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

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
  - Material Science Association Industry Panel
    - Motion to approve the allocation of 300 dollar
    - Motion
    - Second
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  - 2023-2024 proposed budget: ~$180,000
  - 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 and AnnjuMolie Vester, at ext-co-president@gsa.ucsb.edu or the VP of Communications & Events, Gustavo Prado Sampaio, at vpce@gsa.ucsb.edu.
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