

Graduate Student Association

General Assembly Minutes

November 9th | 2023 | 6-8 PM

Online 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

Meeting Agenda:

- Greetings
- Last Meeting Minutes/Current Agenda Approval
- Roll Call/Community Agreements
- Administration Reports
- Co-sponsorship Presentations
 - WAIL
 - Undocumented Student Mentorship
 - GRUB
- Executive Board Report
- Action Items (2)
 - Professional Teams Proposal
 - Travel Grant Increase
- Announcements
- Adjournment

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- Domestic Students:

Establishing California Residency
 (www.ucop.edu/residency/residency-requirements.html)

- Graduate Division’s Mentoring Best Practices & Guidelines
 (graddiv.ucsb.edu/mentoring-guidelines)
- GradPoint Students Portal (gradpoint.ucsb.edu/students)
 - Does not replace GOLD.
 - a snapshot of your details, including your history of leaves of absence and in absentia registration
 - specific program information, such as your current and previous graduate programs, with capstone, exam, and time-to-degree data
 - your current and previous master's thesis and doctoral committees
 - online committee nomination and committee change workflows
- Graduate Student Resource Center (GSRC) has a new website (gradpost.ucsb.edu)
- Grad Slam has a new website (gradslam.ucsb.edu)

Co-sponsorship Requests

- 26th Annual Workshop of American Indigenous Languages (WAIL 26)
 - CJ Young
- Undocumented Student Mentorship
 - Hyojin Lee
- GRUB Informal Talks - Earth Science
 - Keneni Godana

Wail	Approved
Undocumented Students	Asked to come back to redefine event for graduate international students
Grub: Informal Talk Series	Approved

Co-Presidents’ Report: Bedlam Oak (Internal)

- Thanks to all who attended the Halloween Party!
 - 123 attendees
 - Thank you so much to QTGSU for your incredible collaboration!
- The GSA Lounge will be closed Friday for Veteran’s Day
- New Executive Director for the RecCen accepted!

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- Stephen Bird,

previously Director of MissU Rec

- Lots of really great ideas to increase inclusivity in recreation!
- Have other RecCen Ideas? Come to me!!
- VC DEI Search Committee has been delayed!
- Do you have IT problems on campus? Please tell me about them!
 - DITTO FOR LIBRARY
- SRB is considering new shade structures for outdoor patios

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UAW Academic Worker Strike Documentary

- created by Pratyush Bhattacharyya (FMST PhD Student)
- November 28th, 6:30
- MCC Theater

- followed by reception
- More details + RSVP to follow!

Annjolie Vester (External)

- Housing Survey
 - 730 submissions
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 - housing demand: 83 respondents did not receive contract on campus
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- New Housing Committee
 - kick-off meeting last week

VP Communication & Events: Gustavo Sampaio

- Register/re-register as GA Representative
- Pizza Night (most likely Dec. 8th). Please join us!

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- Any suggestions or requests?
- Bring concerns and comments from students in your department to me by contacting gsa-vpce@ucsb.edu
- Designed to provide financial assistance to graduate students with dependents who are in need due to graduate activities (e.g., exams, conferences, workshops, etc.).
- Intended to help offset the costs of travel or registration fees at professional conferences in which a graduate student is presenting original research findings.
- Offers financial assistance to graduate students who are experiencing sudden financial distress due to unforeseen circumstances such as family loss, medical emergency, unexpected loss of employment, etc.

VP Graduate Student Affairs: Felicia Rutland

Professional Teams Committee (PTC)

- Awaiting confirmations! (15 of 24 seats tentatively filled!!)
 - ◆ Community Welcome of Committee at December GA
- (Proposed) Short Term Timeline of Impact
 - ◆ November + December : Committee Orientations
 - ◆ January : Graduate Townhall & Committee Presentations
 - HOUSING : UCSB Housing Project - Draft Feasibility Due
 - HC : UC-system wide changes to UCSHIP discussed
 - ◆ March : PTC Interim Reports & Presentations
 - HOUSING : UCSB Housing Project Campus Discussion
 - HC : Deadline for 2024-2025 [UCSB UCSHIP Plan Changes](#)

Action Items

- 1) Travel Grant Increase
- 2) Professional Teams Proposal Funding