

UC SANTA BARBARA

Graduate Student Association

General Assembly Minutes

April 9th | 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!

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EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

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UCLA	\$40	\$60
UCM	N/A	\$40
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UCSB	\$40	\$40
UCSC	\$60	\$80
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Prescription Drug: Retail

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UC SHIP EOB

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Informal survey to travel grant recipients (F23 and some of W24) email sent out on 3/27/24. Results = 17, 7, 1; Survey→Equity is NOT a theme

Suggestions from survey would result in less students receiving travel grant:

- Keep \$500 amount
- Prioritize everyone in year 4 and beyond
- Make it similar to GSA's emergency grant

EXTERNAL CO-PRESIDENT

GSA Election Update

Nominations closed on April 3rd - Candidacy Statements must be submitted by tonigT at 11:59PM! Current tally: Internal (1), External (2), VPCE (1), VPFA (1), VPGSA (2), VPEA (1) Next steps: Candidacy statements will be submitted to the Campus Elections Team

and posted on the GSA website!

INTERNAL CO-PRESIDENT

Changes to the lounge
Art displayed in lounge

Looking for collaborators!

- Chancellor's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women
- Discussion event for those experiencing gender marginalization
 - Wednesday, May 22nd - Corwin Pavilion (6-9p)

Tackling questions like:

- How does the staffing shortage crisis disproportionately impact women at UCSB?
- Why is there still disproportionately more women in lower-ranking roles?
- How can we build community with one another across campus and roles?

FOR FUNDING CONSIDERATION

Thriving, Not Just Surviving

Spring Quarter 2024 Budget - Grad Thriving, Not Just Surviving (TNJS)		
Direct Program Expense	Cost (~10 part./group)	Justification
TNJS Workshop Materials	\$720	Snacks, workshop items such as yoga mats, journals, self care supplies etc.
Workshop Associated Costs	\$828	Space rental, transportation, officer stipends, Parking at confidential workshops, etc.
Thriving Facilitators Fee	\$1,952	Provider/Clinician fees, a portion of staff hours to prepare, deliver, and conclude Graduate student only TNJS for the quarter
Total GSA Budget Request	\$3,500	

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

GRADUATE STUDENT LOANER PROGRAM

- UCSB Basic Needs (Thrive) currently offers Chromebooks to students which are significantly below some of the computational needs of graduate students
- Associated Students has launched the Ipads for Equity Program which is not accessible to graduate students
- Need:
 - 2023-2024: 24 gift-chromebook requests, 16 loaner chromebook

requests, 7 Ipad loaner requests, 9 internet support requests, 24 tech subsidy requests

Proposal

- Purchase of 10 laptops and 10 tablets
 - devices: refurbished or new? Any particular brand
 - max cost?
 - models and computational needs?
 - estimated cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000
- management and maintenance through Basic Needs
- Purchase of a storage closet for Basic Needs (\$770)
- available to students as a loan for up to 1 month with possibility of renewal depending on waitlist

TRAVEL LOTTERY

- Travel Grant Lottery System
- Increasing Co-sponsorship Amount for the rest of 2023-2024 academic year

MOTION TABLED FOR NEXT ASSEMBLY

CO-SPONSORSHIP FUNDING

Current funding:

- Any organization can apply for up to \$300 in funding per quarter, to a maximum of \$600 in an academic year

Proposed funding:

- For the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, organizations can apply for an additional \$500 funding, increasing the total sum of funding available to \$1100

The GSA will reach out to all organizations that have received funding and allow them to increase the amount of funding they have received for additional events at the end of the school year!

INCREASE APPROVED

General Assembly

April 9th, 2024

April Attendance



Community Agreements

Community Agreements

- 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
- UCSB Clean Energy Master Plan
- 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

UCSB Clean Energy Master Plan

Scheduling note!

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More to come on this project!~

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- Weekly meeting
- Graduate and non-traditional students
- For anyone seeking recovery
- 12 Step Programs: AA, NA, CMA, OA
- Other abstinence-based programs



- We are seeking \$300/quarter to fund 10 meetings
- \$30/meeting
- Coffee and group-appropriate snacks



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

- **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.

Funding Request: \$300 (½ panelist honorarium)

HOLI (The Festival of Color)

Culture

Holi is the festival of colors to bring people (the UCSB community) together and celebrate the arrival of spring

EVENT

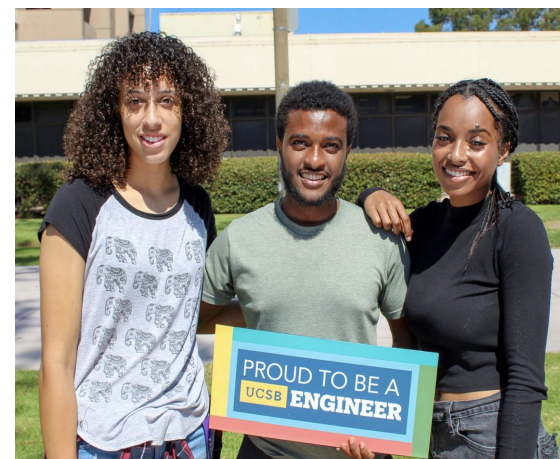
The event is open to everyone at UCSB and is happening on April 13th, Saturday, 3:00-5:00 PM at the Encino lawns in San Celmente Apartments. Organic colors and light refreshment (including vegan options) will be provided by us.

BUDGET

Our budget is around \$630. We have received funding of \$380 and expecting \$250 from the GSA.



The UCSB Black Graduation/Banquet event for graduate students is a ceremony aimed at celebrating the accomplishments of Black graduate students at the University of California, Santa Barbara.



The event recognizes their academic achievements, leadership roles, and contributions to scholarship. Its goal is to create a meaningful and affirming experience for Black graduate students as they transition to the next phase of their academic and professional careers.

The target audience includes graduating Black graduate students, faculty, staff, family, friends, and allies. The event typically includes a formal dinner, guest speakers, student performances, and the distribution of custom stoles to graduating students.

Gevirtz Graduate School of Education Research Symposium

- Community oriented event centering research on education and applied research methodology
- Open to undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and staff
- 2024 keynote speaker: Dr. Anne Charity Hudley, Stanford University School of Education
- Public event on Shoreline and website presence
- Requesting \$300 for refreshments and memorabilia items
- GSA logo placed on website and virtual program

ECP PICNIC OUTING

English Conversation Program Students get together for a burrito picnic outing



Friday, April 12, 5-6pm



SRB Lawn

ITEM	ESTIMATED COST	SPONSOR
SUPER CUCAS BURRITOS	\$18 X 45 PPL = \$675	\$300 FROM OISS +(HOPEFULLY) \$300 FROM GSA
DRINKS + SNACKS	FROM COSTCO	HEALTH & WELLNESS
OTHER SUPPLIES (BLANKETS, UTENCILS, ETC.)	DONATION	HEALTH & WELLNESS

Thank you for considering this request!

Vote!!

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Executive Board Report

Summary of all Executive Officers

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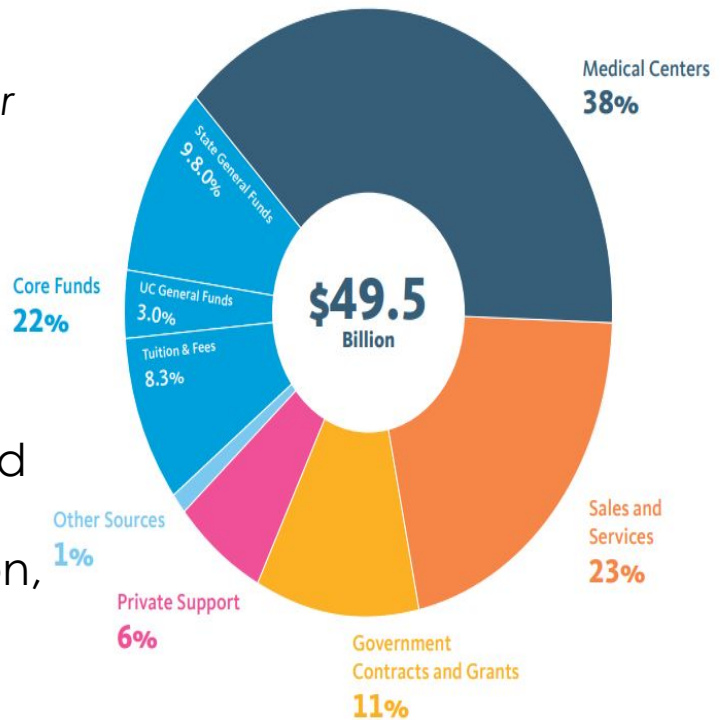
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Display 1: Overview of the University of California Budget, 2023-24 (Estimated)



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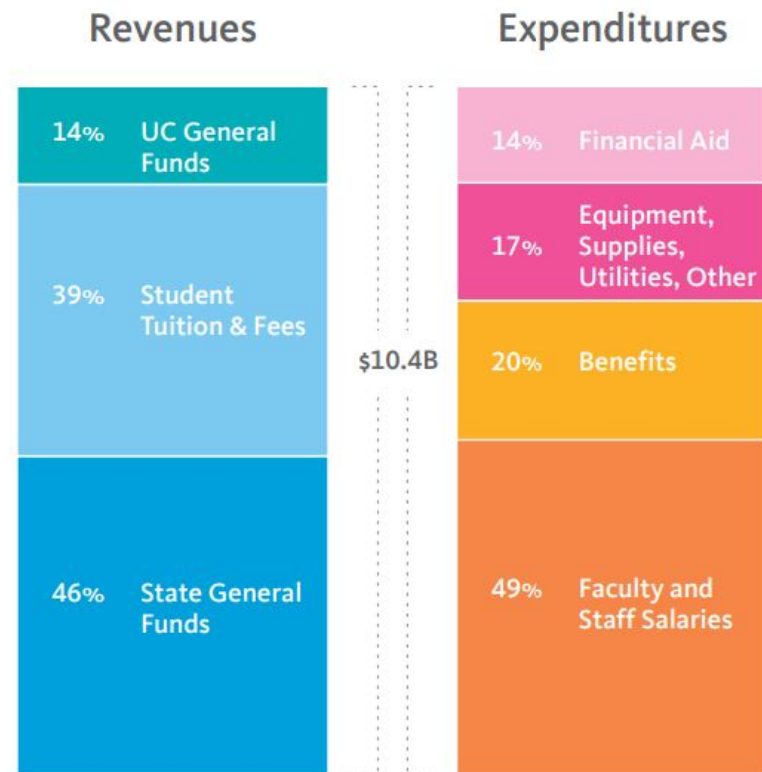
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Display 2: Revenue and Expenditures from Core Funds, 2023-24 (Estimated)



VP Communication & Events: Gustavo Sampaio

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NAVIGATING THE STRESSES OF TEACHING



JOIN US FOR A CONVERSATION
ABOUT COPING AND SELF-CARE

3-5 PM
FRIDAY
04/26
GSA LOUNGE



GET READY!

GSA AND QTOUR PRESENT

DRAG DINNER

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Professional Teams Committee

In addition to the new efforts described above, Student Affairs has already begun to implement new initiatives this winter toward these aims. Stay tuned for additional information about these programs. Examples include:

- **Emergency Mental Health and Trauma Support Fund**, which helps connect students to off-campus resources and community networks for counseling and support.
- **Support for the Graduate Student Association's Professional Teams program**, which promotes graduate student wellbeing.
- **Expansion of the Halal and Kosher Grocery Program**, which provides students who keep Halal or Kosher and have demonstrated financial need with culturally relevant foods and meal kits.
- **Community Dinners**, which are designed to promote listening to student perspectives from various communities and creating meaningful dialogue and connections with campus administration.
- **Further investment in Restorative Justice efforts**, which can be an effective tool for repairing harm and building understanding after critical incidents.

If you have questions, you are always welcome to contact UCSB Student Affairs at vcsoffice@sa.ucsb.edu.

Thank you for your time and good ideas,

Margaret Klawunn, Ph.D.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

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Orientation 1 (11/20)

Orientation 2 (1/29)

TownHall (3/6)

upcoming

SPRING 2024 SURVEYS

SUMMER 2024 CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT???

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UC SHIP Plan Design Standardization Options: Max OOP

Out-of-pocket Maximum

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 - \$4,000 (family = 2x; OON = 2x): -0.6%
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 - 20% up to \$250 (30 day): -0.7%

2023-24 Campus Plan Design

Campus	SHS Specialty Rx	Community Pharmacy Specialty Rx Copay
UCD	\$40	\$40
UC Law SF	N/A	\$40
UCI	\$40	\$50
UCLA	\$40	\$60
UCM	N/A	\$40
UCR	\$50	\$50
UCSB	\$40	\$40
UCSC	\$60	\$80
UCSD	10% to \$100	10% to \$100
UCSF	N/A	\$40
CCA Platinum	N/A	10% to \$250
CCA Gold	N/A	20% to \$250

Key:

* = No UC Family

** = ER Copay applies to UC Family Only

CCA: Covered California Blue Shield PPO

Benchmarking

Medical Plan: Traditional PPO Plans

Prescription Drug: Retail

Specialty



Alliant Book of Business = A-WEST: West, A-ALL: All Employers, A-ALL: All Employers

Mercer 2022 National Survey = M-WEST: West, M-ALL: All Employers, M-ALL: All Employers

Notable Mention TAKE-5 Discussion

1. YES/NO: do you know anyone who was not offered summer 2024 campus employment (teaching, research, etc)?
2. YES/NO: do you know anyone who was not offered fall 2024 campus employment (teaching, research, etc)?
3. YES/NO: do you know of any friends or department-mates who are being encouraged to master out (or to leave UCSB in general)?
4. RXN: what is your rxn to one of your GSA officers possibly resigning next week because of one of those experiences?
5. Any Questions? (the next 3 minutes are all yours, I am here to answer any questions you have!)



SKIP Registration
NAME = Department

VP Financial Affairs: Adrienne Tsikewa

Informal survey to travel grant recipients (F23 and some of W24) email sent out on 3/27/24

Results = 17, 7, 1

What option would you choose?

25 responses



VP Financial Affairs: Adrienne Tsikewa

Survey→Equity is NOT a theme

Suggestions from survey would result in less students receiving travel grant:

- Keep \$500 amount
- Prioritize everyone in year 4 and beyond
- Make it similar to GSA's emergency grant



Annjulie Vester (External Co-President)

GSA Election Update

Nominations closed on April 3rd - Candidacy Statements must be submitted by tonight at 11:59PM!

Current tally: Internal (1), External (1), VPCE (0), VPFA (0), VPGSA (2), VPEA (3)

Next steps: Candidacy statements will be submitted to the Campus Elections Team and posted on the GSA website!

See discussion and action items!

Co-Presidents' Report: Bedlam Oak (Internal)

Changes to the Lounge!!



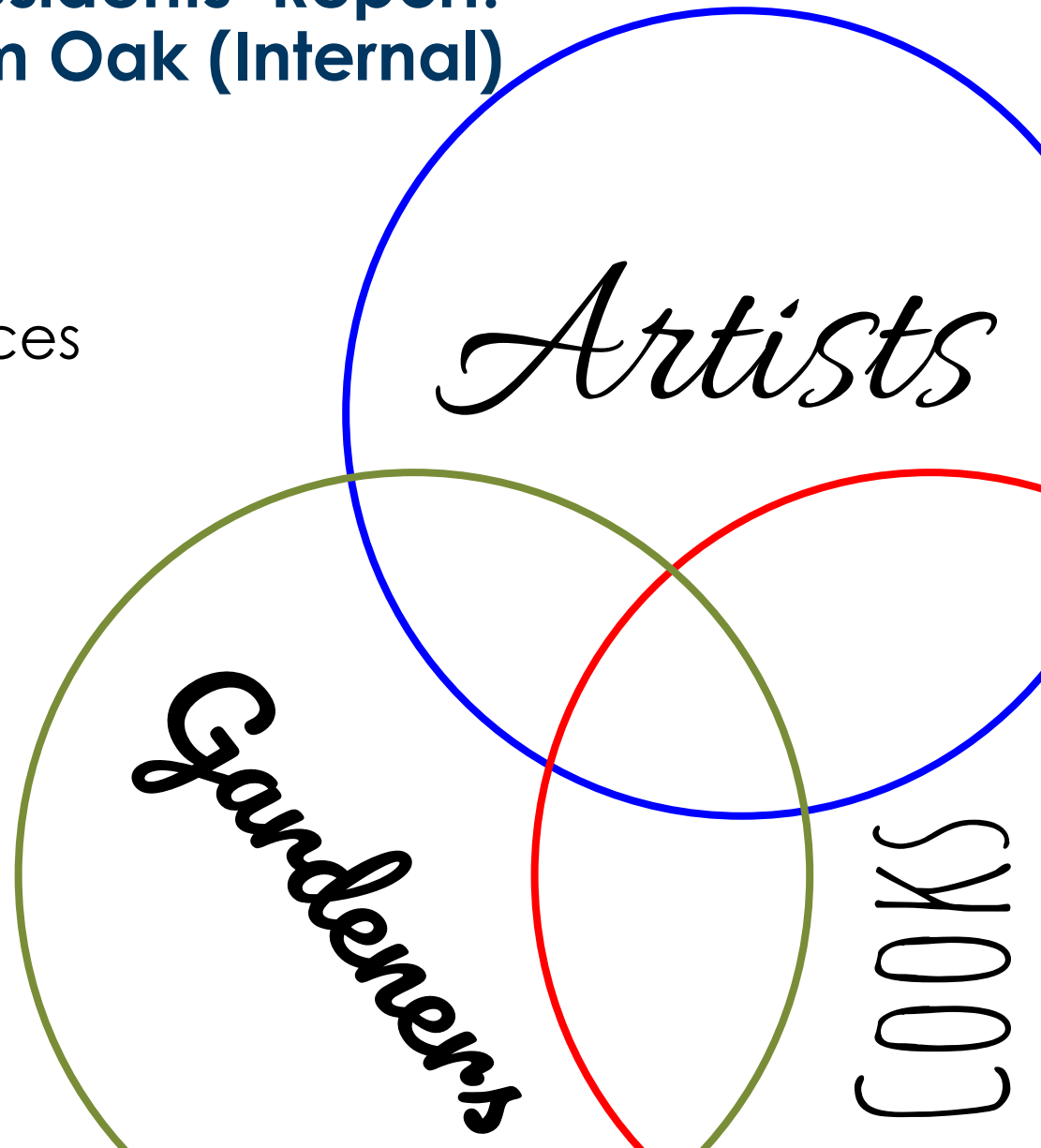
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Find your circle.

- Build community
- Improve grad spaces
- Get Paid

Kick-off Social

- Fri. April 19th
- 4-6p
- GSA Lounge
- Snacks
- Self-care Supplies



Co-Presidents' Report: Bedlam Oak (Internal)

Looking for collaborators!

- Chancellor's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women
- Discussion event for those experiencing gender marginalization
 - Wednesday, May 22nd - Corwin Pavilion (6-9p)

Tackling questions like:

- How does the staffing shortage crisis disproportionately impact women at UCSB?
- Why is there still disproportionately more women in lower ranking roles?
- How can we build community with one another across campus and across roles?

Discussion Item

- **Thriving, Not Just Surviving** Funding Request
 - Lauren Roberts
- **Laptop Loaner Program**

Thriving, Not Just Surviving - Survivor Healing and Recovery Program for Graduate Students

1) The Need

- High rates of IPV on college campuses heavily affect graduate students. Yet, graduate students don't have access to resources and don't feel comfortable going to the same programs undergraduate students do.
- The gap: a safe, and accessible healing space for graduate student survivors offered at no cost.

2) Who We Are - The Thriving Initiative

- A 501(c)(3) **nonprofit offering healing and recovery programs for survivors of sexual assault, stalking, dating and domestic violence (IPV)**. Non-institutional and no mandating reporting.
- We offer community-based, survivor-centered programming for survivors.
- Centering survivors - not trauma.
- We run quarterly, seven week programs featuring diverse healing modalities such as dance, art, and boundaries work led by local clinicians and community members.

3) Our Success

Proven long-term healing benefits (based on survey results):

- Decreased: symptoms of anxiety (-32.5%), sleeping difficulties (-24%), flashbacks (-29%)
- Increased: feelings of safety (+36%), sense of community (+26%), ability to use coping strategies in response to triggers (+38%)



Thriving, Not Just Surviving and the GSA

- **We held two recovery groups this year**
 - Nearly 100 interest forms from grad students since Fall 2021.
- **Hear from previous Grad student participants**
 - The program "has shown me how important it is to make time and space to take care of yourself and your feelings on a consistent basis."
 - *"It felt good to know that there was a space specifically for graduate students because it feels a bit isolating on a campus that is mostly undergrads."*
 - *"I have learned new ways to care for myself and practical ways to incorporate them into my schedule. I also feel less alone in my fight against my trauma."*
- **How GSA can help**
 - We launched our graduate specific program in Fall of 2021, the GSA has helped us by contributing \$3,000 every spring since.
 - GSA's contribution would provide partial funds for essential grad-specific survivor programs.
 - Show support of survivors and ensure the continuity of the healing program for graduate student survivors
 - Your support is crucial to us leverage support from the outside community too.



Thriving, Not Just Surviving Budget - Spring 2024 Funding Request

- 1) Our quarterly, seven-week healing and recovery series is offered exclusively for graduate students.
- 2) We are requesting \$3,500 from GSA. This is a partial funding request, the organization has already covered a significant part of the cost.
- 3) Our programs are offered **free of cost**, and we need your support to continue this crucial piece of our work!

Spring Quarter 2024 Budget - Grad Thriving, Not Just Surviving (TNJS)		
Direct Program Expense	Cost (~10 part./group)	Justification
TNJS Workshop Materials	\$720	Snacks, workshop items such as yoga mats, journals, self care supplies etc.
Workshop Associated Costs	\$828	Space rental, transportation, officer stipends, Parking at confidential workshops, etc.
Thriving Facilitators Fee	\$1,952	Provider/Clinician fees, a portion of staff hours to prepare, deliver, and conclude Graduate student only TNJS for the quarter
Total GSA Budget Request	\$3,500	





Help Our Community ~ Thrive ~ Additional Ways to Show Support

- 1) Tell your friends, students, supporters in the community**
- 2) Join our programs:**

<https://forms.gle/KZXGp6uwTuTqWxVs9>

- 3) Keep in touch:**

Website: thethrivinginitiative.org

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/thrivinginitiative>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/the-thriving-initiative>

Questions?



Graduate Student Laptop Loaner Program

- UCSB Basic Needs (Thrive) currently offers Chromebooks to students which are significantly below some of the computational needs of graduate students
- Associated Students has launched the I pads for Equity Program which is not accessible to graduate students
- Need:
 - 2023-2024: 24 gift-chromebook requests, 16 loaner chromebook requests, 7 Ipad loaner requests, 9 internet support requests, 24 tech subsidy requests

Proposal

- Purchase of 10 laptops and 10 tablets
 - devices: refurbished or new? Any particular brand
 - max cost?
 - models and computational needs?
 - estimated cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000
- management and maintenance through Basic Needs
- Purchase of a storage closet for Basic Needs (\$770)
- available to students as a loan for up to 1 month with possibility of renewal depending on waitlist

Voting Item:

- Travel Grant Lottery System
- Increasing Co-sponsorship Amount for the rest of 2023-2024 academic year

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

ActionItem: Requires changes in the Bylaws and on the website

Increase Co-Sponsorship Funding for the rest of 2023-2024 academic year

Current funding:

- Any organization can apply for up to \$300 in funding per quarter, to a maximum of \$600 in an academic year

Proposed funding:

- For the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, organizations can apply for an additional \$500 funding, increasing the total sum of funding available to \$1100

The GSA will reach out to all organizations that have received funding and give them the opportunity to increase the amount of funding they have received for additional events at the end of the school year!

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VOTE HERE



Next General Assembly:
May 7th, 2024

Adjournment

April Attendance

