

General Assembly

November 4th | 2025 | 6-8 PM

GSA Lounge

6:00 PM	Introduction
6:05 PM	Community Agreements
6:10PM	Roll Call -31, quorum met Approval of Last Meeting Minutes (Requires Assembly Vote) Motion of Henry Seconded Vayne(electrical engineering) Unanimous vote Approval of Current Agenda (Requires Assembly Vote)
6:15PM	Campus/Administration Reports - Enri Lala - Internal vp of associated students - Increase connection between undergrads and grads to have better communication with the admin - Great kudos to Laura for the work she has put in on the behalf of graduate students - Committee on Student Fees - No students have had voting rights for things that directly impact students - One of the projects Enri and Laura are working on - Looking for more collaboration and ways to work together to improve the connections - UC Immigration Legal Services - New UC immigration attorney that are ready to provide free services to students for legal information for oneself and family. - Grace, Grad Student Resource Center

	Upcoming Fall Events - Understanding Money Workshop Part 2: November 7th on Zoom - IRB Workshop: November 18th in Library Room 1312 - A Grad Student's Declassified Conference Survival Guide: November 20th on Zoom - Grad Writing Network: - Fellowship and Grant Prep Workshop: December 2nd in the SRB First Floor Conference Room - Three hours of writing time each week Looking for Undergraduates to Judge Grad Slam 2026 - If you know a undergrad who might enjoy this opportunity, please give them my email (gracekimball@ucsb.edu). - - Matt, Grad Chair, Graduate Council - Revisions to the academic personnel manuals - Just one thing that might be related to graduate education - Provision for new requirements for writing letters of rec for graduate students - Speaks to the open endedness of whether they are writing as a professor or as a supervisor - Carlos, Student Engagement and LEadership - Invitation to: Ways of Change - 8 week program for leadership development - Cohort based program - Application on shoreline
6:25PM	Executive Board Updates - Laura (6:35pm) - AS Graduate Council - AS Council on Planning and Budget - How many faculty need to exist at any given time - FTE amounts - Concern: recent announcement of the president's postdoc pilot initiative being

cut as a hiring initiative without consultation of anyone

- Is this something we would want to issue a statement about?
- AS Faculty Legislature
 - All the Faculty
- AS Undergraduate Council
 - About undergraduate education
 - We serve on it because we teach their classes
 - Concern: not properly informed about how to handle an immigration enforcement agent in their classes
- Campus Planning Committee
 - These are the people that plan buildings
- Associated Students
 - Undergrad
- Meeting with student representatives and Library
 - AS is pushing for 24 hour access
 - They were able to keep the library open for more hours, instead of closing all night
 - The Library will remain open to UCSB students, faculty, and staff from 1:00 AM to 3:00 AM on Sunday-Thursday nights for Study Commons in the Learning Commons on the 1st and 2nd Floors, Mountain Side. Study Commons is made possible in part through funding support from UCSB Associated Students (AS) and a partnership between the Library and AS, the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, and the UCSB Police Department.
 - Exception: During Dead Week and Finals Week, Late Night Study hours will be 6:00 PM to 7:00 AM, ensuring exclusive 24-hour access for UCSB students,

	faculty, and staff during the busiest times of the academic year. - Food Insecurity - Over a month of government shut down - Interim measure to pay out half of CalFresh benefits - 44% of UC students report food insecurity - Budget Cuts - We are 60 million dollars in the whole as a campus - Chancellor Assonis - Is basically looking for ways to either cut 60 million or make 60 million dollars - His goals are right sizing departments - Another idea of his is starting a professionalization school - Laptop Loaner Program now LIVE - Vice President, External Affairs - UCGPC - FGR Impact Program - Student Advocates Regents Meeting - Opportunity to speak to regents - STAR Program - Backstage access to talk with the regents and others at UCOP level - If you have a particular topic that does not have good advocacy, this is a good place to do that - Vice President, Events - GSA Friendsgiving - Monday, November 24th 6pm-8pm - Catered food - Hoping to meet student needs in terms of food insecurity
6:45PM	Budget Update

	- Laura speaking in place for Taylor - General Fund Updates - Scan the QR code to review the General Fund Updates - Emergency Grant - Currently we have 28 applicants for fall quarter. 28 applicants have been reviewed and 9 have been approved (32.14%). Applicants who were denied either had too much in savings, were not eligible for the grant as they have already applied twice, had loans available, or did not apply for FAFSA (which they were eligible for). - We can't bypass the rule about loan eligibility (which most students have) but we can work against it if people are interested... it is a long process - Childcare Grant - The GSA lifted the 5 quarters max award during a student's academic tenure. - Currently 41 applicants have been approved! \$14,700 has been awarded to student parents. - Travel Grant - GSA would like to request from the carryforward - Henry Motions to Carry the Vote - 7:14pm Motion on whether to approve the additional funding the fall quarter travel grant , to add 26k from the carry-forward - Christmas seconds - 35 approved - Motion passes at 7:16pm
7:16PM	Co-Sponsorship Language (Requires Assembly Vote) - We made a decision last academic year to increase the total amount that organizations and students could ask of co-sponsorships. We are looking to make this a permanent change: - Old language: - 7.c.h. The GSA Assembly will provide a maximum contribution of \$300.00 per event or

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7:10PM	Co-Sponsorships (Requires Assembly Vote) - Photonics Society at UCSB - Organized a BBQ in October - Yuri: One time event or recurring? - Motion to approve this retroactive request for \$600 - Second by Ojaf - Majority, yes - Motion passed - Friday Noon Seminar

	- Weekly seminar from life sciences department - Forum for advanced PhD candidates to present their research - All are welcome to come listen - Requesting money for lunch, maximum allotment - Previously had \$4500 to spend on this but all funding got cut - Motion to approve \$600 - Christmas seconded - Unanimous approval - Motion passes - Golden State Stories - Sarah, second year in Theater and Dance - Chicano theater in their third year looking to produce a performance written by UCSB students - Christmas Motions to approve - Patrick seconded - Motion passes - EEMB, Departmental Mixer - Aiming for environmental sciences mixer for graduate students to encourage collaborations - Request for \$600 - Motion to approve from Christmas - Seconded by Patrick - Motion passes
7:40PM	Grad Clubs Program (Requires Assembly Vote) - Bedlam - We have 17 clubs this year - Graduate Student Grad Club Fees
	Travel Grant (Requires Assembly Vote)
7:54PM	Bylaws Revision Update - We are meeting this Friday from 1-4pm, please come to help look over and think through graduate student needs and how they are represented in the ByLaws
7:57PM	Open Forum
8:00	Adjournment

	Motion to adjourn by Patrick Christmas seconds Adjourned
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Questions or comments concerning this Agenda should be directed to the GSA Co-President Internal at gsa-int-co-president@ucsb.edu.

General Assembly
Graduate Student Association
November 4th, 2025

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using this
form!**



Community Agreements

- No recording
- Respect the speaker
- One mic, one diva
- Step up step back
- Decorum

Meeting Agenda

- Community Agreements
- Last Meeting Minutes and Current Meeting Agenda Approval
- Robert's Rules of Order: A Brief Overview
- Campus/Administration Reports
- Executive Board Updates
- Budget Update
- Co-Sponsorship Language Vote
- Co-sponsorships
- Grad Clubs
- Travel Grant
- Bylaws Review
- Event Announcements
- Public Forum
- Adjournment

Last Meeting Minutes and Current Agenda Approval

Assembly Vote Required

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. **Discussion:** The members may discuss 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.

Administration Reports

Associated Students

Student Affairs: Dean of Students

GSA Advisor

Graduate Division & GSRC

Graduate Council

UC **SANTA BARBARA**

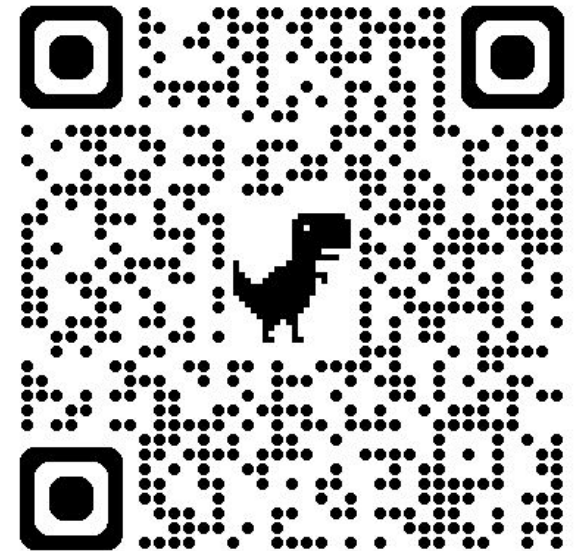
Graduate Student Association

Enri Lala

- Representing Associated Students

A New Immigration Attorney

- **UC Immigrant Legal Services** has hired a new immigration attorney: Yoxira Espinoza
- UC IMM serves the immigration-related legal needs of undocumented and immigrant students, their immediate family members, as well as UCSB Staff.
- Free service includes: legal intakes, advice, representation, and/or referrals and legal support for informational and know-your-rights sessions.
- Current UCSB students might be eligible for financial support to pay for USCIS applications, such as DACA renewals.
- **Visit their website:**
<https://ucimm.law.ucdavis.edu/>

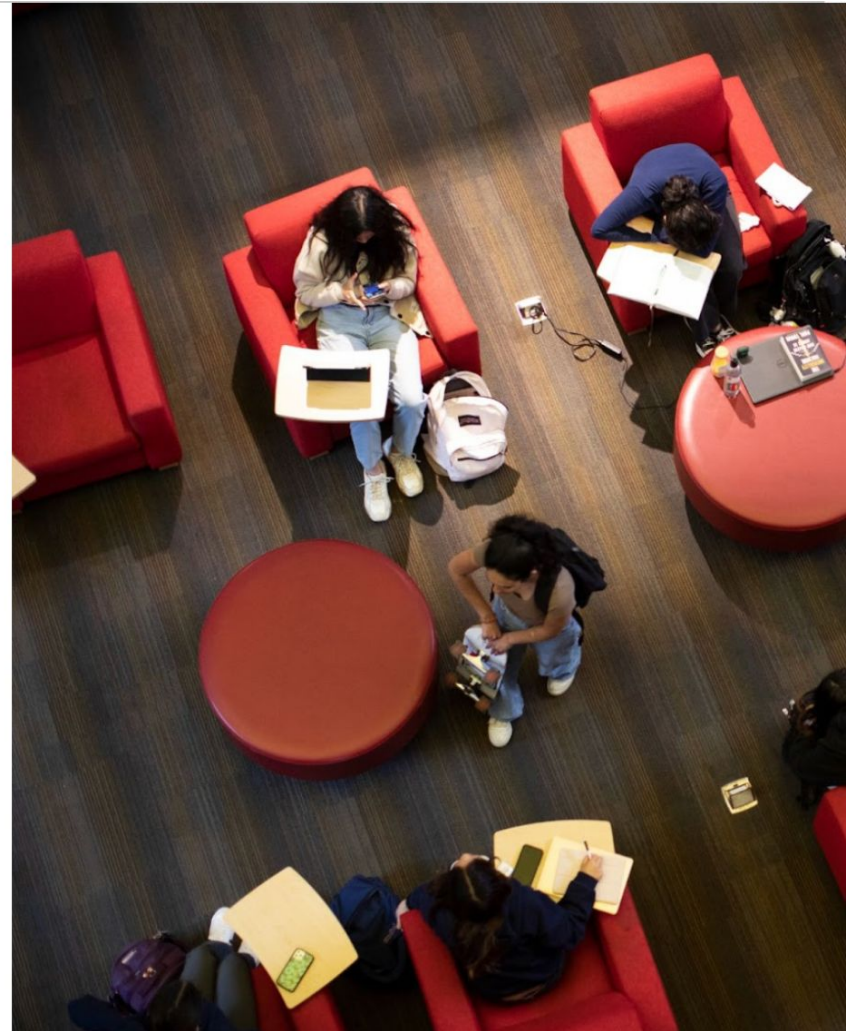


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Executive Board Updates

External Co-President

- AS Graduate Council
- AS Council on Planning and Budget
- AS Faculty Legislature
- AS Undergraduate Council
- Campus Planning Committee
- Associated Students
- Graduate Division
- Student Affairs
- Library
- Meeting with AS Leadership, Chancellor, EVC, VC Miller, and VC Mac Pherson on Library
- Meeting with Chief Blythe
- Meeting with AS Divisional Chair Rita Raley regarding pressing campus issues
- Campus and System Budgets
- Food Insecurity
- Laptop Loaner Program
- Upcoming: Monthly Student Affairs, President Milliken, Chancellor Assanis (TBD)

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Graduate Student Association

Vice President, External Affairs

UCGPC/FGR Impact Program/Student Advocates

Regents Meeting/StAR program

Vice President, Events

- GSA Friendsgiving
 - Monday, November 24, 6pm @GSA lounge
 - Mark your calendar and tell your friends!
 - RSVP on shoreline out soon



please Join us for



GSA
Friendsgiving

NOVEMBER 24



6-8 PM

@ GSA Lounge

Let's gather together for a feast filled
with great food, friends, and laughter!



General Fund Updates

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Please scan the QR code if you would like to review the General Fund updates!

Important Note: FinHub is the new system the UC has adopted to report out expenses. Currently the VPFA does not have access to FinHub and will need to complete trainings through UC learning that are not yet available. Once the trainings are available, the VPFA will be able to pull records to track expenses in the grey areas without a value.



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Travel Grant

There are currently **143 applicants** for Fall quarter! The GSA has allocated **~\$30,000** from the travel grant to cover the expenses of **80** graduate students. The GSA would like to request from the General Assembly to reserve **\$26,000** of the General Fund carry forward to pay the additional applicants! More detailed info to follow.

**Vote on Extending Co-Sponsorship Decision
from 2024-2025**

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Co-Sponsorships



PHOTONICS SOCIETY at UCSB

AN OPTICA, SPIE & IEEE PHOTONICS SOCIETY STUDENT CHAPTER

2025 Photonics BBQ Picnic

Thursday, Oct 16th at 5 pm

Goleta Beach Area D

***LOCATION CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR**

Come and hang out with photonics graduate students and meet local photonic company representatives!

SB Chicken Ranch Catering with chicken and Tri-tip, beans, rice, salsa, tortillas, and drinks.

Friday Noon Seminar (FNS) GSA Funding Proposal

What: *Weekly* seminar (based on presenter availability) for research progress presentations by advanced PhD students. A student-led space fostering grad student collaboration & community.

Who: MCDB and BMSE graduate students (no faculty, department officials, or undergraduates).

Cost: *Weekly* lunch (~\$300 each), department quarterly funding of \$2000 was fully cut this quarter, which was already reduced from the adequate funding of \$4500 a few years ago.

Funding request: \$600 toward lunch to help alleviate the sudden, drastic budget cut.

Golden State Stories: Local and Global Legacies

Our event, "Golden State Stories: Local and Global Legacies" will be presented the weekend preceding Thanksgiving (Nov 21-23)! The performance night will feature "Actos" performed by members of the local theater group Teatro Caló.

These actos, or skits, have been performed around the globe by Teatro Campesino, a California-based theater troupe led by Luis Valdez in the wake of the United Farm Workers strikes in the 60s. Original 10-minute plays (written by UCSB students) surrounding Isla Vista and Goleta histories will also be presented as staged readings during the event.

UC Santa Barbara
Ecology, Evolution, and Marine Biology
Graduate Student Advisory Committee
presents:



December 4th, 2025

EEMB GSAC is presenting its **2nd Annual Interdepartmental Mixer for the Environmental Sciences** this winter! We plan on having free food and NA drinks for everyone who attends as well as fun activities like a maker's market where graduate students will be selling their art.

We will be advertising this event via multiple departmental email listservs and posters in Life Sciences buildings as well as on our EEMB instagram **@eemb_ucsb**



Interdepartmental Mixer

Event Estimated Total Budget: ~\$400

Budget:

- Pizza - \$150
- NA drinks + snacks - \$100
- Lighting and table rentals - \$150



Other Funding Sources:
EEMB Department

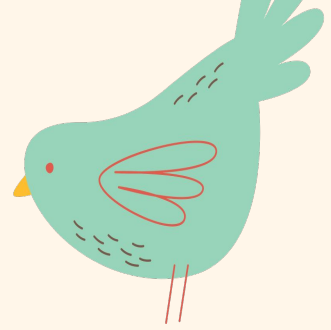


Requesting \$300 from GSA



Grad Clubs

BRIEF HISTORY



Before Fall 2024, we did not have Grad Clubs.

2024-2025 was our launch year!

In the 2025 election, Grad Students approved
\$40,000 to fund Grad Clubs for Future Years!

Graduate Student Grad Clubs Fee

Do you wish to approve the creation of a Graduate Student Grad Clubs Fund mandatory fee of \$5.94 (\$4.45 goes to the fund, \$1.49 is for return-to-aid) per graduate student, per quarter (excluding summer) to support community building amongst graduate students? Of the \$4.45, a 10% administrative assessment will be charged to all non-capital expenditures. If passed, the fee would continue to be collected until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2029; otherwise, the fee will sunset at the end of spring 2029.

Proposed Plan for Grad Clubs



HOW IT WORKS



Grad Students volunteer to be club coordinators for a given club.

They do the labor to run said club.

They receive support, a stipend, and meeting/supplies funding.

2025–26 CLUBS!

Art Club

Basketball Club

Board Game Club

Climbing Club

Cycling Club

D&D Club

Garden Club

Swing Dance

Hiking Club

House Show

Magic the Gathering Club*

Parents Club

Pickleball Club*

Running Club

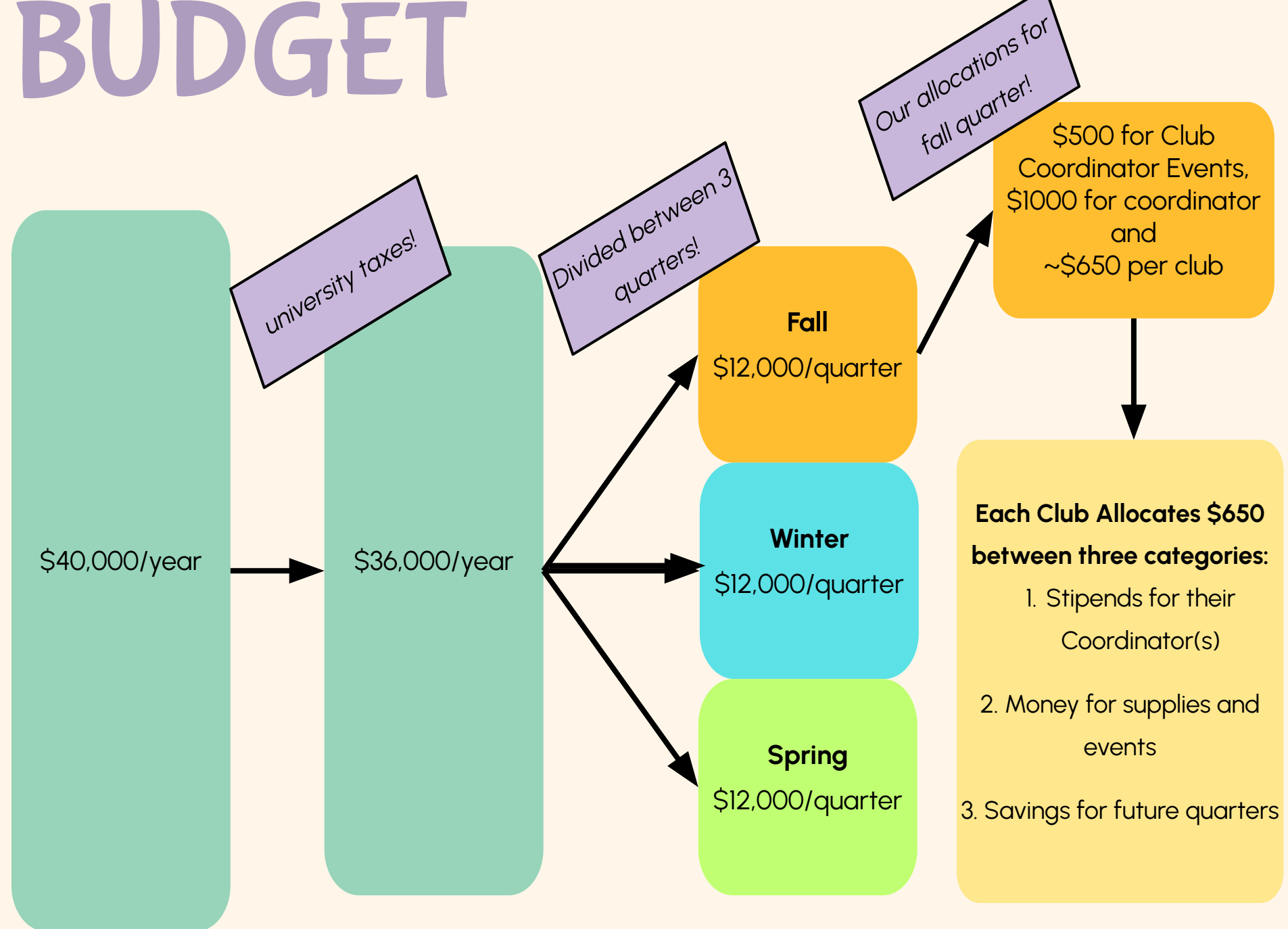
Sci-Fi Club*

Self-Improvement

** – New this year!



BUDGET





Graduate Student Association

GRAD CLUBS

(and I)
need you!!

**Join Grad Clubs Steering
Committee!**

email bedlam@ucsb.edu

Travel Grant

Travel Grant Request

The GSA would like to request **\$26,000** be reserved in the General Fund Carry Forward for fall quarter. There are **\$162,000** in carry forward that we **must** spend down. The GSA plans to reserve \$50,000 in carry forward for any unspecified, responsive measures the GSA must take throughout the academic year.

- **Proposed Spend per Quarter**
 - Fall 25 - \$30,462.30
 - Winter 26 - \$25,740
 - Spring 26 - \$28,650.60
 - Summer 26 - \$14,147.10
- **Total - \$99,000**
- Based on the number of applicants the total costs are projected to be \$55,100
 - $\$55,100 - \$30,462.30 = \$24,637.70$
 - $\$24,637.70 \times .04 \text{ (General Fund Tax)} = \985.508
 - $\$24,637.70 + \$985.508 = \$25,623.21$
 - **Round to \$26,000**
- Request that \$26,000 of the general fund carry forward is reserved to pay these applicants.

Bylaws

Update on Bylaws

We are meeting this Friday to go over the Bylaws.
We invite all present to attend.

Where: GSA Lounge

When: Friday, 1-4pm

What: Final Bylaws Revision before presentation to General Assembly

Committee Appointments

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- Overview
- List not finalized
- 14 placements completed
- Awaiting on 4 confirmations
- Highest placement numbers in 3+ years

Committee Appointments (3 Openings)

- Advisory Committee on Campus Access (ACCA)
- SRB Governance Board
- Public Art Committee

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CONFIRM...	Committee on Courses and General Education	Guadalupe Ortega
ASSIGNED	Committee on Diversity and Equity	Julian Turner
ASSIGNED	Committee on International Education	Celine Tsoi
CONFIRM...	Committee on Research, Policy and Procedures	Alison Nopper
ASSIGNED	Faculty Executive Committee - College of Letters and Sciences	Miguel Medina
CONFIRM...	Faculty Executive Committee - Engineering	Wesley Mills
VACANT	Faculty Executive Committee - Gevirtz Graduate School of Education	Pauline Serrano
ASSIGNED	Campus Election Committee	Ayodeji Olatunde
PAUSED	Chancellor's Advisory Task Force on Childcare	
CONFIRM...	Chancellor's Campus Sustainability Committee	Sarah Olsen
CONFIRM...	Events Center Governance Board	Shashank Shivashankar
CONFIRM...	The Green Initiative Fund	Sofia Rodas
CONFIRM...	UC SHIP Executive Oversight Board	Sloane Stephenson
CONFIRM...	Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC)	Sloane Stephenson
CONFIRM...	UCSHIP Advisory Council	Sloane Stephenson
CONFIRM...	Chancellor's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women (CACSW)	Alison Nopper
CONFIRM...	Search Advisory Committee: Dean of the Bren School	Wesley Noble
CONFIRM...	El Centro Renovation Committee	Flabian Pavón
VACANT	Advisory Committee on Campus Access (ACCA)	
CONFIRM...	Multicultural Center Steering Committee	Sebastian Lopez-Padilla

Event Announcements

Public Forum

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Adjournment

Next General Assembly: December 2nd, 2025