

UC **SANTA BARBARA**

Graduate Student Association

General Assembly Minutes
NOV 12th | 2024 | 6-8 PM
Zoom

Meeting called by GSA Internal Co-President Gustavo Prado Sampaio
Minutes recorded by Alexander Luckmann, VP of Communication & Events

Introduction and sign-in

Community Agreements

Roll Call (25 representatives present)

Approval of last meeting minutes – – MOTION APPROVED

Approval of current agenda – – MOTION APPROVED

Co-sponsorship Requests

- House Show Fall 2024 #1 (APPROVED)
 - Lucy Bell
- House Show Fall 2024 #2 (APPROVED)
 - Lucy Bell
- 27th Annual Workshop of American Indigenous Languages (WAIL 27) (APPROVED)
 - Cormac League
- XXIII Hispanic and Lusophone Conference (APPROVED)
 - Aline de Almeida
- Life & Non-Life Science Mixer (APPROVED)
 - Siena McKim

Election Items

1. Special Election: Vice President of External Affairs

Each candidate was allotted three minutes for remarks, followed by a 10 minute total Q&A time. The candidates were: Sarah Bacon, Miriam Burnett, Reilly Clark, Onasis Mora, Sajah Parikh, Mali Sarita Ramsurat, Adyant Srinivasan, Jing Su. In the third round of ranked-choice voting, Sarah Bacon was elected with 56% of the vote.

2. Revision of GSA Constitutional Language

Revision of GSA Constitution to include the following language:

ARTICLE X: ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP, MISCONDUCT, & DISCRIMINATION

It is important to note that Registered Campus Organization (RCO) leaders are not permitted to prohibit individual students from participating in their organization, in adherence to the University's non-discrimination policy. If an officer becomes aware of a potential case of misconduct involving a member or prospective member of the registered campus organization, it is strongly recommended that RCO leaders first seek counsel from Student Engagement and Leadership (SEAL) Professional Staff for guidance on specific cases. The officer can also seek guidance from the [Title IX Compliance and Discrimination and Harassment Prevention Office \("TIX/DHP Office"\)](#) and/or the [Office of Student Conduct](#) for a case consultation.

ARTICLE XI: NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

As a Registered Campus Organization, in accordance with applicable Federal and State Laws and University policy does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, pregnancy, disability, age, medical condition (cancer-related), ancestry, marital status, citizenship, sexual orientation, or status as a Vietnam-era veteran or special disabled veteran.

The meeting fell below the quorum required for $\frac{2}{3}$ passage. This item was tabled until the next General Assembly.

3. Laptop Loaner Program

Initiative to buy 5 Macs and 5 PCs as emergency loaners for graduate students. Anticipated initial cost for EQ 2024: \$17,000. Anticipated annual replacement and repair cost: \$3,000. Motion is approved.

Administration Reports

Graduate Division

- Dr. Robert Hamm: The Graduate Division, with approval of the Graduate Council, has instituted new language: "Probation" → "Warning"
 - Process: Monitoring → Warning → Disqualification
 - Change in terminology only; [procedures remain the same](#)

Executive Board Reports

- Quarterly Meeting with Library: Collaborating around UCSB Reads 2025 *The Book of Delights* by Ross Gay; contact sarakelly@ucsb.edu to arrange advance copy for course planning. Possible workshop on Archival Methods/Research
- Graduate Council: Program Review Overview (5 Programs up for review this year)
- Beginning work on Housing Survey; if you took it last year and have suggestions on how to improve the survey please email laurasnell@ucsb.edu
- Chancellor Search Townhall for Students: Wednesday Nov. 20th from 4:30-5:30pm on Zoom. Register in advance via this [google form](#). See <https://chancellorsearch.ucsb.edu/> for details.

Overview of GSA Funding and Budget

Bedlam Oak explained basics of GSA funding and budget:

- We Take In Money: We receive a fee for each graduate student enrolled. These fees are usually paid for by employing department. Current fees that grad students pay
 - \$19.83/quarter for GSA Lock-in Fee
 - \$17.01/quarter for emergency, childcare, travel grants, and internship grant
 - \$332.51/quarter for other campus fees
- We Allocate Money: Of the money we take in, we can only allocate money from the GSA Lock-in Fee. We are expecting ~\$174k in income this year, with ~\$154k of carryforward from previous years. Our allocations are not set in stone, but represent our priorities
- We Spend Money: Spending money is tremendously difficult, and we are bound to both campus and state rules. Our goal is manage and decrease bureaucratic challenges to improve services to graduate students.

Adjournment