

UC SANTA BARBARA

Graduate Student Association

General Assembly Minutes
FEB 6th | 2024 | 6-8 PM
Zoom Format

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

Introduction and sign-in

Community Agreements

Roll Call

Approval of last meeting minutes – – MOTION APPROVED

Approval of current agenda – – MOTION APPROVED

New Graduate Writing Specialist: *Dr. Mia Nowotarski*
How to Book an Appointment:

- forms.gle/p1w24b8stF5oTKBB7

How to Find Me in Future:

- gradpost.ucsb.edu/resources/writing
- graddiv.ucsb.edu/staff/dr-mia-nowotarski
- mnowotarski@graddiv.ucsb.edu

Graduate Division & GSRC

- Registration for 2024 Grad Slam is now open
 - Preliminary round: 4–12 March 2024
 - Final round: 5 April 2024
 - Info and registration at gradslam.ucsb.edu/2024
 - Priority registration deadline: 16 February 2024

Co-sponsorship Requests

- Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges: An Intersectional Approach to Research and Teaching
 - Jakob Romine
- Materials Graduate Student Panel and Poster Session
 - Siddharth Mukherjee
- 26th Annual Workshop of American Indigenous Languages (WAIL 26)
 - CJ Young

Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges

Yes: 19

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

Result: Approved

Physics/Materials Poster Session

Yes: 20

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

Result: Approved

WAIL 26 (26th Annual Workshop on American Indigenous Languages)

Yes: 16

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

Result: Approved

Executive Board Report

Co-Presidents' Report: Bedlam Oak (Internal)

- We might have a solution for Summer Bus Pass distribution
 - GSA is still fulfilling the contract on the university's behalf
 - But grads will get bus passes, which is all that matters
- Collaborating with the Women's Center and RecCen on a "kids night" to

- support student parents
- Lounge upgrades:
 - Patio revamp!
 - Weather-proof cushions
 - ~\$150 each
 - Edible Garden?
 - Custom wooden planters
 - Waiting on pricing
 - Industrial Toaster
 - \$300-\$800

Annjulie Vester (External)

- New Committee opportunity:
 - UCSB Regulations: 2 graduate students, tentatively meets once a week during Spring
- GSA Election
 - Come and Grab Donuts w/ me and Gustavo on Feb 15th from 4-5:45PM in the GSA Lounge if you are interested in running as an officer! Zoom will also be available!
- Breakout Rooms
 - San Benito Housing
 - Search for the new Graduate Dean has started last week

Housing:

- Would you be willing to live in mixed (undergrad-grad) apartments?
- Would you be willing to live in a room with a roommate (double occupancy)?
- How much would you be willing to pay for a single room in a 2-bedroom apartment on campus?
- How much would you be willing to pay for a shared room in a 2 bedroom apartment on campus?

Graduate Dean:

- What is the graduate student vision for the new Dean? What do you want to see in a successful candidate for the job?

VP Communication & Events: Gustavo Sampaio

- Oscar Party (March 2nd)
- Pizza Night, Friday, Week 10
- Both will occur in GSA Lounge
- Bagel Hour continues... every Wednesday @ 9am

VP Graduate Student Affairs: Felicia Rutland

HEALTHCARE

expected rate increase next year ~28.87 (23-24 year 10.7%)

Academic Senate Committee Updates

Committee on Courses and General Education

Faculty Executive Committee - College of Engineering

Faculty Legislature

Undergraduate Council

Notable mentions

Report on Future of UC Doctoral Programs (includes MFA)

Unions + Contracts [which expire 2025]

Notable Mention TAKE-5 Discussion

1. Can you name at least one CURRENT campus job for graduate and professional students that is not related to undergraduate teaching?
2. Can you name at least one CURRENT campus job for graduate and professional students that is not related to faculty research?
3. What are you most concerned about for next year?
4. What is your reaction (emoji) to a recommendation to "decouple graduate student funding from undergraduate teaching needs"?
5. What is your reaction to a recommendation to "decouple graduate student funding from faculty research needs"?

Adjournment

Next General Assembly: March 5th on Zoom