General Assembly
December 5th, 2023

If there is a mistake in your attendance history, please email Gustavo.
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.
Last Meeting Minutes and Current Agenda Approval
Assembly Vote Required
Correct agenda is actually on the next slide!
Meeting Agenda

- Greetings
- Last Meeting Minutes/Current Agenda Approval
- Roll Call/Community Agreements
- Campus IT Strategy Development Initiative
- Administration Reports
- Co-sponsorship Presentations (0)
- Executive Board Report
- Discussion Items
  - Affinity Group Support
- Action Items (0)
- Announcements
- Adjournment
Next General Assembly!

In person on Tuesday, January 16th at 6PM in the GSA Lounge

We are gauging modality and other preferences in the below feedback form! Please take a moment to fill it out!
Administration Reports

GSA Advisor
Graduate Division
Graduate Council
GSRC
Graduate Division

Students who have completed, or will complete, a graduate degree or credential between Summer 2023 and Fall 2024 are invited to participate.

For more information and to reserve regalia:
www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/commencement
Graduate Division

• Friendly Reminder:
  • Please be sure to update your contact information (especially, mailing address) in UCPath and GOLD.
Co-sponsorship Funding Running Tally:
4 funded so far at $300/each
$13,800 remaining of $15,000 in fund

Co-sponsorship Requests
- Friday Noon Seminar (FNS) GSA Funding Proposal
  - Alyse Ptacek
Friday Noon Seminar (FNS) GSA Funding Proposal

**What:** Weekly seminar (based on presenter availability) for research progress presentations by advanced PhD students. A student-led space fostering grad student collaboration and community.

**Who:** MCDB and BMSE graduate students (no faculty, department officials, or undergraduates).

**Cost:** Weekly lunch (~$250 each), department quarterly funding was abruptly cut from $4500 to $2000 this quarter.

**Funding request:** $300 toward lunch to help alleviate the sudden, drastic budget cut.
Information about Co-Sponsorships

The GSA has limited funding available to support organizations' events and conferences that serve graduate students.

- $300 per quarter per graduate student organization
- $600 per year per graduate student organization

Mentorship programs are encouraged, but need to center the professional development of graduate students.

When someone brings forward a co-sponsorship that we want to see but needs some changes to be a good fit, the GA can say funding is approved conditionally.
Yes, you can apply for co-sponsorship!!

Do you want to support grad student community and professional development? We will give you $300!!

- GSA Officers are excited to collaborate with and support you! We ❤ Collaboration!

Ideas!

- Social Events
  - Pizza for Happy Hour
  - Supplies and snacks for Dungeons and Dragons night
  - Fees for Botanical Garden trip
  - Prizes and water for tennis tournament

- Professional Development Events
  - Food and drinks for skills workshop
  - Speaker payment for conference
Executive Board Report

Summary of all Executive Officers
Co-Presidents’ Report: Bedlam Oak (Internal)

- Screening of strike documentary *(48,000)* on Nov 28
  - Thanks to Pratyush for an amazing film
  - Thanks to all who attended!! (~50)
  - *48,000* will be available publically after it has been submitted to festivals - will be announced!
- Vice-Chancellor of Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity Search Committee will begin in the new year!
- Considering fee to support Thriving Not Just Surviving
- Considering workshop series on military funding in STEM
- GSA Merch, as a concept?
  - Do people want merch? If so, what would people like and use?
    - Travel mugs, shirts/sweatshirts, stickers
  - Art contest?
Annjulie Vester (External)

- Council of President is meeting w/ President Drake this Thursday
- Systemwide UC Path update
  - >2 month lapse in employment will result in your direct deposit information dropped from UC Path and you will receive a mailed check instead
- San Benito Housing Committee
  - will move forward with Design Review Committee as early as January
VP Communication & Events: Gustavo Sampaio

- Pizza Night (Dec. 8th). Please join us!
- Fill form below if you have served in a committee on behalf of GSA
HEALTHCARE expected rate increase next year ~24 to 30% (23-24 year $10.7%)  

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Contracts and Opportunities Working Group

kwabena agyare yeboah, History, Engagement Lead
Sai Sukruth Bezugam, Electrical & Computer Engineering
Daniel Cervantes, Co-Chair, Political Science
Alicia Geng, Gevirtz Graduate School of Education
Mayra Gomez-Labrada, Co-Chair, Theater and Dance

Healthcare Working Group

Taft Crowley, Political Science
Xinru Du, Technology Management
Yuehao Gao, Media Arts and Technology
My Thu Tran, Co-Chair, Geography
Kris Troy, Co-Chair, Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology (MCDB)
Ashvini Varatharaj, Linguistics, Humanistic Lead
Olivia Wander, Political Science

Housing Working Group

Will Heo, Co-Chair, Economics
Shaylee Larson, Co-Chair, BioEngineering
Ye Mu, Geography
Carina Paredes-Rivera, Spanish and Portuguese
Shreyas Parthasarathy, Physics
Timothy Perez, Sociology
George Tsouloufas, Political Science
Lindsey Washiashi, MCDB

so far
Orientation 1 (11/20)

upcoming
Orientation 2 (12/7)
Graduate Student Townhall & Community CoWork Dual Event (Winter 24, tentatively weeks 3 OR 4)
VP Budget, Finance, & Committees: Adrienne Tsikewa

• GA Reps and GSA Committee Reps
  • Complete the form ASAP!
  • All GA rep stipends + committee rep stipends + PTC member stipends will be added together for ONE(1) disbursement

• Emergency grants will not be reviewed over winter break
  • Application will remain open, and app reviews will resume in Week 1 of winter quarter

• Committee on Library, Information and Instructional Resources
  • Open Forum on Data Management Across the Disciplines
  • Feb. 9, 2024
  • Focus will be on data management and the facilities that exist or are needed to assist faculty and students in managing their data; gain understanding of the shortfall of support, with an eye toward issuing a recommendation on where future campus planning and investment would be most useful
  • Please send any suggestions/recommendations to me:
    • atsikewa@ucsb.edu
    • gsa-vpfa@ucsb.edu
    • Subject line = Data Management Forum
VP External Affairs: Miriam Burnett
Discussion Item: Affinity Group Support
Women in Science and Engineering
Affinity Organization Funding!

Currently, the GSA and Grad Div supports 5 graduate affinity organizations. Each org receives:

- $2000/year from GSA
- $3000/year from Grad Div

The organizations that receive funding are:

- Queer Trans Graduate Student Union (QTGSU)
- Asian Pacific Islander Graduate Student Association (APIGSA)
- Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA)
- American Indian and Indigenous Graduate Student Association (AIIGSA)
- Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS)

Due to national affiliation and support, as well as collaborating with undergraduate students, SACNAS can no longer receive GSA and Grad Div funding, so we are considering supporting WiSE instead.
About Us

OUR ORGANIZING BOARD

Erica Rivera  
President

Sara Matsumura  
Vice-President

Miriam Urie  
Treasurer

Canan Cabecel  
Professional Committee Chair

Polina Zhilikina  
Outreach Committee Co-chair

Anna Boser  
Outreach Committee Co-chair

Heather Childers  
Social Committee Co-chair

Emily Huffman  
Social Committee Co-chair

Sadia Nowshin  
Communications Chair
LIFE IN ACADEMIA PANEL

Join us for a conversation on academic careers and how we can foster an inclusive environment for underrepresented groups. Refreshments provided.

Wednesday, April 12th, 4:30-5:30 pm
Location: Elings 1601

OUR PANELISTS:

Angela Morris
Assistant Professor, Mathematics

Elias Lao
Associate Professor, Physics

Nina Wollam
Assistant Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Andrew Carlin
Assistant Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry

REGISTER AT:
https://forms.gle/R8MhA4htQyHx3jxY7

Questions? acbi.wmie@gmail.com

CAREER PANEL

Join us for a conversation on careers in industry and careers outside the traditional academic path. Appetizers will be served at the reception.

OUR PANELISTS:

Meredith Hutt
Director, Strategy Programs and Corporate Relations, College of Engineering, UCSC

Daehoon Kim
Assistant Professor, Physics

Zoe Hinko
Manager, Design Verification Engineering, Mat, ITAG

Christina Knappe
Senior Researcher, Microsoft

Thursday, April 27th, Elings 1601
Panel: 4-5 pm
Networking reception: 5-6 pm

Rsvp Required:
https://forms.gle/AYmVSSB1y1B4499m6

Questions? acbi.wmie@gmail.com

HEADSHOTS EVENT

SEMINAR AND Q&A WITH DR. KATHY KAMATH | SENIOR DIRECTOR OF R&D AT SERIMMUNE INC

How I Became a Scientist: Sacred Geometry, the Cancer Puzzle, & an Unconventional Path
Seminar and Q&A with Dr. Kathy Kamath

Thursday, March 2nd, 1 pm
Elings 1601
Food & drinks provided
WiSE Fellowships

Decolvenaere fellowship: Melody Molander
Karl Storz fellowship: Melanie Adams
BD Biosciences fellowship: Neeli Tummala and Hiba Wakidi
Capritto fellowship: Taruna Schuelke

WiSE Book club

WiSE Running club

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WiSE Running club

WOMXN IN STEM
Mentorship Program

Presented by UCSB WiSE

HER SCIENCE LAB

NEXT IN STEM
Adjournment

Next General Assembly: January 16th in-person

In case you joined late, fill out attendance sheet