

UC **SANTA BARBARA**

Graduate Student Association

General Assembly Minutes

MAR 5th | 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 (24 representatives present)

Approval of last meeting minutes – – MOTION APPROVED

Approval of current agenda – – MOTION APPROVED

GSA Executive Board Elections are Coming!

We elect a new GSA EBoard every April - you should consider running!

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Executive Board Report

VP Communication & Events: Gustavo Sampaio

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- Pizza Night forthcoming
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- Please distribute flyers

VP Financial Affairs: Adrienne Tsikewa

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In 5 years, what do you want UCSB to look like for a new graduate student?

Co-Presidents' Report:
Bedlam Oak (Internal)

GSA Awards!

- Please nominate yourself and your colleagues for our two annual awards!
 - Excellence in Teaching Award
 - Dixon Levi Service Award

Logo for Merch Contest

- Beginning of Spring Quarter - soliciting graduate student submissions for a GSA logo, with the goal of a student vote at end of April
 - \$250 for winner, \$50 for runner-ups

Current Patio Upgrade Plans:

- Purchasing three garden boxes for the patio (\$2,546.00)
 - We selected a more expensive wood for resilience
 - Hopefully will be constructed during spring break and filled during Spring Quarter
- Picnic Table, 2 Benches and two chairs from L.L. Bean
 - All Weather Farmhouse (~\$2500)
- All-weather Couch Cushions (~\$600 for two sets)
 - Still looking for what we needed, our bench sizes are relatively large

Discussion Item: Travel Grant Lottery

Option 1: Maintain the current system (by quarter lottery - approx 75 grants at \$250 (currently \$500)

Options 2: Remove lottery system; divide available funds by the total number of applications PER QUARTER (Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer)

Option 3: Remove lottery system; divide available funds by the total number of applications PER YEAR (excluding summer); reserve $\frac{1}{4}$ of funds for summer applications; must determine a May/June deadline for applications to allow for processing

General Assembly

March 5, 2024

RED: Please check-in to today's General Assembly

BLUE: Please confirm that your attendance this quarter has been recorded. If there is a mistake, leave a comment.

March Attendance



Winter Quarter Attendance



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.

Meeting Agenda

- Greetings
- Last Meeting Minutes/Current Agenda Approval
- Roll Call/Community Agreements
- GSA Election
- Administration Reports
- Co-sponsorship Presentations (8)
- Executive Board Report
- Discussion Items (1)
 - Travel Grant Lottery System
- Action Items
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Last Meeting Minutes and Current Agenda Approval

Assembly Vote Required

GSA ELECTION

NOMINATIONS OPEN
TOMORROW AND CLOSE
March 31st, 11:59PM

Scheduling note!

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Administration Reports

GSA Advisor

Graduate Division

Graduate Council

GSRC

Co-sponsorship Funding Running Tally:

10 funded so far at \$300/each

\$12,000 remaining of \$15,000 in fund

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Peace of the π

Who: Researchers Against War

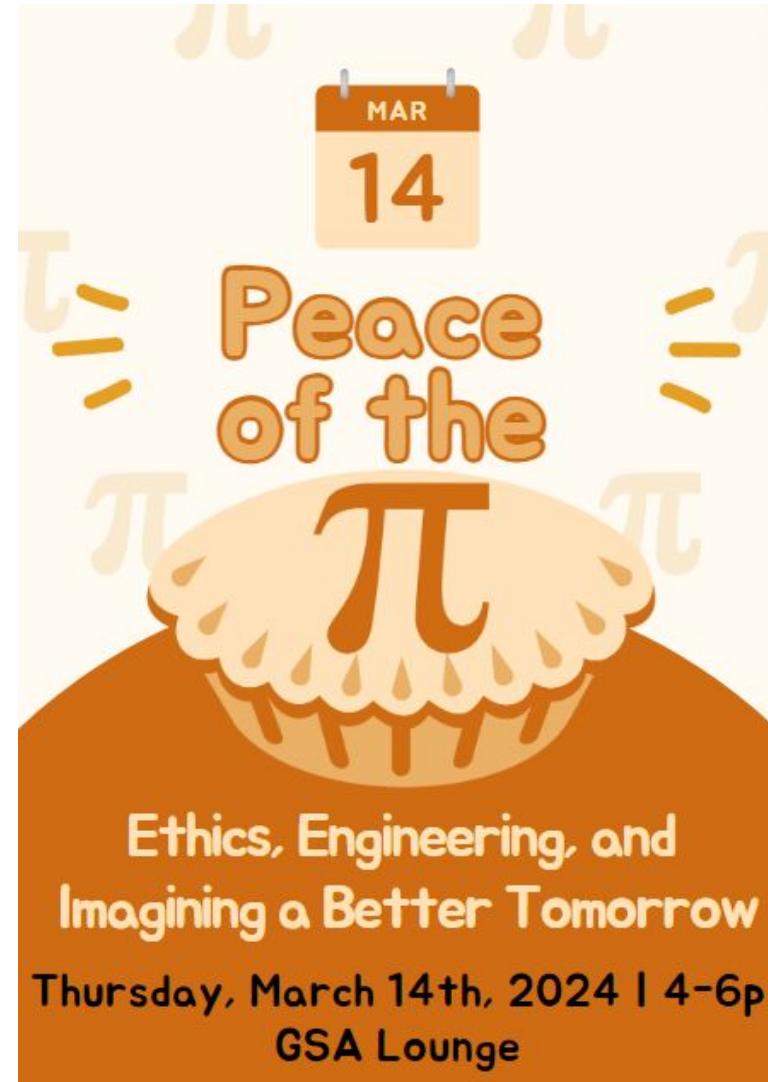
What: Townhall and discussion about ethics and engineering

Expected Attendance: ~30, focusing outreach on STEM graduate students (but all welcome!)

Budget: \$300 for π related refreshments (pizza, pie, drinks)

Thank you for your consideration!

In coordination and collaboration with:



ChESS: Chemical Engineering Seminar Series

ChE GSA student workshops presents...



CHATGPT FOR RESEARCH!

Join us to learn about ways to ethically and productively use ChatGPT to make your research more efficient.

Jan. 23, 2024 | 3:30-4:30 pm | EII 3301

ChE GSA student workshops presents...



PYTHON FOR PLOTTING!

Join us while we review the basics of using Python to create publication-ready figures. Bring an example data set and a computer!

RSVP Here!: tinyurl.com/PlotPython

Feb. 6, 2024 | 4:30-5:30 pm | EII 3301

Goal:

- Allow graduate students to present their research & skills to a broader audience
- Encourage engagement & collaboration between researchers in different fields

Publicity Plan:

- Che GSA website: chegsa.engineering.ucsb.edu
- ChE GSA Slack: <https://bit.ly/ChEGSA>
- Emails
- Flyers

Dates for Winter Quarter:

1/23/2024 - ChatGPT for Research

2/06/2024 - Python for Plotting


2/15/2024 - Intro to LaTeX

2/20/2024 - ChESS Talk: Shawn Mengel

3/12/2024 - Mentorship Workshop


Location: Engineering II, Room 1519 (capacity: 70)

Requested funding from GSA: \$300 for Fall 2023 Quarter (\$60/seminar)



CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
UC SANTA BARBARA

Organized by the
ChE GSA



Intro to L^AT_EX

LaTeX typesetting
Equations
Tables
Figures
Citations

February 15
15:00-16:00

Engineering II
Room 3301, 15:00-16:00
Email: pollard@ucsb.edu

Host: Dylan Pollard



Chemical Engineering Seminar Series

Shawn Mengel - Segalman Group

Charge delocalization modulates zwitterionic surface hydration and fouling performance

February 20, 2024 | 3:30-4 pm | EII 3301

Polymeric zwitterions exhibit exceptional fouling resistance through formation of a strongly hydrated surface of immobilized water molecules. While extensively tested for application-specific performance, the characteristics of this hydration layer and the role of molecular design on broad fouling resistance remain unclear. This work identifies charge delocalization as a key parameter affecting the hydration structure and dynamics around polymeric zwitterions. Sum frequency generation vibrational spectroscopy reveals that diffuse zwitterions form more hydrated surfaces with improved marine fouling resistance. Meanwhile, Overhauser dynamic nuclear polarization (ODNP) relaxometry shows that charge screening accelerates surface water dynamics, with more dense zwitterions approaching bulk water dynamics.



Soft Matter Lunch Seminar



Every Week



Elings Hall

Organisers:

Toshi Parmar(Physics),
Kevin Modica (Chem E),
Daniela Rivera Mirabal
(MRL/Chem E), Sam
Wilken(MRL/BMSE).

- Weekly seminar for the SMaLS community from Bio Eng., Chemical Eng., Chemistry, Materials, and Physics.
- Speakers include Grad Students, Post-docs and External Speakers.
- Around 20-30 people
- External Speakers develop collaborations with UCSB grad students
- Grad students get feedback from the wider community before publishing.
Budget: 100\$-150\$ each week.

Request for funding for lunch for 2/3 weeks.

RSVP for food each week.

Catering options: Super cucas, IV Pizza etc.

The Public Domain Players are an IV-based, nonprofit community theatre company run by UCSB grad students

This event is part of a campaign to raise money & awareness for two upcoming shows: The Spanish Tragedy and Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing

Amount Requested: \$300

Proposed Budget:

Prizes (1st, 2nd, 3rd)- Woodstock's Gift Cards
(\$25, \$15, \$10) = \$50

Food for participants (pizza & sides):
Up to \$250

\$300

The Public Domain Players Present:

THE PUBLIC DOMAIN PLAYERS

Trivia Night

Mention our fundraiser at the counter!

Free Food

Prizes

Esoteric Knowledge!

- Teams: 1- 5 People
- No \$ Buy-In
- Bring Your Friends!

In Collaboration with:

UC SANTA BARBARA Graduate Division
The Graduate Scholars Program

WOODSTOCK PIZZA
California BORN & BAKED

DATE Thursday, March 7th

TIME 3-5:30 pm

VENUE Isla Vista



Bren Environmental Justice Symposium 2024

Proposed Budget

ITEM	QUANTITY	TOTAL COST
Panelist honorarium	1	\$600
Keynote honorarium	15	\$3000
Day 1 Virtual Panels - Grassroot Orgs	5	\$1000
Reception - Food	1	\$1500
Delegate Experience	1	\$600
Travel costs	10	\$3000
Interpreter	1	\$800
Total Cost		\$ 10,500

Funding Request: \$300 (1/2 panelist honorarium)

- **Symposium Focus:** Explore and critique the impact of environmental solutions on perpetuating neoliberalism and oppressive systems (specific emphasis on dismantling capitalism and dissecting the role of for-profit institutions in sustaining oppressive structures).
- **Objectives:** Foster connections, raise awareness, and disseminate information on environmental justice, aiming to broaden the university's programs and address the lack of environmental justice in current environmental science education.
- **Audience:** Targets a diverse audience (environmental experts, advocates, students, and concerned citizens) emphasizing the shared responsibility in challenging systems of oppression related to climate change.

UC Santa Barbara
Ecology, Evolution and Marine Biology presents

Undergraduate Research Symposium

April 20nd, 2024

The EEMB Undergraduate Research Symposium is showcasing undergraduate student researchers presenting their research conducted at UCSB. The symposium will consist of 10-minute talks, poster presentations, and a graduate student panel. Additionally, this will be a great environment for all students to attend and learn about current research, network with future colleagues and mentors, and interact with faculty and campus organizations.

Interested in helping with the 2024 Symposium?
We are looking for volunteers!

For more information on how you can volunteer, reach out to us:
eemb-urs@eemb.ucsb.edu



Event Estimated Total Budget: ~\$2,407

Budget items include:

Room rental, food, Poster printing scholarships, media, office supplies/poster stands

Other Funding Sources:

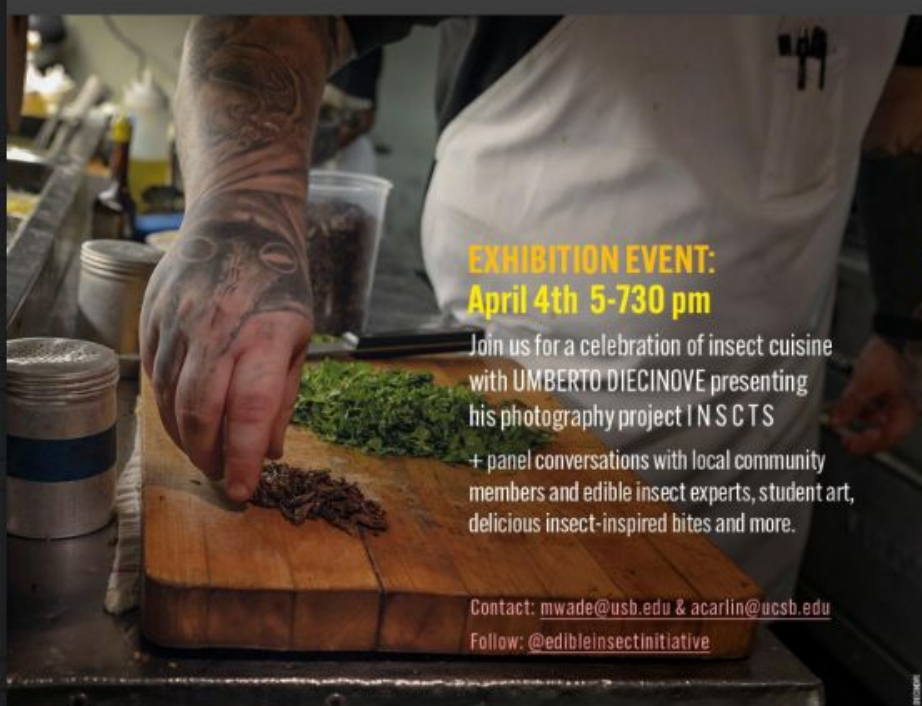
Associated Students, FUERTE, EEMB Department, Faculty personal donation, Science By The Pint p

Requesting \$300 from GSA



EDIBLE INSECT ART EXHIBITION

APRIL 1-5 2024
GLASSBOX gallery UCSB



EXHIBITION EVENT:
April 4th 5-730 pm
Join us for a celebration of insect cuisine with UMBERTO DIECINOVE presenting his photography project I N S C T S + panel conversations with local community members and edible insect experts, student art, delicious insect-inspired bites and more.

Contact: mwade@usb.edu & acarlin@ucsb.edu
Follow: [@edibleinsectinitiative](https://www.instagram.com/edibleinsectinitiative)

About

Community celebration of insect cuisine featuring



- Documentary photography display + Q&A with the artist
- Student insect artwork
- Panel conversations with local community members & edible insect experts
- UCSB student sustainability organization
- Insect-inspired tastings

Budget: \$300 total requested

- \$150 - Purchase of event snacks, insects, non-alcoholic drinks
- \$150 - Honorarium / travel support for Don Bugito founder & insect farmer, Monica Martinez

RSVP HERE



HOUSE SHOW

Art co-hosting with MAT and AAH

WHAT

Showcase of graduate extracurricular talents!
Performances will range from music to dance to visual arts.

WHY

For graduate students to workshop pieces in progress, present finished work, and for folks to make creative connections and witness art making.

WHO

Open Call to **graduate students**
(Geared toward arts)

WHEN

April 12 5-7pm
@ the Red Barn (Old Gym)

HOW



With community and financial support from MAT and ART *and* YOU! The GSA!

Money from the **Art Dept + MAT + GSA** will go toward our budget of \$500 for dinner, NA beverages, and plates/cups/utensils.

Budget Breakdown:

\$500 = roughly \$10 per person with 50 attendees

\$300 from the GSA will go towards catering for the event.

Co-Sponsorship Voting!

(remember, we have \$12,000 left for co-sponsorships right now!)



Executive Board Report

Summary of all Executive Officers

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VP External Affairs: Miriam Burnett

VP Communication & Events: Gustavo Sampaio



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PIZZA **15 MARCH**
PARTY **2024**

COME JOIN US!

GSA LOUNGE **RSVP ON SHORELINE!**

6 - 8 PM

The poster features a central illustration of a whole pizza with a slice being lifted. The pizza is topped with green herbs and red cherry tomatoes. The background has a subtle pattern of pizza-related icons like a pepperoni slice and a fork. The text is bold and uses a mix of red and black colors.

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APPLY NOW FOR OUR GRANTS

<h3>CHILDCARE GRANT</h3> <p>This grant provides general support for graduate students with children regardless of milestone or specific need events. \$300 per child, \$150 per additional child.</p>	<h3>CONFERENCE TRAVEL</h3> <p>The GSA Conference Travel Grant is intended to help offset the costs of travel or registration fees at professional conferences at which a graduate student is presenting original research.</p>
<h3>INTERNSHIP FELLOWSHIP</h3> <p>The Graduate Student Internship Fellowship aims to assist graduate students with attaining experience related to career goals and professional development.</p>	<h3>EMERGENCY RELIEF</h3> <p>The GSA Emergency Relief Grant is designed to help graduate students who are experiencing sudden financial distress due to unforeseen circumstances.</p>



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RESOURCES FOR GRADUATE PARENTS

- ### 1 GSA CHILDCARE GRANT

The GSA runs a grant program to help offset the cost of childcare. \$300 per child + \$150 for each additional child.
- ### 2 FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT

You are likely eligible to enroll in a flexible spending account (FSA) for dependent care expenses.
- ### 3 CHILDCARE REIMBURSEMENT

If you are employed for a minimum of 25% time you are eligible to apply for reimbursement of childcare.
- ### 4 FINANCIAL CRISIS RESPONSE

The Financial Crisis Response Team exists to assist students who are facing a financial crisis.



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"?



SKIP Registration
NAME = Department

HEALTHCARE

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

2024-25 Renewal – Key Dates

Renewal kick-off email sent to campuses	October
Campuses may submit plan design and chargemaster change requests	October
Pre-Renewal/Utilization meetings	Oct 23 – Nov 3
Alliant presents preliminary UC SHIP renewal	December 5 (EOB)
Campus Deadline: initial plan design and chargemaster changes	December 15
Alliant presents 2024-25 renewal	January 16 (EOB)
Alliant delivers campus specific renewal letters	January 31
EOB Deadline: propose/request UC SHIP benefit changes	February 2
Campus deadline to submit plan design and chargemaster change requests	March 1
Campus deadline to confirm final plan design and 2024-25 chargemaster	March 15
EOB vote on UC SHIP benefit changes	March 12 (EOB)
Final rates released to campuses	April 5

Undergraduate Student
= \$1,064.00
EAP (Medical Only)
= \$363.33

Graduate Student
= \$2,067.00

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GSA Professional Teams Committee, Healthcare Working

Questions on Proposed UCSHIP Changes AY'23-'24

To whom it may concern,

During the course of our committee work, we have discussed some options for streamlining the UC Santa Barbara UC SHIP health insurance plan. It is our hope that these options may lead to reduced costs while minimizing the negative impacts on those who use our insurance policy.

Although we believe these options have merit, we have questions regarding the potential effects and consequences of these changes. If possible, we would like to get more information and specific answers to the following questions.

The potential changes and specific questions are listed below. Page numbers refer to the description of services in the UC SHIP Benefit Booklet.

A. Re-evaluate need for "recovering or ... other special health needs" benefits, specifically home health care and hospice services (pg. 74), and home infusion therapy (pg. 91).

Questions:

1. What are the overall plan costs for both the home health care and hospice services, and the home infusion therapy?
2. How would this cost change if we removed these benefits?
3. How many students use these services each year– on average, and in absolute numbers for the past three years?

B. Create copayment for emergency medical transportation + ambulance services (pg. 56).

Questions:

1. What percentage of students who use this service every year qualify for MediCal coverage to supplement their UC SHIP plans?
2. If it is known, what percentage of students who qualify for MediCal actually have MediCal coverage?
3. How would the overall plan cost change if we instituted a copay– both for a percentage based (5% or 10% copay) or an absolute copay (\$100, \$200, etc.)?

C. Change Telemedicine / Telehealth benefit language (pg. 93) to allow text based (e.g. Talkspace) app based (e.g., Calm), or other widely accessible (i.e., student identified) services.

GSA PTC Contracts and Opportunities Working Group (COWG) Proposal

Prepared by:

kwabena agyare, Engagement Lead - PTC COWG

Sai Bezugam, Co-Chair - PTC COWG

Alicia Geng, Co-Chair - PTC COWG

Idalia Robles De León, Consulting Graduate Student

Felicia Rutland, VP Graduate Student Affairs

The GSA PTC Contracts and Opportunities Working Group seeks to further expand our broad GSA Professional Teams Committee through the establishment of a Summer Initiatives Committee. The Addressing Bias and Bigotry at the University of California one-time campus funds championed by President Drake presents a unique opportunity to utilize UCSB's \$500,000 allocation in the interests of supporting the mental, physical, and financial wellness of graduate and professional students. Existing details about the ongoing pilot expansion, featuring expanded workshops and PTC enrichment, can be found [here](#).

Due to the current and growing, list of financial sponsors of PTC (e.g., UCSB Equity in Mental Health Taskforce and Phase 1 campus grant from UCOP Addressing Bias and Bigotry funds), the COWG has acknowledged, evaluated, planned, and herein proposed an initiative to be deployed over Summer 2024. The multifaceted project discussed was considered following an assessment of the UC Academic Planning Council's October 2023 Report, 'Future of Doctoral Programs at the University of California,' and after soliciting feedback from UCSB graduate students on particular action items such as "partially decouple graduate student funding from undergraduate teaching needs..." [and] "...faculty research needs." The novelty and urgency of the proposed work is directly related to the UCOP requirement of spending all Addressing Bias funds by the close of FY 2024-25 (i.e., September 2025). The current VP GSA is looking to set a precedent of representative support for UCSB graduate students, and is therefore seeking 25% of the UCSB campus allocation of UCOP Addressing Bias funds.

**GRADUATE
PROFESSIONAL
POSTDOCTORAL**

*SCHOLAR
townhall*

March 6 | 11a to 1p | SRB MPR & Zoom
Join Us In-Person or at <https://ucsb.zoom.us/j/7556944759>

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION



In-Person

Scholar Debrief

featuring Networking and Q&A
(with a current Lecturer, recent Instructor of Record,
current Lab Manager and more!)

**CULTURAL
& SOCIAL**



Virtual
Professional
Biography
-Writing & Feedback-
Workshop
12 to 1p only

**SKILLS
FOCUS**



Virtual

Scholar Debrief



Virtual

Community CoWork

**PASSIVE
PARTICIPATION**

HOSTED BY
UCSB GSA PROFESSIONAL TEAMS COMMITTEE
UCSB BLACK GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION
UCSB WRITING PROGRAM

JOIN US!

find your groove



**UCSB
GSA**

SRB MPR | ZOOM
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

**FEATURED
SCHOLAR
PANELISTS**

Associate Director
(& PhD Student)
**VIVIANA
VALLE GOMEZ**

Program Manager
(& UCSB PhD Alum)
**OLGA
FACCANI**

Postdoctoral Fellow
**CHARLES
TERRY**

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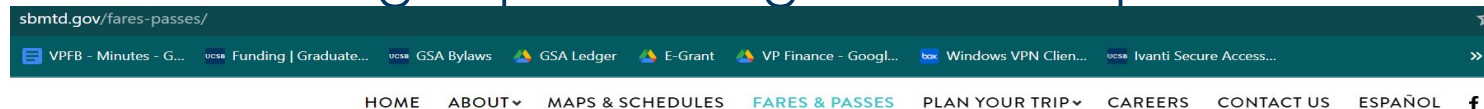
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UCSB & SBCC STUDENTS RIDE FREE

UCSB & SBCC students may use their valid student ID as a bus pass by tapping it on the farebox upon boarding.

VALID DATES

UCSB – First day of the quarter until 2 weeks into the next quarter.

SBCC – 7 calendar days before the first day of classes until the last day of final exams, except Fall semester stickers are valid until 7 calendar days before Spring classes begin.

UCSB & SBCC cards are not valid on the Downtown-Waterfront Shuttle.

2022-2023 VALID DATES FOR STUDENT REGISTRATION STICKERS AS PREPAID BUS FARE

SBCC	
Fall	Aug 21 – Jan 15
Spring	Jan 15 – May 18
Summer	May 27 – Aug 10

UCSB	
Fall	Sep 24 – Jan 19
Winter	Jan 8 – Apr 12
Spring	Apr 1 – July 5
Summer	Jun 24 – Oct 4

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GA reps and committee hours:

- Complete committee form
- Make sure your GA rep attendance is accurate
- Deadline = 3/19/24 or will have to wait until Spring quarter

Committee Report



Annjolie Vester (External)

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 - \$250 for winner, \$50 for runner-ups

Current Patio Upgrade Plans:

- Purchasing 3 garden boxes for the patio (\$2,546.00)
 - We selected a more expensive wood for resilience
 - Hopefully will be constructed during spring break and filled during Spring Quarter
- Picnic Table, 2 Benches and 2 chairs from L.L. Bean
 - [All Weather Farmhouse](#) (~\$2500)
- All-weather Couch Cushions (~\$600 for 2 sets)
 - Still looking for what we needed, our bench sizes are rather large

Discussion Item: Travel Grant Lottery

Option 1: Maintain the current system (by quarter lottery - approx 75 grants at \$250 (currently \$500)

Options 2: Remove lottery system; divide available funds by the total number of applications PER QUARTER (Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer)

Option 3: Remove lottery system; divide available funds by the total number of applications PER YEAR (excluding summer); reserve $\frac{1}{4}$ of funds for summer applications; must determine a May/June deadline for applications to allow for processing

Discussion Item: Requires changes in the Bylaws and on the website

Next General Assembly: April 2nd, GSA Lounge

RED: Please check-in to today's
General Assembly

BLUE: Please confirm that your
attendance this quarter has
been recorded. If there is a
mistake, leave a comment.

March Attendance



Winter Quarter Attendance

