

# UC **SANTA BARBARA**

## Graduate Student Association

### **General Assembly Minutes**

MAY 7th | 2024 | 6-8 PM

Zoom Format

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

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### **Introduction and sign-in**

### **Community Agreements**

### **Roll Call (24 representatives present)**

### **Approval of last meeting minutes – – MOTION APPROVED**

### **Approval of current agenda – – MOTION APPROVED**

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Nothing to report.

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### Co-Presidents' Report: Bedlam Oak (Internal)

- New bagel hour appliances
- Events coming up: including planters
- Bus passes for graduate students
- Circle Events
- Block Party

(Please refer to PowerPoint at the end of this document for more information)

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#### 1. Vote on Travel Grant

Option 2: APPROVED

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APPROVED

#### 3. Vote on Block Party for Liberation

APPROVED AT 5,000 OR LESS

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# General Assembly

May 7th, 2024

For GA reps only:

May 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
- Vacancy Announcement
- Re-vote: GSA Travel Grant
- Administration Reports
- Co-sponsorship Presentations (1)
- Executive Board Report
- Action Items
- Announcements
- Adjournment

# **Last Meeting Minutes and Current Agenda Approval**

Assembly Vote Required

## External Co-President vacancy

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## Travel Grant Lottery Vote

During the April GA, representatives voted on the following options, but the vote was not decisive! The vote will be repeated today. Link below! Only GA representatives may vote - if one option does not win plurality + 1, Co-Presidents cast their vote to break the tie.



# Administration Reports

GSA Advisor

Graduate Division

Graduate Council

GSRC

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# Graduate Division



## **Co-sponsorship Funding Running Tally:**

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6 funded at greater sums

\$4,200 remaining of \$15,000 in fund

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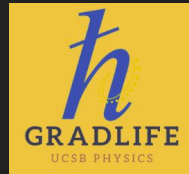


## GRADUATE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

# End-of-Year Social

- **What is GSP:** Peer mentoring program where advanced graduate mentors work with 1st and 2nd year graduate mentees
- **Event:** Off-campus social in downtown SB on June 6th, 5pm-8pm during Santa Barbara First Thursday for free museum and gallery admissions
- **Objective:** Celebrate work and achievements of mentors and mentees, give mentoring families a chance to gather before graduation, get new grads off campus
- **Budget:** Requesting the full \$500 allowance for Spring 2024 to pay for meals at Public Market for about 20 grads

# Physics/Engineering Grad/Undergrad Mixer



Materials Student  
Association

- Event Details: Expect 60-80 people, will run from 5-7 PM on Thursday, May 23rd, and will be held outside of Broida at the picnic benches
- Goal of Event: Promote communication between physics, engineering, and materials graduate and undergraduate students, as well as help give students access to new research opportunities and other academic resources. Will also provide name tags to identify grad and undergraduate students based on subfield and interest.
- Funding Request: \$400 for Lily's Taqueria, \$50 for Soda, \$50 for plates and utensils. Goal is to provide food for speakers and attendees to make the event accessible to anyone. Vegan options included with veggie tacos.

# Research-Prep Mentorship Program

- 9 Graduate mentors
- 2-3 undergraduate mentees per grad student

**Goal:** Build and polish the mentorship skills of our graduate student mentors  
Foster creativity and excitement for science amongst undergraduate mentees

Fall: Introductory  
Research-Presentation  
Winter: 2 lab rotations  
Spring: Flash talk seminar  
1 lab rotation  
Final Research Presentation

Requesting \$450

Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry

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## Graduate Student Association



In celebration of the 20th anniversary of the PhD program in Chicana/o Studies at UCSB, graduate students Cynthia de la Rosa, Alejandra Mejia-Pulido and Diana Sanchez are painting two murals to honor the extensive history of student activism that led to the formation of the doctoral program. We hope the mural not only serves to commemorate the sacrifices of the student hunger strikers from 1994 but also acknowledges the ways in which students of color are unapologetically taking up space in the ivory tower.

Before our event, we have to install the murals in the hallway of the Department of Chicana/o Studies in South Hall. Once the murals are installed we will unveil the art work and invite the larger community at UCSB to see the murals. We want to offer light refreshments and snacks.

Requesting \$500



*Vote!!*

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Summary of all Executive Officers

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to spend money  
to benefit grad  
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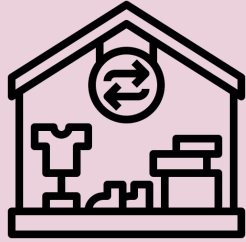
Excellence in Teaching and  
Service Award selection  
process underway!

# Circles Events

Spring 2024

## Building Grad Community, One Event at a Time

Wanna join and get paid for your labor? Email [bedlam@ucsb.edu](mailto:bedlam@ucsb.edu) to find your circle



### Thrift Swap Event

Amanda Maheras - MCDB  
Sofia Cavaness - COMM  
Sloane Stephenson - Bren  
Cali Pflieger - Bren

#### One Event Planned:

Thrift Swap \$300  
(supplies and snacks)

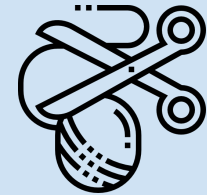


### Native Plant Swap and Community Building

Negar Farajiani - Art  
Justine Schulte - Materials  
Madeline Vailhe - Materials  
Akshaya Jagganathan -  
Bren

#### Two Events Planned:

Planter Decoration \$300  
Native Plant Exchange  
\$400  
(supplies and snacks)



### Craft Swap and Teach-in

Mary Michael - FMST  
Elena Mailander - History  
Bernadette Lewis -  
Community Member  
Leila Shahidi - Undergrad

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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
<b>Total GSA Budget Request</b>	<b>\$3,500</b>	





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# BLOCK PARTY FOR LIBERATION

FRIDAY, MAY 31 | 12-4P

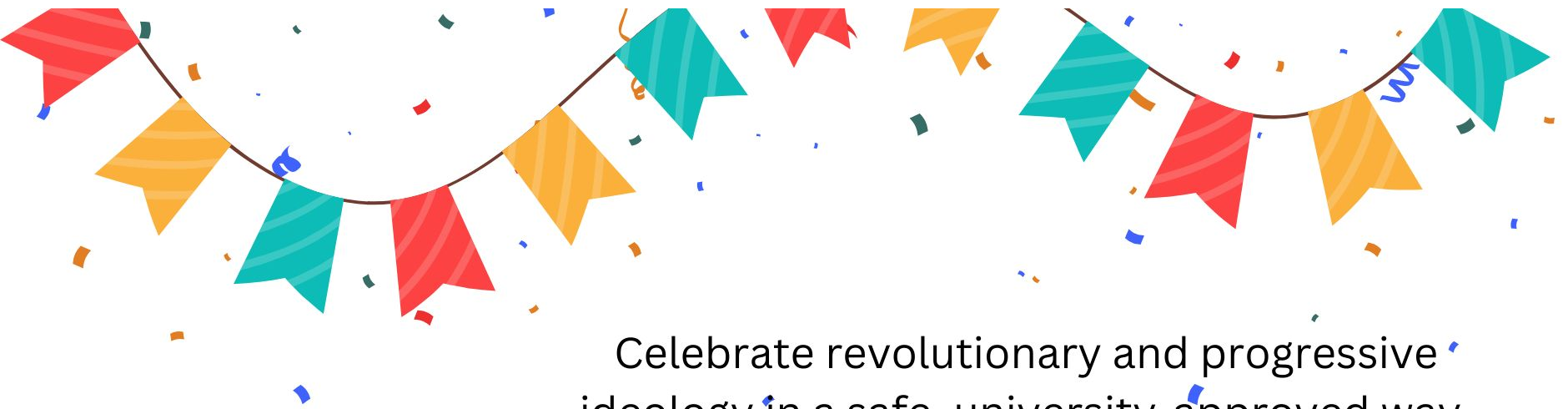
Music Food Art Builds

Teach-ins Workshops



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Celebrate revolutionary and progressive ideology in a safe, university-approved way.

Bring the campus community together to engage in food, art, music, learning, and teaching.

## GOALS

Location: Main stage at lawn under Storke Tower  
Satellite locations at Annex, SRB Lawn and GSA Lounge

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# COLLABORATORS

Office of DEI

Center for Feminist Futures

Women's Center

Student Affairs

Multi-Cultural Center

## AS OFFICES

Human Rights Board

Student Commission on Racial Equality

Commission on Culture, Arts and Joy

Queer and Trans Commission

AS Programming Board

This event is intended to be a flexible space where participants can bring what they want to share and enjoy the offerings of others.



# WHAT WILL \$5000 BE USED FOR?

**\$2000**

Compensation for  
Grad Helpers

**\$2000**

Food for Attendees

**\$1000**

Supplies for art builds

Thank you for listening and hope to see you there!

*Vote!!!*

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- Any questions about the currently known facts of this labor action?

# Break-out Group Discussion

We will put you into break-out groups for the following exercise:

1. Select one member of the group to take notes in the sent google doc
2. Talk about the following questions together:
  - a. How are we feeling about a potential strike?
  - b. What are some things you think rank-and-file members should be keeping in mind as this approaches?
  - c. What are some things you think leaders should keep in mind as the strike approaches?
  - d. Is there anything you are worried about in regards to a strike?
  - e. Is there anything you are excited about in regards to a strike?



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**Adjournment**