

UC **SANTA BARBARA**

Graduate Student Association

General Assembly Minutes

April 8 | 2024 | 6-8 PM

GSA Lounge

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 (21 representatives present; simple majority quorum; some additional representatives joined later)

Approval of last meeting minutes – – MOTION APPROVED
UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of current agenda – – MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Administration Reports

Graduate Division (Dr. Robert Hamm)

- Graduate Experience Survey
 - Reminder to please take the Graduate Experience Survey so Carlos doesn't have to make sad faces at Bagel Hour
- Incoming class
 - Fall SIRs have been abnormally high. Some leveling off, but still 10% higher than ever before. April 15 is the big deadline, so will have final numbers in May GA.
- UCSHIP
 - First time in memory UCSHIP rates have gone down, in part thanks to Sloane's advocacy.
- Visa revocations
 - So far at UCSB, 4 undergrad visas revoked. All students had prior minor/trifling contact with justice system. Grad Div is monitoring situation closely; Deans meeting daily.

Student Affairs (Dr. Emma Parker)

- Grad student guide
 - Close to releasing resource guide for grad students, highlighting particularly relevant info.
- Support in these times
 - If there are any concerns at this moment that Office of Student Life can help with, please email. Emphasized that grad students are just as much constituents as undergrads.

Graduate Student Resource Center (Grace Kimball)

- GSRC events and deadlines
 - Grad SLam local round over. UCSB winner cannot attend overall competition; runner-up attending in stead
 - Wine and cheese event on April 10
 - Dissertation write-in apps open next week for June session

Co-sponsorship Requests

- Gauchos for Recovery Graduate and Non-Traditional Students Meeting. Request for \$600 for snacks and beverages approved unanimously.
- XXIII Hispanic and Lusophone Conference. Request for \$1100 for speaker, interpreter, and conference costs approved unanimously.
- Center for Cold War Studies and International History/Cold War Working Group: 21st International Graduate Student Conference on the Cold War. Request for \$1400 for hotel, food, transportation, administrative fees approved unanimously.
- Reproducible Journal Club. Request for \$600 for food and NA drinks approved unanimously.
- Comp Sci Peer Mentorship. Request \$600 for lunch approved unanimously.
- Photonic Society at UCSB. Request for \$600 for Quantum Industry Showcase approved unanimously.
- Soft Matter Lunch Seminar targeted at Bio Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Materials, and Physics departments. Request for \$600 for lunch approved unanimously.
- ECE Game Night - largely for engineering and related departments to foster socializing. Request for \$600 for food and drinks.
- Political Science Grad Colloquium. Grad and invited speakers. Request for \$600 for food and drinks approved unanimously.

GSA Internal Co-President Report (Gustavo Prado Sampaio)

- Looking for one more jury member from Science and Engineering for Excellence

in Teaching Awards.

GSA External Co-President Report (Laura Snell)

- Chancellor meetings
 - Moving regularly scheduled meeting with Chancellor Yang sooner to discuss visa revocations etc.
- Divisional deans meeting
 - No preemptive compliance or cuts from Divisional Deans.
 - Desire for admin, faculty, and students to collaborate in regard to these issues that affect us all.
- Request for concrete asks to convey to Chancellor Yang and Divisional Deans from grad students.
 - Will UCPD respect sanctuary law?
 - Assurance that if any TAs were to get cut below 50%, grad students would retain full benefits.
 - Ask for somewhat more concrete messaging from OISS, with the knowledge that this is difficult due to fear of legal challenges.
 - OISS presentation at GSA Lounge (and possibly other presentations).
 - International/domestic grad student buddy system.
 - ICE workshops for TAs.

● GSA VP of External Affairs Report (Sarah Bacon)

- UCGPC trip to Sacramento ask for interested attendees.
- Advocacy trip to DC, ask for interested attendees.
- Ask for concrete stories for advocacy - "human" and personal stories carry great weight with legislators.
- Police Accountability Board meeting tomorrow - had no attendees from the public last time.
- UCGPC elections open soon - contact Sarah if interested.

GSA Elections Update (Bedlam)

- Elections Tuesday, April 22- Friday, April 25.
- On the ballot:
 - Constitutional Rewrite
 - New Fees
 - Increase to Travel Fee (\$5.71 -> \$11.42/quarter)
 - Grad Club Fee (\$5.94/quarter)

- Increase to GSA Block Grant (\$19/83 -> \$31.56/quarter)
- Renewal of Fees
 - Arts and Lectures fee (\$7.56/quarter)
 - Night and Weekend Parking (\$5/quarter)
 - Grad Student Internship Fellowship (\$1.65/quarter)
 - Student Medical Emergency Relief Fund (SMERF) (\$0.89/quarter)
- Officers (each gave 1 minute statement)
 - External Co-President: Laura Snell
 - Internal Co-President: Gustavo Prado Sampaio
 - VP of Communications and Events: Jing Su
 - VP of External Affairs: Sarah Bacon
 - VP of Financial Affairs: Taylor Martin del Campo
 - VP of Graduate Student Affairs: Patrick Tugwell
- PLEASE VOTE!!!!

Bylaws Update

- Exec Board beginning revision of bylaws in mid-April.

Adjournment