General Assembly
December 2nd | 2025 | 6-8 PM
GSA Lounge

**6:00 PM Introduction**
- 25 for quorum, Gustavo calls the meeting to order at 6:04pm

**6:05 PM Community Agreements**

**6:08PM Roll Call**

**Approval of Last Meeting Minutes (Requires Assembly Vote)**

**Approval of Current Agenda (Requires Assembly Vote)**
- Macie moves to approve last meeting minutes and current meeting agenda
  - Patrick seconds to approve
  - Motion Approved to approve last meeting minutes and current meeting agenda

**6:10PM Campus/Administration Reports**
- Grace Kimbell
  - Prepping for grad slam and public speaking certificate
- Carlos Nash
  - Thank you to everyone who came out to Friendsgiving!
  - San Clemente First year Contracts, received contract lottery openings, that is just it is
    - Usually only about 30-40% can get a continuing contract
    - They need to get a count on the first year students first and acceptances don't happen until we got closer to the end of this year
- Carlos Navarro
  - No major updates

**6:20PM Social Injustice and Social Change Lab Announcement**
- Not present

**6:20 PM Co-Sponsorships (Requires Assembly Vote)**
- Hidden Garden
  - Not in attendance
- WAIL 28
  - Reference slides for info
  - Free to attend, always has been free to attend, but with tightening budgets might need to reassess funding options
  - Macie motions to approve
  - Linguistics rep seconds
  - Motion passes to approve $1200
- Grub: Informal Talk Series
  - Funding requested is for lunch
  - Asking for $600
  - How many people attend?
    - 7 or 8 per meeting

- • Once a month
  - • The money would be split up amongst the various meetings
- • Macie motions to approve
- • Ojas seconds
- • Motion passes to approve $600
- • Black Graduate Student Association
  - • Reviving the club
  - • Winter and spring quarter
  - • $2000 has been approved through graduate division already and those funds have not been used yet
  - • Can come back to request funds once they have utilized their primary fund first
  - • Funds not voted on

6:35 PM Executive Board Updates

6:35 PM Budget Update
- ● VP of Finance
  - ○ Fund updates on slides

6:40 PM Committee Appointments
- ● VP of Campus Affairs
  - ○ Committee Appointments
    - ■ Looking for a rep for an alumni committee
    - ■ More info on committees on slides

6:45PM Open Forum
- • Emily Kracht
  - • Over Thanksgiving break, NSF cut all funding for dissertation grants
  - • Wants to bring this to people's attention
  - • Primarily research funding
- • Ojas Sarup
  - • Emergency grants and their are certain bylaws the restrict the eligibility for people
  - • Has been speaking to students who have been rejected and were in need
  - • It is unfair that we make students go into debt before being allowed to access the emergency grant
  - • We should actually look at the process to remove the loan eligibility restrictions
  - • Task: Vivi will commence request to change the eligibility requirement

6:53PM Adjournment
- • Motioned by Patrick
- • Seconded by Analise
- • Meeting adjourned at 6:53pm

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**
December 2nd, 2025

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Graduate Student Association

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# 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
- Social Injustice and Social Change Lab Announcement
- Co-Sponsorships
- Executive Board Updates
- Fund Updates
- Committee Appointments
- 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

# Graduate Student Association

## Upcoming Winter 2026 Events

- **Grad Slam 2026 & the Public Speaking Certificate**
    - Crafting Your Elevator Pitch
    - Finding Your Stage Presence
    - Mastering the Slam: Insider Tips from Judges and Alums
    - Design Awesome Slides
    - The Art of the Research Pitch: How Clear Visual Storytelling and Slide Design Can Reach Any Audience
    - Best Practices in Slide Design for Scientific Presentation
    - Grad Slam/Elevator Pitch Practice Round
    - Grad Slam Preliminary Rounds

Scan the QR code to see our webpage on the certificate requirements!

# Social Injustice and Social Change Lab Announcement

# Co-Sponsorships

# Hidden Garden

## Art Department
### Negar Farajiani + Emily d'Achiardi

## Description + Event

Hidden Garden is a one-day exhibition on December 5th from 11am to 5pm in the UCSB Greenhouse and Garden that explores the connection between art, nature, and sensory experience. MFA students, faculty and alumni present works inspired by the five senses, inviting audiences to discover pieces hidden throughout the garden. The event aims to blur the boundaries between art and everyday materials, fostering curiosity and dialogue about environmental awareness and perception.

# Budget

Total: $600

→ Food (snacks, drinks, napkins, plates etc) : $300

→ Installation Equipment (Spackle, Nails, Paint, etc): $300

The UCSB
**Department of Linguistics**
presents:

WAIL

## The 28th Annual Workshop on American Indigenous Languages

# WAIL 28

**1-2 MAY, 2026**

McCune Conference Room
University of California,
Santa Barbara

Keynote Speaker
**Dr. Telma Can Pixabaj**
CIMSUR UNAM

Sponsored by:
UC SANTA BARBARA Department of Linguistics
UC SANTA BARBARA Graduate Student Association
UC SANTA BARBARA Center for Latin American and Iberian Research
UC SANTA BARBARA Graduate Division
UC SANTA BARBARA Spanish and Portuguese

We humbly request the maximum amount for a conference!



**(Aspirational) Budget**
- $1700: Keynote (airfare, travel, and accommodations)
- **$800: Food & drinks**
- $100: Printing costs
- $400: Other misc.

Total: $3000

- Annual conference run entirely by UCSB Linguistics grad students (though we are considering expanding the committee to include undergraduates)

- We accept abstracts, talks, & proceedings in English, Portuguese and Spanish

- Typically ~100 attendees

- Attended by many important scholars, but is also a venue for grad students (from UCSB and elsewhere) to gain experience presenting their research

For more information check out our website: https://www.wailconference.org

# GRUB: INFORMAL TALK SERIES

**First Installment of 2026 :**
**January 29th**
**Webb Hall Rooftop**

A space for graduate students to give informal talks over lunch about anything including but not limited to:

- Hobbies or any involvement they have outside of their science
- Practice talks before conferences
- Jobs or passions outside of their research

Mostly centered in Earth Science department but will be advertised to adjacent department like Geography and Marine Science

Meant to build comradery in the Earth Science department and give folks a more informal space to practice their public speaking skills

Worked well last couple of academic years with talks ranging from F1 racing to Chinese calligraphy

Requesting: $600 to fund catered lunch for participants/audience

*Hosted by GEARS (**G**raduate students in **EAR**th **S**cience)*

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Earth Science

# CURRENT BUDGET:

- Approximately 5 more installments of GRUB for the Winter and Spring Quarters
  - One per month

- Allocating $100 for the first 4 GRUB events, and $200 for the end of the year celebration
  - Last GRUB will also commemorate graduating students :)

# BLACK GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (BGSA)

Over 20% of UCSB's graduate population

For the past ~2 years, BGSA has been on hiatus
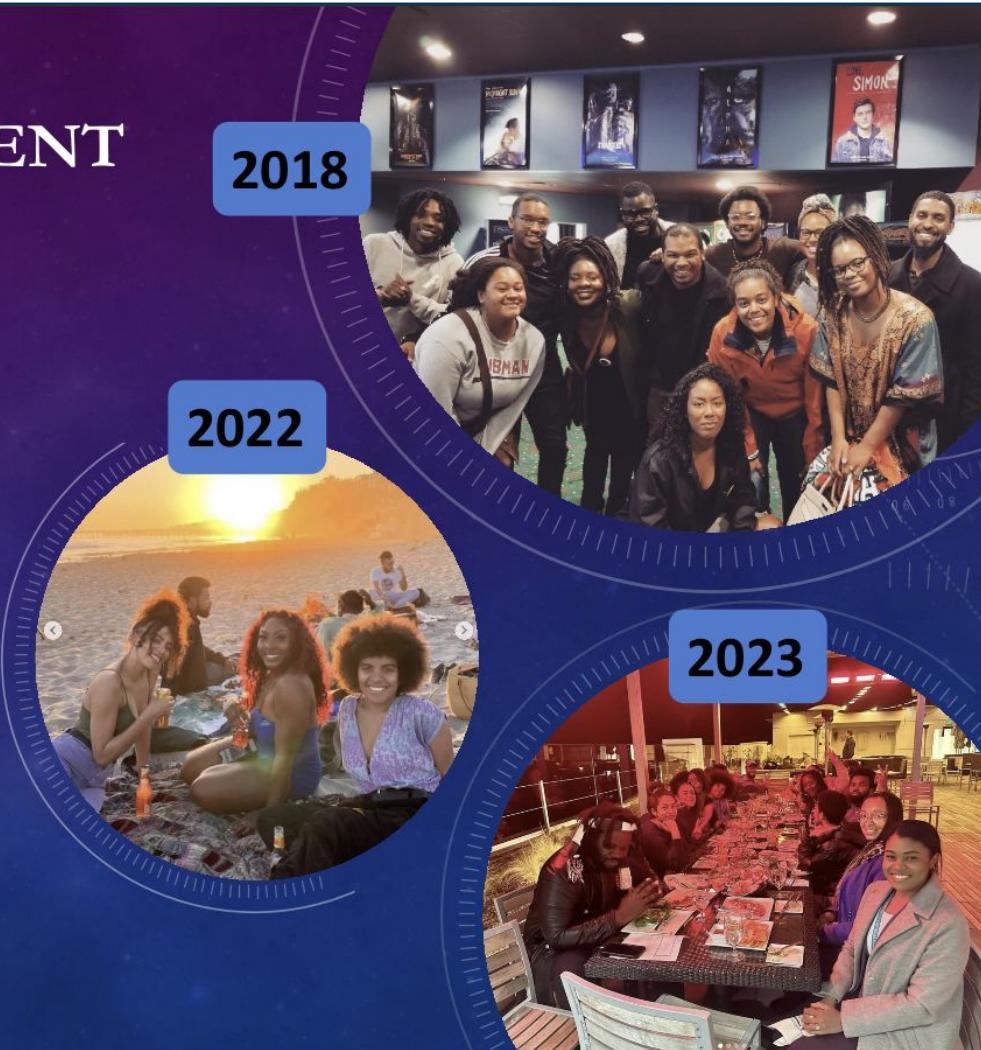
Potential events for 2025/26:

- Cookie decorating for the Holidays
- Game Nights
- Black History Month gathering
- Uno tournament
- End of year bonfire

Requesting: $600 to fund group outings and supplies for community building events



2018

2022

2023

# CURRENT BUDGET

- Plan on hosting at least 4 events in the coming year
- Dec/Jan : Cookie Decorating/Holiday celebration
  - $75 for cookie dough, decorating supplies, and refreshments
- February: Black History Month celebration (TBD: Game Night?)
  - $75 for food
- March: End of Quarter Get–together
  - $200 for food, most likely group outing to a restaurant
- April: Earth day/Hiking outing
  - $50 for water/drinks and snacks
- May/June: End of year bonfire
  - $200 (left over fund) for wood, snacks, etc.

# Executive Board Updates

# VP of Events

- Friendsgiving Event - A Success!

# Fund Updates

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## Emergency Grant

Currently **31 applicants have been approved** (47.69%) amounting to **$29,135**. 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).

## Childcare Grant

The GSA **lifted** the 5 quarters max award during a student's academic tenure.

Currently **45 applicants** have been approved! **$15,900** has been awarded to student parents of **$16,000. Carry forward is still available!**

## Travel Grant

There are currently **141 applicants** for Fall quarter! **88** applicants (62.41%) have submitted their proof of attendance and receipts. Email reminders have been sent to all applicants.

# Committee Appointments

## **Committee Appointments**

- 22 placements completed
- Awaiting on 4 confirmations
- 2 openings in new committees

## **Committee Appointments (Openings)**

- The Office of Black Student Development (OBSD) (Search for Director)
- Associated Students Alumni Committee

# Public Forum

- Emily Kracht Announcement
- Open to Public

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**Adjournment**

Next General Assembly: January 6th, 2026