UC **SANTA BARBARA**
Graduate Student Association

General Assembly Minutes
December 3 | 2024| 6-8 PM
Zoom
Quorum achieved (22/33 present for voting)

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

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Introduction and sign-in

Community Agreements

Approval of last meeting minutes – – MOTION APPROVED

Approval of current agenda – – MOTION APPROVED

Administration Reports

- Announcement of Grad Slam for Spring 2025.
- Graduate Division working to have professors adopt mentoring agreements.
- Search for Vice-Chancellor of Graduate Education is underway.

Election Items

1. 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.

Motion approved: 22 yes, 0 abstaining, 0 no.

2. Approval of Interim Graduate Club Funding

Discussion of ask, by Bedlam Oak, VPFA, of $8,000 quarterly funding for Graduate Clubs for Winter and Spring quarters each. This support will allow Grad Clubs to build on seed funding from startup microgrants. Motion approved.

Budget Presentation

Bedlam Oak, VPFA, explained GSA 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 to manage and decrease bureaucratic challenges to improve services to graduate students.
- Summary: Total expenses this year amount to $192,710; total income is $174,000; we will use approximately $19,000 from extensive GSA savings to cover the difference.
- Bedlam pointed to three fee proposals that will be on the 2025 election ballot.
    - Travel Grant Fee Increase: now $5.71/quarter; proposed: $11.42/quarter. This is because conferences are expensive and, with new travel grant rules, we granted 80 students only $153 in Fall

- New Grad Clubs Fee: now $0; proposed $7.50/quarter: Community building costs money and paying grad students to build community has been effective
- GSA Lock-In Fee Increase: now $19.83/quarter: proposed TBD as part of larger GSA Executive Board restructuring, to be discussed at next GSA GA. We need new roles and positions to advocate for students.

Adjournment

ADDENDUM JANUARY 30: NO CO-SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS WERE SUBMITTED FOR OR DISCUSSED AT THIS MEETING.