

UC **SANTA BARBARA**

# Graduate Student Association

General Assembly Minutes

October 10th | 2023 | 6-8 PM

Hybrid Format

Meeting called by the GSA Co-Presidents Becky Martin and Annjulie Vester  
Minutes recorded by Gustavo Prado Sampaio, VP of Communication & Events

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Introduction and sign-in

Community Agreements

Roll Call (23 representatives present)

Robert's Rules Orientation

Approval of last meeting minutes – – MOTION APPROVED

Approval of current agenda – – MOTION APPROVED

GSA Introduction: What is the Graduate Student Association?

Administrative Report: Graduate Division

Co-Sponsorships

- Co-sponsorship requests:
  - Chemistry and Biochemistry Research Prep Mentor Program
    - One seminar vote 300
    - Motion to approve funding for mentorship program
    - Seconded
    - Passed unanimously
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    - Motion to approve the allocation of 300 dollar
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  - Itemized budget can be viewed in Powerpoint below

#### Adjournment – – MOTION APPROVED

- Next General Assembly Nov 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 AnjuMolie Vester, at [ext-co-president@gsa.ucsb.edu](mailto:ext-co-president@gsa.ucsb.edu) or the VP of Communications & Events, Gustavo Prado Sampaio, at [vpce@gsa.ucsb.edu](mailto:vpce@gsa.ucsb.edu).

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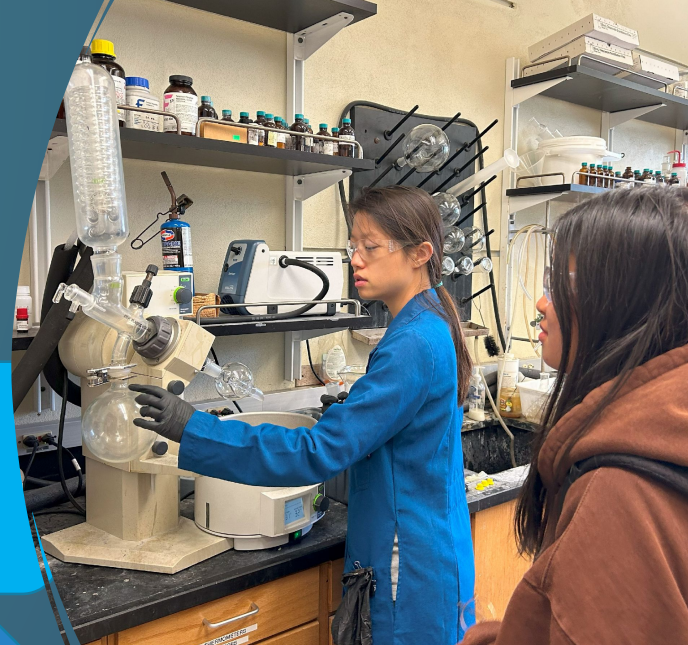
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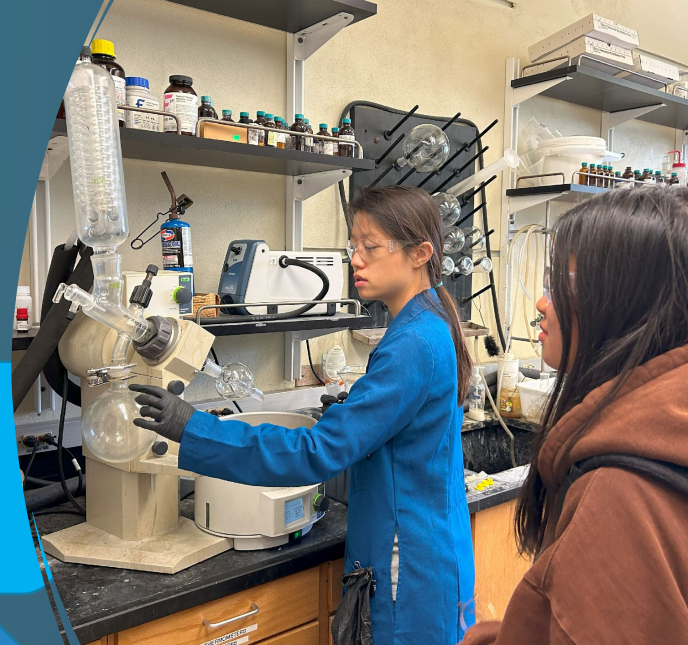
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