

Graduate Student Association

General Assembly
April 7 | 2026 | 6-8 PM
GSA Lounge

6:00 PM	Introduction
6:05 PM	Community Agreement Roberts rules explanation Last meeting minutes and current agenda approved <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Maizy motions● Henry seconds● Meeting agenda approved
6:07 PM	Administrative reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Grace Kimball<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Final Grad Slam Thursday○ Professional development events○ Question from Diego: Will there be more writing workshops?<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Answer: Yes and MCC is hosting a writing workshop on Tuesday● Carlos Nash<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Commencement is live○ 1597 incoming grad students this year○ Usually admit 2100 people at this time○ SIR rates around this year are typically 600<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ We're at 448○ Smaller class coming in
6:13 PM	Co-sponsorships <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dennis - political science<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ May 8, 2026 - workshop style conference - politics of race, religion, immigration, ethnicity○ Free for all participants<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Already 70 participants■ 30 presenters from history, communications, and political science○ Asking for support for food<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ \$1200

- Question: What has been the draw for this event?
 - People from the department and other schools like UCSD and UCSC.
- Question: Is this open to all graduate students?
 - Yes
- Question: Who are the participants?
 - Mostly faculty members
- Naja motions to approve
 - Vade seconds
- Emily - GSA rep for anthropology
 - 2nd annual anthropology research consortium
 - Undergraduate and graduate but mostly for grads
 - Expect 50 attendees
 - Asking for \$600 - 18 posters
 - Department is funding food and medals
 - Motion to approve by Vade
 - Maizy seconds
- Tropical - Margot from COMM
 - Asking for \$600
 - Food, decorations
 - Promoted on shoreline
 - Question from Margot: Can we reserve the GSA lounge in the case of inclement weather?
 - Yes, as long as there's no event scheduled here
 - Naja motions to approve
 - Vade and Maizy second
- Vivi
 - Newly published graduate women reception
 - \$600 for food
 - Question: Is this for all grad students?
 - Answer: All people being celebrated will be grad students and its open to all grad students
 - Vade motions to approve
 - Seconded by Naja

6:35PM	<p>Executive Board Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GSA Awards - 200 applicants ● GSA elections coming up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Election committees still forming ● Question: What do we want to do next? Call in more nominations or extend deadlines? ● Question: Can Naja self nominate at meeting? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ She can ○ Diego accepts ○ Naja self nominates for VP of Communications ● Carlos: Ideally we need to have information on who's running by Friday ● Jing self nominates for events ● Vivi suggests doing a push on social media ● Taylor suggests using better language to advertise elections
6:42PM	10-minute break
6:52PM	<p>More co-sponsorships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Taylor updates on how much money for co-sponsorships we have left for the academic year ● UCSB Math Spring Picnic and Faculty Mingle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 70 grad students and family ○ Asking for \$600 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Food ○ Campus catering is \$2K ○ Alternative sandwich boxes \$1277.50 ○ Naja makes an adjustment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Withdraws it ○ Question: Since the budget only goes through to spring, is this the last co-sponsorship? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No, we still have May and June ○ Patrick motions to approve \$600 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Naja seconds
7:00PM	<p>Taylor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There are 51 GSA reps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 11 have not come to any meeting so far ● Allocated \$23,760 only spent \$6460.90

- If you don't attend 2 or more meetings, then you don't get paid
- GSA committee stipends
 - Fall reported 32 hours
 - Winter reported 69 hours
 - Proposed budget \$10,000
 - Only spent \$1904.14
- Childcare grant
 - Took fall and winter applicants who got awards and compared to years past
 - Individuals who have received anywhere from 0-8 childcare grants have applied this year
 - Does it still make sense to go down this list one by one and then award people or does it make more sense to prioritize those with 0 grants?
- Spring travel grant
 - 8 applicants declined
 - Budget \$30K
 - Spent \$28,100 - close to being done but just started spring quarter
- Grad clubs budget - \$36K
- Stipends budget - \$11,020
 - Stipends expense - \$7415.10
- Programming budget - \$23,479.52
 - Expenses \$5967.23
- Co-sponsorships - budget \$20K
 - Expenses \$18,356
- Emergency relief fund
 - Number of applicants decreased for winter
 - Vivi - financial aid loophole - being applied now?
 - Yes it is
 - Patrick - have co-sponsorships increased?
 - Yes from \$15K to \$20K
- Taylor met with treasurers of other UC
- Can we use carryover for other funds like childcare grants?
 - Yes we can

- Call for additional people for travel grant committee
- Where should the extra money go?
 - Childcare grants?
 - Incoming co-sponsorships?
 - Winter applicants who submitted to be on the waitlist (of travel grant)?
- How much is the childcare grant?
 - \$300 for first kid
 - \$150 for each extra
- Is there a cap on kids?
 - No
- Naja - is it more fair to focus on the people not getting grants?
- Carlos - this is probably why there was a cap
 - We have never given preference to those with less grants
 - Separate set of grants that grad schools can file for - basic needs child grant
 - If you don't apply for FAFSA, you can't get that
 - \$36,000 for the whole year is the childcare grant budget
- Naja vote to reallocate funds
 - Are we at risk of having more administrative oversight with our funds by not spending it all?
 - If we have more than 15% leftover, the school might tax that money and bring it back to the school
 - Carlos is suggesting we spend
 - We still need to get quotes on the kitchenette in grad center
 - Vivi
 - Worried university will look at our finances closer and where do we allocate this money to?
- Maybe we can table this and have the executive board decide?
 - Vivi - no, it's too big of an idea
 - Exec board only has authority to approve \$1K

- Emily - does it make sense to vote on these items now?
- Naja - backing out stipends, how much money do we have left?
 - We have to spend 220K before end of the year
- Carlos - next month is the last month we can make this decision
 - Get a group of people we would like to fund/the amounts and decide where the money should go
- We have \$151K after all expenses are taken away?
- Patrick - how much money to fund all child grants?
- Vade - we shouldn't do these on a time crunch
- Rachel - when was the deadline for childcare grant?
- Around week 8 winter quarter
- Naja motions to allocate 50K to all of the things on the discussion items
- Vade asks a question: do you grant on a rolling basis yet?
- Motion to allocate 50K items on discussion floor
 - We will decide (GA) how that will be spent from GSA general funds to childcare grant, cosponsorships and travel grant
 - 29 approved
 - 1 abstain - diego
- Breakdown
 - 20K for childcare grant
 - 25K for travel grant
 - 5K to co-sponsorship
 - Remainder for co-sponsorships
- Still have 105K we can play with next month
- How much have we used in the past for co-sponsorships?
 - Previous years 20K
- Motion for amounts detailed in breakdown is approved by 29
- Vade opposes
- Abstains - Diego

7:45PM	<p>Open Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Emily <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2027 budget release <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Includes NIH, NSF, etc ■ NSF going down 55% in social sciences ■ Trying to cut all social sciences in government research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shutting down all social sciences right now before congressional approval ■ GSA should use our voices to go against this ■ Diego will bring it up to grad council ■ Violet in Zoom - people from their department has been advocating for funding ● Maizy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Was eligible for stipend but dropped a class because they were overworked from TAs ○ Why do we need to maintain 8 units for eligibility - talk with eboard ○ Carlos - that's a university policy
8:00 PM	<p>Motion to adjourn by Patrick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Seconded by Naja

Minutes prepared by Eric Rennie, Chief of Staff

Questions on how to attend the General Assembly should be directed to the GSA Vice President of Communications, Viviana Valle Gomez.

General Assembly
Graduate Student Association
April 7th, 2026

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Meeting Agenda

18:00	Introduction
18:05	Community Agreement
18:10	Robert's Rules of Order
18:15	Campus/Admin Reports
18:30	Co-Sponsorships
19:15	Vote Results
19:20	Executive Board Updates
19:45	Public Forum
20:00	Adjournment

Community Agreements

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

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.

Last Meeting Minutes and Current Agenda Approval

Assembly Vote Required

Administration Reports

Associated Students

Student Affairs: Dean of Students

GSA Advisor

Graduate Division & GSRC

Graduate Council

Grad Slam Final Round: Thursday, April 9, 2026



*Come vote for your favorite speaker to
receive The People's Choice Award!*

Upcoming Spring Professional Development Events

- **Drop In Hours: Weeks 3 - 10 in the GSRC**
 - CV/Resume/Cover Letter Assistance with Elise:
 - 2pm - 4pm on Wednesdays
 - Funding Assistance with Christina:
 - 12pm - 2pm on Thursdays
 - Health Equity Assistance with Buster:
 - 3pm - 4pm on Thursdays
- **Funding Workshop:**
May 1 from 12pm - 1pm on Zoom
- **Dissertation Writing Workshop:**
May 8 from 12pm - 1:30pm on Zoom

Co-Sponsorships

PRIEC Conference Proposal

UCSB Political Science PSGSA

April 6, 2026

Event Description

Conference: Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC) on **May 8th**

Overview: An established, small, workshop-style conference focused on research on race, immigration, and ethnicity in politics. UCSB Political Science is hosting this iteration to bring scholars together for focused discussion and feedback on works in progress.

What We Provide: The event is free for all participants and includes breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Event is supported by: UCSB Migration Initiative, Asian American Studies, Center for Black Studies Research, Department of Political Science

Target Audience

Primary Audience: Graduate students, early-career scholars, and faculty.

Graduate Student Benefits:

- Receive detailed feedback on early-stage research
- Strengthen dissertation projects
- Network with faculty and peers in a supportive, no cost setting

Estimated Attendance: Approximately 70 participants, with potential to grow as the RSVP link remains active.

Promotion Efforts:

- Distributed to all subscribers of the PRIEC listserv
- Shared across UCSB departmental and graduate student listservs

Why Attendance is Strong:




- PRIEC is an established and recognized conference forum
- UCSB's role as host increases visibility and participation
- Prior iterations have drawn engaged scholarly audiences

Program Budget

Item	Estimated Cost (\$)
Light snacks, coffee, and tea (8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m.)	1,500
Lunch and post-event reception	2,500
Miscellaneous expenses (bottled water, napkins, pens, etc.)	300
Total Estimated Budget	4,300
Other Funding Sources	1,500
Remaining Funding Needed	2,800

Request Amount: \$1,200 to fund graduate students meals and miscellaneous expenses

UCSB Mathematics Spring Picnic & Faculty Mingle

 Date	May 29, 2025 (tentatively)
 Time	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
 Location	SRB Picnic Area
 Attendees	~70 grad students & faculty
 Admission	Free

Item	Calculation	Cost
SRB Picnic Area (Venue)	Free booking	\$0.00 🎉
Campus Catering – Camino del Sur	\$28.50 × 70 guests	\$1,995.00
Alternative: Sandwich Boxes	\$18.25 × 70 guests	\$1,277.50

Note: Graduate students and faculty will voluntarily contribute desserts and drinks.

**Co-sponsorship Request:
\$600**

2nd Annual Anthropology Research Symposium



Introduction: 2nd Annual Anthropology Department Conference for graduate and undergraduate students. Open to anyone with an interest or focus in Anthropology, interpreted broadly. Builds off of existing Anthropology Mentorship Program (AMP), run by the Anthropology Graduate Student Association (AGSA). Will include presentations and a poster symposium.

Date: May 22nd, 12-4pm in HSSB 2nd floor

Expected # of Attendees: ~50

Funding Request (\$600): Poster printing subsidy for ~18 posters

Existing Funding (\$250): From Anthropology Department to cover the cost of food, beverages, and small awards for poster presenters.

TROPICAL



Wear your tropical best!

Food & Drinks!

THE COMM GRADS HOST THEIR ANNUAL PROM WITH A TROPICAL TWIST

Saturday

MAY
23
6-8pm

Haskell's Beach

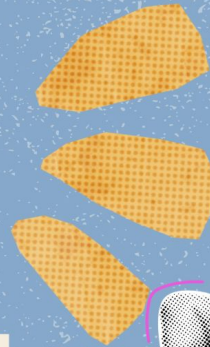
SAVE THE DATE

**Requesting:
\$600 for food & decorations
Last year we had about 40 guests attend
All grads are welcome!
We will promote via GSA
newsletters/Shoreline**

**Can we book the GSA lounge as a backup in
case of inclement weather? 🤔**

NEWLY PUBLISHED GRAD WOMEN RECEPTION

11 MAY | 6 - 8 PM | SRB PATIO



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Women's Center

**HAVE YOU PUBLISHED IN THE PAST YEAR?
LET'S CELEBRATE!**

THE WOMEN'S CENTER PRESENTS A CELEBRATION OF GRADUATE WOMEN WHO HAVE HAD A PUBLICATION IN THE LAST YEAR. THIS IS YOUR MOMENT TO BE RECOGNIZED AND CONNECT WITH FELLOW SCHOLARS. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO INVITE YOUR LOVED ONES, ADVISORS, AND SUPPORTERS TO CELEBRATE YOUR HARD WORK. SIGN UP TO BE PART OF AN INSPIRING EVENING DEDICATED TO YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS! ALL AUTHORS WILL RECEIVE A GIFT CARD AT THE RECEPTION.
DINNER AND DRINKS PROVIDED



Requesting: \$600

Budget: Food

Other partnerships we are exploring:

- GSRC
- Center for Feminist Futures
- Multicultural Center

Last year's success:

Executive Board Updates

Co-President (Internal)

- GSA Awards
 - Excellence in Teaching Award
 - Dixon-Levy Award
- Election committee
- GSA Elections

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VP of Events

VP of Financial Affairs

- GSA Reps Stipends
 - 51 Reps
 - 3 meetings - 22
 - 2 meetings - 16
 - 1 meeting - 2
 - 0 meetings - 11
 - Budget - \$23,760
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VP of Financial Affairs

- Spring Travel Grant
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VP of Financial Affairs



- Call for any additional folks who want to serve on the travel grant committee?
 - Your involvement will not affect your ability to receive a travel grant

Discussion Item

- There are Winter applicants who submitted to be on the waitlist - estimates to approx. \$14,500 with tax
- There are incoming co-sponsorships
- There are childcare grants that were not approved and we have more student parents than we can fund

VP of Campus Affairs

- Student Healthcare Updates, UCSHIP – what's the future?
- Will we ever get graduate student beds in these new UCSB housing projects or nah? (2,200 undergrad beds in San Benito alone)



Photo Credit: Kristen Brinlee
Work on the San Benito Student Housing Project began in spring 2025 and is on schedule for anticipated occupancy in the fall of 2027.

CAMPUS + COMMUNITY
November 21, 2025

New student housing projects at UCSB
progressing on schedule



Photo Credit: Courtesy SOM | Mithun
An artist's rendering of the East Campus Student Housing Project.

Scaling up student housing

The new San Benito Student Housing development will introduce apartment-style residences and an inclusive new hub for student life at the northwest corner of campus, all connected to the surrounding natural landscape. The first in a two-phase effort to substantially increase the number of student residences on campus by 2029, San Benito will provide housing and amenities for approximately 2,200 students over seven buildings by fall 2027. When complete, San Benito will be the first new student housing project delivered at UCSB in a decade.



Public Forum

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Adjournment

Next General Assembly: April 7th, 2026