no later than the first meeting of Spring Quarter.~~
- ~~b. For any GSA election, the GSA Assembly shall select up to four (4) GSA members to serve on an ad hoc GSA Election Committee.~~
- c. a. The GSA Election Committee membership shall include ~~up to three GSA members and~~ one (1) GSA Officer who does not intend to run for office. If all officers intend to run for positions, the GSA Election Committee will be composed of one (1) nominated GSA Representative.
- ~~d. The GSA Assembly shall appoint one of the Election Committee members to serve as Election Committee Chairperson.~~
- ~~e. A member of the Election Committee may be removed for cause by a two thirds (66%) vote of the GSA Assembly.~~
- f. c. As required by the Constitution, the GSA Co-Presidents shall also be ex-officio members of the Election Committee (GSA Constitution Article III).

Action Item 1: continued

E. Conducting Routine Elections

b. Immediately following the close of nominations, the GSA ~~shall~~ has the option to, though is not required to hold a Candidates' Forum.

G. Conducting Special Elections

b. Nominations for a GSA Officer position shall be taken from the floor or by email preceding the special election.

h. The winner of the election shall be determined by a ~~plurality of votes~~ vote of ranked choice if more than two candidates are running.

MOTION to introduce as Action Item?

Note: any bylaw changes we vote on today (this and others) need to be approved in our next meeting

Thriving, Not Just Surviving Budget - Spring 2023 Funding Request

- 1) Quarterly, seven-week healing and recovery series only for graduate students.
- 2) Full cost for this quarter are significantly higher, we are requesting \$3,000 from GSA.

Spring Quarter 2023 Budget - Grad Thriving, Not Just Surviving (TNJS)		
Direct Program Expense	Cost for 1 group	Justification
TNJS Workshop Materials	\$550.00	Snacks, workshop items such as yoga mats, journals, self care supplies etc.
Workshop Associated Costs	\$208.00	Parking at confidential workshops, space rental, transportation, officer stipends, etc.
Thriving Facilitators Fee	\$2,242.00	Provider/Clinician fees, staff hours to prepare, deliver, and conclude Graduate student only TNJS for the quarter
Total GSA Request	\$3,000.00	
		<i>* Please note the total cost to run the workshop is significantly higher than the costs represented here.</i>





Vote here

Action Items

Election Committee

Thriving, Not Just Surviving

SEE (Society of Engineering Ethics) is a new club that concerns with ethical and moral questions that arise in STEM fields



SOCIETY OF ENGINEERING ETHICS

PS. Did you know
ethics is important?

TLDR:

**\$300 requested
used for:**

- 1 event completed (Jun 6)
- 1 summer event for people on campus to come

Topics discussed:

- extending the concept of retributive justice towards AV
- designing an ethics code for engineers?
- people are more morally good nowadays than in the past
- implementing ethics principles in individual research

Announcements

Graduate Student Association 2023-24 Board Swearing In

Co-President (Internal): Rebecca Martin

Co-President (External): Annjulie Vester

Vice President of Financial Affairs: Adrienne Tsikewa

Vice President of Communications and Events: Gustavo Lenzi
de Almeida Prado Sampaio

Vice President of Graduate Student Affairs: Felicia Rutland

Vice President of External Affairs: Miriam Burnett

Oath of Office

I will read, and I understand the GSA Constitution and Bylaws, and I will fulfill, to the best of my ability, the duties of the GSA Officer position to which I have been elected.

“Do you swear that you will read, and will understand the GSA Constitution and Bylaws, and will fulfill, to the best of your ability, the duties of the GSA Officer Position to which you have been elected?”

Response: “I swear”

GSA Awards

2023 Dixon-Levy Service Award

2023 Excellence in Teaching Award

Opening Remarks

Dr. Carlos M. Nash
Director, Diversity Programs
Graduate Division

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Adjournment

Next General Assembly in October! Get outta here
enjoy your summer!!!