

Graduate Student Association

General Assembly
February 3 | 2026 | 6-8 PM
GSA Lounge

6:10 PM	Introduction
6:15 PM	Community Agreement
6:20 PM	Roll Call Approval of Last Meeting Minutes (Requires Assembly Vote) Approval of Current Agenda (Requires Assembly Vote) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Motion to pass last meeting minutes and current agenda made by Sarah Bacon- Seconded by Naja Christmas- Abstained: Gustavo and Laura- Motion Passed
6:25 PM	Administration Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">- GRSC<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Grad Slam 2026- Public Speaking Certificate- Call for Grad Slam volunteers: fill out form by 2/12 Suzanne Perkins & Aaron Jones - Save Student Services <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Current fees were established 15–20 years ago and have not increased, while operational costs have continued to rise.- Financial aid has not kept pace with rising fees.- There are 18 total campus fees, but only 8 apply to graduate students.- The most recent fee affecting graduate students was passed in 2015 (compared to 2005 for undergraduates).- \$14 maximum added to fees in total per person (if all the fees pass) to prevent resource reduction Proposal

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Put a student services funding measure on the ballot. - If approved for the ballot, students can decide directly which measures to pass or reject. <p>Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Why is this necessary now? - Which specific fees would be affected? - How does return to aid work? <p>Motion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Perkins requests motion to place student services funding on the ballot. - Cannot proceed immediately, but could move forward at the next meeting, potentially by making an exception. - Executive Board options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Call an additional meeting, or o Conduct an online vote. - Executive Board will meet Friday to discuss next steps. - Board will decide in the future whether to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vote on whether to make an exception to the annual cycle. - Additional vote on launching a public support initiative. <p>Conclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion concluded; moving on to the next agenda item. <p>Carlos Nash speaks briefly</p>
<p>6:30 PM</p>	<p>Co-Sponsorships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Astro Lunch - Naomi Carl <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Astronomy sub department to meet each other - Great networking for graduate students - Speakers invited - No funding from the department - 15 to 20 people

- Open to all graduate students
- Requesting \$600
- Motion to approve \$600 for the quarter for Astro Lunch by Naja Christmas
- Seconded by Sarah Bacon
- Motion passes for \$600
- 39th Graduate Slavic Colloquium - Katia Lopako
 - First time event will take place at UCSB
 - Open to the public
 - 18 people total coming from UCSB, Stanford, and other UCs
 - Request for \$3470
 - Motion to approve \$1200 by Alyssa
 - Seconded by Maizy
 - Amendment for stipulation that the money go towards food
 - Seconded by [new gsa rep]
 - Motion passed for \$1200
- Cheese Club - Ryan Noghani
 - General meetings where students try cheese
 - Requesting \$300/quarter
 - \$60/meeting
 - Question: How have you promoted cheese club in the past?
 - Answer: flyer
 - Where do you source your cheese?
 - Usually Costco but DT Santa Barbara cheese is better
 - Is it open to all graduate students?
 - Yes
 - Meet every other friday at 4:30pm
 - 25 - 30 people come to each meeting
 - Has been paying out of pocket as a graduate student as of now
 - GSA can only co-sponsor the cheese club currently, then next quarter make it an official grad club.
 - Request to put cheese club in the newsletter

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motion to propose the adjustment to \$600 by Naja - Seconded motion by Maizy approve \$600 - Motion passed - Researchers Against War <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - March 13th, 5pm-7pm - Requesting \$600 to cover cost of food/supplies - Point of information: we approved \$200 this quarter for past events with Researchers Against War - This quarter we can approve \$400 - Motion to approve \$400 for this community art event by Patrick Tugwell - Seconded by Naja Christmas - Motion passed
6:40 PM	<p>Voting Items</p> <p>SPECIAL ELECTIONS - Internal Co-President Election</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7:25pm Diego gets sworn in
7:26 PM	<p>Executive Board Reviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Co-President (External) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UAW 4811 Strike Authorization Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - February 5th-13th - The vote does not mean that we go into a strike, it means that our representatives are able to call a vote if they feel the university is bargaining in bad faith - UCOP Graduate Cost of Attendance Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is VERY important that everyone fills it out - Patrick and Laura have been nominated for the committee by Dr. Janine Jones - Continuation of 10% directive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Labor is the highest cost in the UC so it tends to be where they make cuts and that affects graduate students the most - Cutting TAs seems to be a common recommendation - Quarterly UCOP Meeting

- Went really well
- Better understanding of the UC Budget structure
 - Please speak to Laura if you are interested in knowing more
- Milliken did not want to meet with Council of Presidents, but Laura was able to get the council an invitation to a meeting!!
- Trying to convince state to pay each UC based on grad enrollment along with undergrad enrollment.
- VP of Communication
 - Jingtong social media revival plan
 - Collect questions, concerns, tips from graduate students
- VP of Events
 - Nicolla Eddy - new event coordinator
 - Report back for Karaoke Night
 - Successful event!
 - Lunar New Year party 2/19
- VP of External Affairs
 - Advocacy Trip
 - UCGPC (University of California, Graduate Professional Committee) President is visiting UCSB
 - Planning to have a casual town hall with president
 - UC Wide academic senate seat just opened up
 - GradSlam plug
- VP of Financial Affairs
 - Winter Travel Grant, 114 applications totaling \$43,700.
 - Approved to spend \$18,000
 - Will need to discuss with executive team what is the best method to move forward on reimbursements this quarter:
 - First come first served - current method

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OR \$18K is divided evenly among all graduate students - OR lottery system - Can review carry forward and determine if we can allocate more funds to the travel grant - Remainder of fall travel grants are being paid out - Child care grant was awarded to 44 student parents. - Naja Christmas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the record, we unanimously passed a carryforward for Fall Travel Grant and we discussed how it would affect winter and spring
7:58 PM	<p>Public Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town Hall Event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monday, February 9th, 5pm-6pm, GSA Lounge - Different company running student health transition happening, ETNA WellFleet and United Healthcare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will need to cover this at the next meeting - Get a stance on the same level of services from the committee
8:02 PM	<p>Adjournment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motion to adjourn from Naja Christmas - Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm

Questions or comments concerning this Agenda should be directed to the GSA Co-President Internal at int-co-president@gsa.ucsb.edu.

Questions on how to attend the General Assembly should be directed to the GSA Vice President of Communications and Events, Alexander Luckmann.

General Assembly
Graduate Student Association
February 3rd, 2026

**Sign in
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
- Co-Sponsorships
- Internal Co-President Election
- Executive Board Updates
- 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

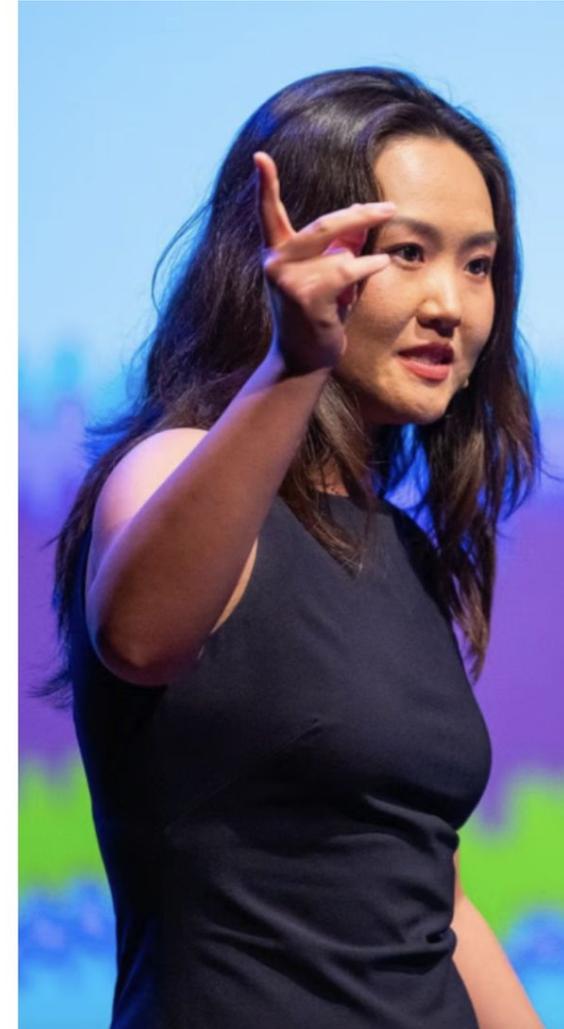
Graduate Division & GSRC

Graduate Council

Upcoming Winter 2026 Events

- **Grad Slam 2026 & the Public Speaking Certificate**
 - The Art of the Research Pitch: February 4
 - Finding Your Stage Presence: February 6
 - **Registration closes on Friday, February 6!**
 - Mastering the Slam Panel: February 11
 - Grad Slam/Elevator Pitch Practice Round: February 13
 - Grad Slam Preliminary Rounds w/ Invited Deans: February 20, February 27, March 6, and March 13
 - Call for Volunteers: Fill Out the Form by February 12

Grad Slam Registration
closes this Friday!



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Save Student Services Initiative

Suzanne Perkins & Aaron Jones

UCSB Quarterly Student Fees

Department or Service	Last Increase	Current Fee	New Fee
Student Medical Emergency Relief Fund	2005	\$0.89*	\$2.04
Recreation Programming Fee	2006	\$7.00*	\$15.42
University Children's Center Support Fee	2006	\$3.00*	\$6.60
The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF)	2006	\$3.47*	\$5.63
Student Health Support Fee	2006	\$7.00	\$15.42
Student Engagement and Leadership (SEAL) Support Fee	2006	\$1.75	\$3.85
AS Community Volunteer Foundation Fee	2006	\$0.76	\$1.29
Events Center Support Fee	2006	\$4.00	\$8.81
University Center (UCEN) Support Fee	2006	\$15.00	\$33.05
Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) Student Services Fee	2009	\$5.85	\$10.70
Health & Wellness Programs Fee	2013	\$7.13*	\$10.54
Women, Gender, and Sexual Equity (Women's Center, Non-Trad, RCSGD, CARE)	2013	\$8.17*	\$13.86
MultiCultural Center (MCC) Support Fee	2014	\$8.52	\$13.36
Arts & Lectures Support Fee	2014	\$11.92	\$18.00
Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) Support Fee	2014	\$2.69*	\$5.27
Career Services Support Fee	2015	\$3.16*	\$6.05
Daily Nexus Independent Student Journalism Support	2016	\$2.93	\$4.13
Isla Vista Arts Programming Fee	2024	\$2.14	\$3.08

*Includes Graduate Students

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Other Admin Reports

Co-Sponsorships

Astro Lunch!

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- ★ ***grad students & faculty meet once a week to hear grad students from UCSB and other schools (and sometimes professors) give talks!***
 - ★ ***pros: only time the astro community gathers, grad students get networking opportunities, practice speaking, learn!***
 - ★ ***cons: minimal socializing, everyone rushing to get their own food***
 - ★ ***Solution: with funding we could get snacks & tea for the quarter which would bring people together and encourage more grad students to attend!!!***
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Thank you!!!

39th California Graduate Slavic Colloquium

First time at UCSB!

- April 17, 2026: **A public reading and discussion** with Russian-born, Santa Barbara-based Indigenous writer and activist Kseniia Bolshakova and her translator Prof. Ainsley Morse (UCSD)
- April 18, 2026: **18 graduate students** from UCSB, UCLA, Berkeley, UCSD, USC and Stanford meet at UCSB to deliver papers based on original research. About **15 faculty participants** will comment on the papers. The event will help graduate students hone their research, writing, and presentation skills and showcase outstanding original scholarship in Slavic Studies.

39th California Graduate Slavic Colloquium

Budget

Honorarium Kseniia Bolshakova: \$500.00

Airfare/Lodging Ainsley Morse: \$872.00

Food : \$2098.00

TOTAL : \$ 3470.00

Funding Sources

Department of Germanic and Slavic Studies (secured) \$500.00

Comparative Literature Program (secured) \$200.00

Department of History (requested) \$270.00

IHC Collaborative Grant (requested) \$1,500.00

TOTAL: \$ 2470

Cheese Club UCSB

Ryan Noghani

CHEESE CLUB @ UCSB



Join The
Ratpack!



Events

Just Bi-weekly meetings where people can try a variety of cheeses with sides like crackers, bread, grapes, nuts, etc

We've also had activities like playing board games and making our own butter

We've are open to collabs and have so far collaborated with History Club on National Cheese Day

Future Plans

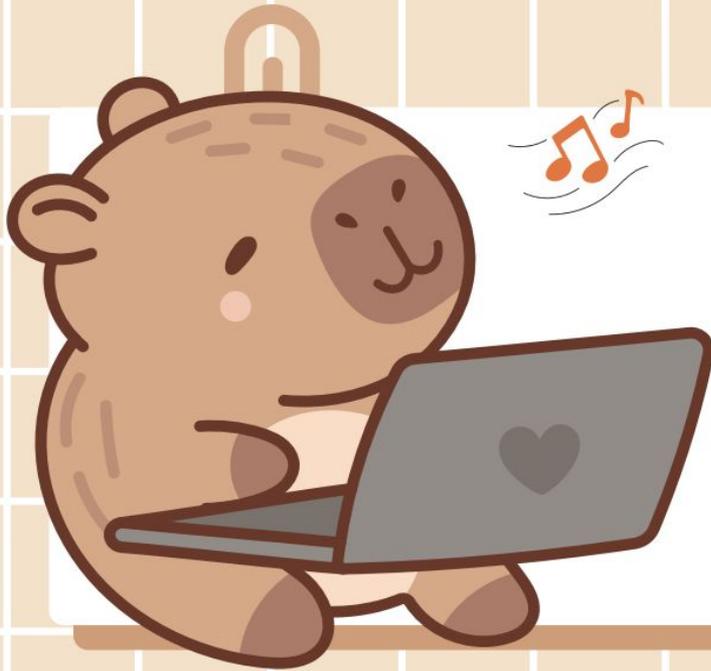
The plan is to continue what we are already doing (having general meetings where we try different cheeses)

Total Amount Requested

\$600/winter quarter

The budget is \$120/meeting for 5 meetings in a quarter

The money is spent exclusively on food for the meeting



Researchers Against War

community art event



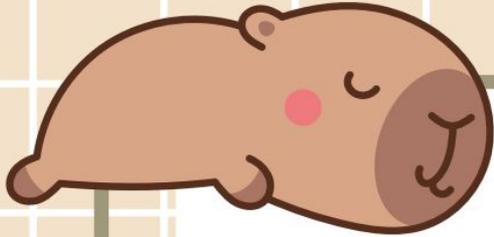
Our Event

Tentative Date: Friday, March 13th, 5-7pm

Tentative Location: MCC, Glass Box Gallery, Red Barn (bus loop)

This event is meant to bring together graduate students, musicians, poets, and community organizations. We will start with a discussion about rising authoritarianism and U.S. militarism. The event will then transition into poetry reading and live music. There will be organizations tabling such as Food Not Bombs and Ice Out Of Goleta.





Funding Request

We are requesting \$600 to cover the cost of food/ supplies

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16" - Grateful Veg	\$149.80
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Regular - Antipasto	\$54.75
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Sales Tax	\$35.82
Order total	\$497.97

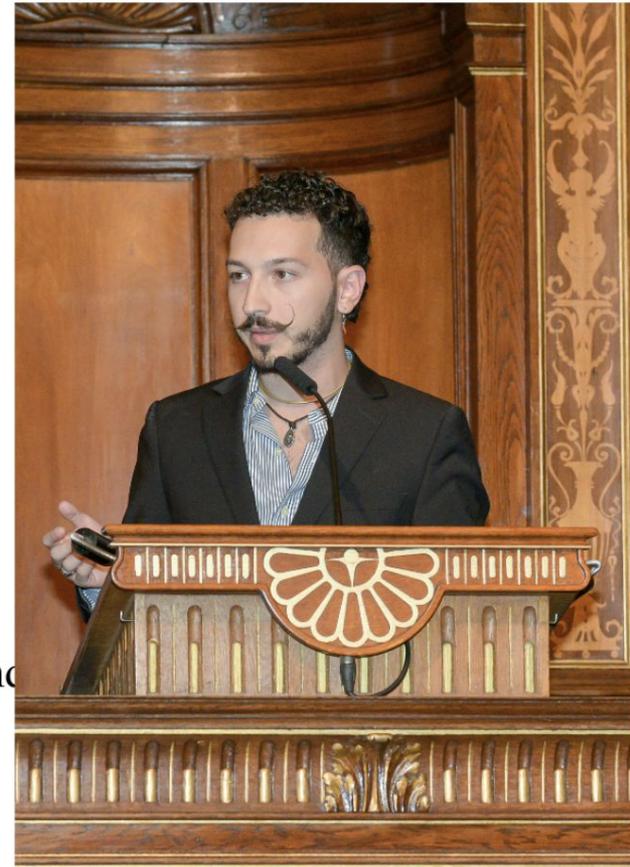
food: pizza and salad (screenshot from Woodstocks), remaining funds would cover beverages/ plates and cups/ utensils etc.



Internal Co-President Election

Introduction

- From Rio de Janeiro, Brasil
- International and Global Studies, B.A.
 - University of Central Florida
 - Florence University of the Arts, Italy
 - University of Groningen, Netherlands
- French and Francophone Studies, B.A.
 - University of Central Florida
 - University of Neuchatel
- Global Studies, M.A.
 - University of Leipzig, Germany
 - University of Ghent, Belgium
- Class president 2022
- 1 Year at the American Embassy in Switzerland
- 1 Year at GEC in Washington D.C.
- 6 Months at ECVC in Bruxelles





Q & A

- 3 questions from Assembly
- 1 minute responses from each candidate

VOTE NOW

tinyurl.com/ucsbgsa2026

Who would you like to elect as Co-President of the GSA?

Multiple choice

Diego Villela Kroeff

Abstain

Other: _____



RESULTS



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Executive Board Updates

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Co-President (External)

UAW 4811 Strike Authorization Vote Feb. 5-13th

UCOP Graduate Cost of Attendance Survey

Continuation of 10% directive

Quarterly UCOP Meeting

VP of Communications

- Introducing our new Social Media Coordinator, Jintong Yang
 - First-year PhD student in the Media Arts and Technology program.
 - Interested in interactive media, live performance, and expressive technologies.
 - From China
 - Before coming to UCSB she studied and worked as a designer in New York City for four years. I enjoy hiking, traveling, sketching, and cooking.
 - **Jintong's Social Media Revival Plan**
 - Please help us by **engaging, sharing, and volunteering** for a spotlight?
- A moment for feedback or recommendations for engaging graduate community
 - Reps, send notes to your departments
 - Reminder to send all GSA related communication to gsa-vpc@ucsb.edu

VP of Events

- New event coordinator:
 - Nicolla Eddy
- Lunar New Year Party
 - More details to come!



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VP of External Affairs

VP of Financial Affairs

- Min wage increased to \$16.90!
- Winter travel grant - received 114 applications totaling \$43,700 requested
 - Approved to spend \$18,000
 - Will need to discuss with the exec team what is the best method to move forward on reimbursements for this quarter?
 - Can keep the current system - first come first served
 - Can adopt the previous system - All folks are approved and \$18,000 is divided among all graduate students **OR** lottery system on who is selected
 - Can review what is remaining in the carry forward budget and determine if we can allocate some more funds to the travel grant fund
- Remainder of fall travel grants will be paid out to folks!
- Childcare grant - Awarded 44 student parents!

Public Forum

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Town Hall Event
RAW

TOWN HALL EVENT



DATE: MONDAY, FEB 9TH

TIME: 5-6PM

LOCATION: GSA LOUNGE

FREE PIZZA!

Join for discussion on: Federal Funding Cuts, Sources of Research Funding, Labor Organizing and Strike the Authorization Vote

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Adjournment

Next General Assembly: March 3rd, 2026