

Graduate Student Association

General Assembly
May 5 | 2026 | 6-8 PM
GSA Lounge

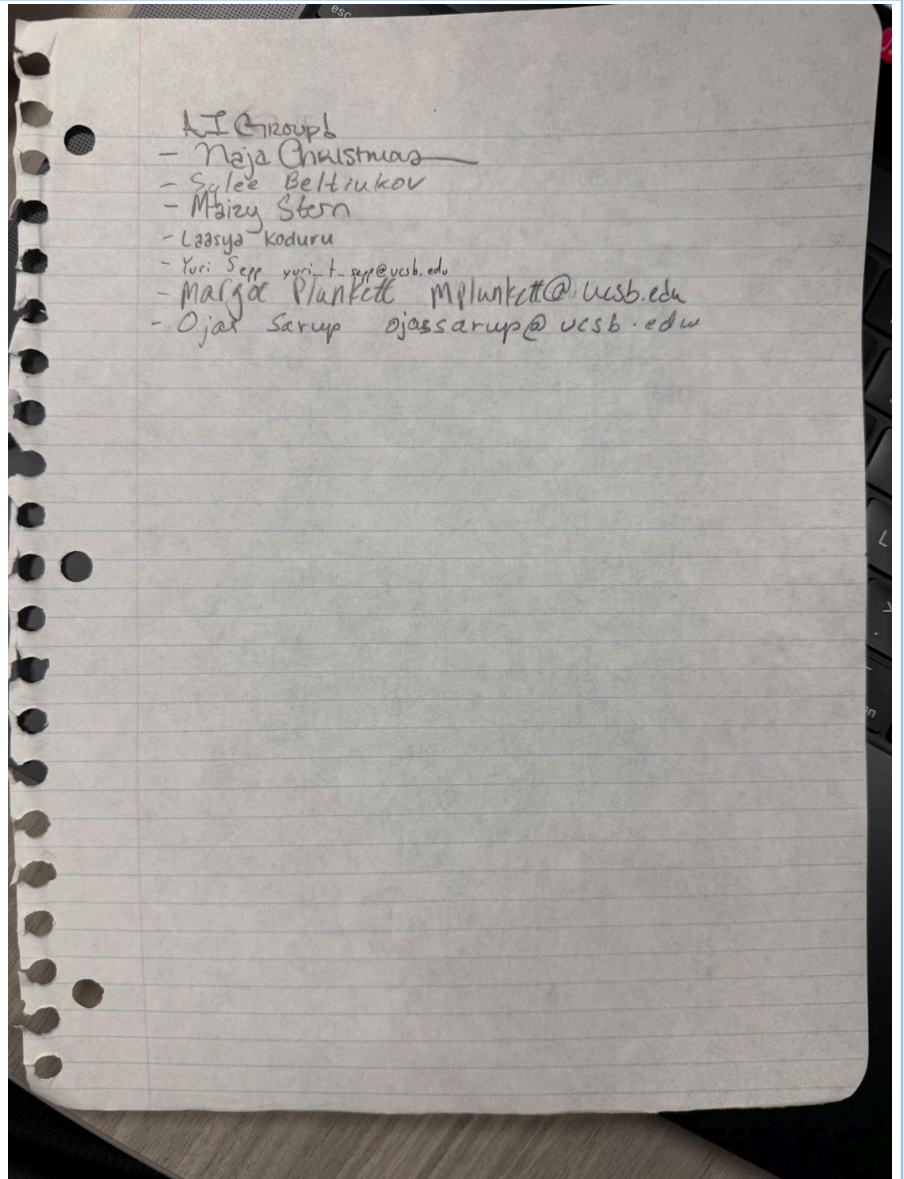
6:00 PM	Introduction
6:05 PM	Motion to approve agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Henry motions● Patrick seconds Approve last months minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Maizy motions● Henry seconds Community agreements Roberts rules
6:07 PM	Grace Kimball <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Hiring grad programming peer position<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 10 - 13 hours per week○ Tuition assistance○ \$25/hr● Applications due may 17● Peer drop in hours● Dissertation writing workshop 5/8● Networking for conferences 5/14
6:15 PM	Carlos Nash <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 5/14 spring lapse deadline - grad students who are not in paid status on BARC will be removed● Commencement Jun 11, 2026<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Deadline to register has been extended to May 15● Latest SIR information<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ At about 710 people - things slowly moving up● We now only need 19 students to vote in the election
6:20 PM	Laura Snell <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 2 buildings approved in preliminary stages<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ doesn't mean they will be built just that drafting has been done and Campus Planning Committee has authorized moving them to chancellor● Renovation to current childcare center<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Pottery studios moving over● Some other STEM structure● Projects approved but probably won't be built anytime soon due to short funding

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trying to put together a GSA “bible” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One google doc with every committee, how things work, something more human than bylaws ● Election Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Carlos - max number of days to vote is 12 ○ Henry - we can make a motion to suspend this rule or plan to amend the bylaw ○ Naja - it's not normal for this to happen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Laura says otherwise ○ Naja - there's a professionalization that needs to happen so GSA gets taken more seriously <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Should set some common best practices in the bylaw structure ○ Diego - how do we get more people into GSA ○ Naja - wants things to get done sooner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Wants us to have things to show ■ Wants Roberts Rules to be enforced more ○ Sarah - hears Naja but says there is an apathetic voter population <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ How do we solve the turnout issue? ■ Extend deadline vs making another election ○ Henry - Motion to extend current deadline until minimum number of students get met <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Seconded by Emily ■ Passed ■ Now we're doing a count: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In favor = 28 ● 3 abstentions ● No objections ■ Motion passed ● Question: At the end of elections, can we look at numbers by department, etc to give a better sense of who's voting? ● Maizy - ECE department probably doesn't have a high turnout - problem with bandwidth/too much on our plate ● Chat from Ginger - regarding voting, all folks she reached out to had problem accessing vote
6:40PM	<p>Diego</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GSA awards closed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Going to meet on Thursday to review applications ● Campus committee report regarding AI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maybe we should create a committee to discuss this, create townhalls, create workshops ○ Be clear with students with what AI use is allowed and not allowed

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Robert from Grad Div would like to create some AI guidance with grad students at the table - campus is not moving ● UCOP is not passing anything down so all campuses have different policies
6:50PM	<p>Vivi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Women in graduate studies event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To celebrate women who have published things
6:55PM	<p>Patrick - VP of Campus Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grad housing report on 24-25 data collected by last years GSA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 360 grad students responded - 70% secured housing ○ 40% monthly household income spent on rent ○ 50% without san clem in the mix ○ San clem average rent: \$895 ○ Non-san clem average rent: \$1450 ○ Rent outside san clem is 52% higher ○ Can send this report to anybody who wants to see it ● Meeting with chancellor on Thursday ● Not bringing chancellor to Isla Vista ● Blum wants yearly meetings with chancellor
7:05PM	<p>Jing - VP of events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Board game and bingo last wednesday ● 5/15 friday 4:30-6:30 paint night ● Will supply art materials, food, drinks, snacks ● Grad club end of year celebration 5/19 @5 in GSA lounge ● Period poverty event
7:10 PM	<p>Taylor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spring travel grant closes on friday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Everybody should be funded ○ 125 applications, 109 eligible - duplicates (can only get one per academic year) ● Co sponsorships - allocated \$5k ● 5 applications pending - request totals \$3100 ● Emergency relief fund closed for the academic year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 63 funded, 57 denied, 6 pending ● Bus passes - application period closed 236 applicants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Going to see who picks up bus passes and then buy the remainder if more need ● Childcare grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 68 student parents approved, 1 pending ● Naja - what is our new number of leftover money? ● Diego - how are we in terms of cosponsorships? Refer to slide
7:20PM	<p>Sarah</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● UCGPC is doing grad student survey - healthcare, immigrant protections, basic needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Takes about 10 minutes ● If interested in leadership with UCGPC - applications for president, vp, secretary, treasurer open through may 10 ● Meeting with Milliken coming up at end of May ● Student regent interviews - just happened in SF ● Naja question - are the regents not continuing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No, there is a proposal to expand number of regents
7:25PM	<p>Co-sponsorships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Diego making notes of RAW who couldn't be here <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They have a max of 400 they can get ● Trevor from theater and dance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Symposium that passed on april 18th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Total non covered funds \$173.53 is what they're asking for ■ Student work, snacks, printing ○ Taylor question - how do we fund student work? Not a reimbursement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Taylor may have to get back to Trevor on student work ○ Laura said maybe we can pay for gift cards to pay \$75 for the students at this event ○ Emily asked why the department didn't pay? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Response: Trevor doesn't know ○ Is it normal to ask for money for an event that already passed? No ○ Henry motions to approve \$98.53 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Maizy seconds ■ Taylor objects - she would like to fully cover the funds ○ Naja - what type of gift cards? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Taylor said no Visa but can be grocery store, etc ■ Can be anything they want but not Visa ○ Naja says we should fund the \$98.53 and then double back to approve the rest so we can check the rules about payment/gift cards ○ Those in favor of allocating 98.53 for this event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 33 approve ■ 3 abstentions ■ 3 objections ■ Motion passed

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sean - treasurer and director of public domain players <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Play on robot revolt ○ Production goes up in about a month ○ \$2250 dollars for use of performance spaces ○ Set design \$250 ○ Props \$100 ○ Costumes \$250 ○ Have cosponsorships from a bunch of departments ○ Asking GSA for \$600 ○ Question: How many years has this been running? 4 years ○ Question: Can we approve a conference amount (\$1200)? Does this happen yearly? ○ We should edit cosponsorship form on site so that people can apply for \$1200 instead of \$600 ○ Henry motions to approve 1200 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Seconded by Maizy ■ Motion passed
7:45PM	<p>Public Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Henry - in his experience AI policy doesn't matter because there's no permitted AI detection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AI detection tools can be fickle ○ Can use suspicion based on language being vastly different to punish student ● Maybe we should send a survey around to get peoples opinions ● AI committee is being established ● When will this happen? Now ● Is being on the committee compensated - yes, minimum wage, minimum of 3 hours per quarter ● Sign up sheet being passed around



- Back to Trevor gift card question
 - Gift card should be over \$10 and no tax unless over \$600
 - Trevor will get gift cards
 - But we will have to vote on gift card item next time

VP campus affairs candidate - Nevan Bell

- Patrick - in June we will run special election for vacancy

8:00PM

Diego motion to adjourn

- Seconded by Henry

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, Viviana Valle Gomez

General Assembly
Graduate Student Association
May 5th, 2026

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Meeting Agenda

18:00	Introduction
18:05	Community Agreement
18:10	Robert's Rules of Order Approval of Last Meeting Minutes (Requires Assembly Vote) Approval of Current Agenda (Requires Assembly Vote)
18:15	Campus/Admin Reports
18:30	Executive Board Updates
19:00	Voting items
19:15	Co-Sponsorships
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

Professional Development, Graduate Division

Upcoming Spring Professional Development Events

- **Graduate Programming Peer Position**
Applications Due May 17 at 11:59pm
- **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
- **Dissertation Writing Workshop:**
May 8 from 12pm - 1:30pm on Zoom
- **Networking for Conferences**
May 14 from 3pm - 4:30pm in the SRB MPR and Lawn

Graduate Division

Reminder

- **Spring Lapse Deadline**
 - **Thursday, 14 May 2026**
 - Graduate students who are not in paid status on their BARC accounts by the deadline will enter lapse status.

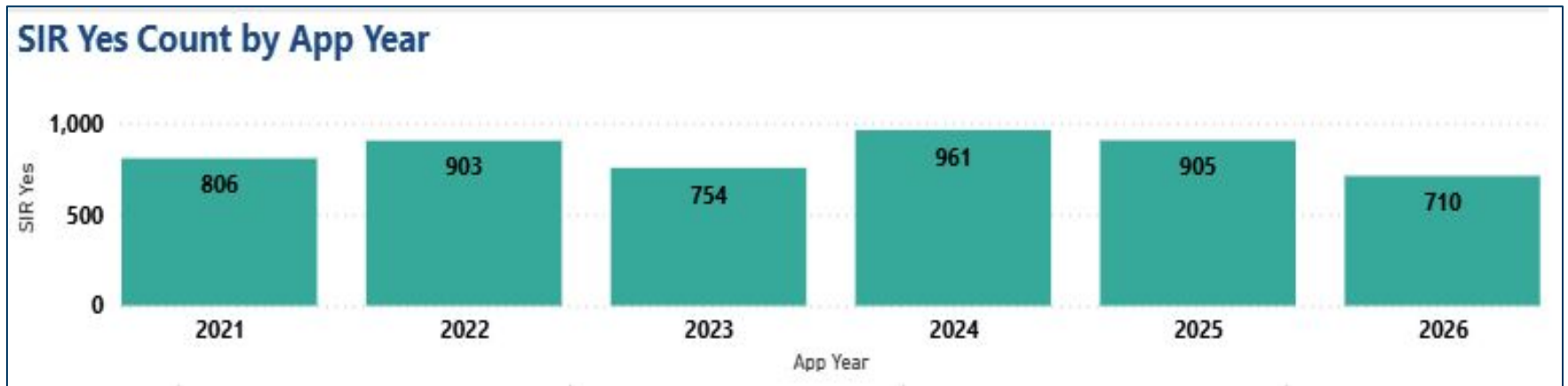
Graduate Division

Commencement

- Thursday, 11 June 2026, 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. Commencement Green.
- Deadline to register has been extended to **Friday, 15 May 2026**. Go to www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/commencement
 - Students who have completed, or will complete, a graduate degree or credential between Summer 2025 and Fall 2026 are invited to participate.
 - **Pro Tip: When you register, please provide an audio recording of your name if you'd like it pronounced correctly.**
- Guest Speaker: Ambassador Marc B. Nathanson (US Ambassador to Norway from 2021-2024)

Graduate Division

Latest Signed-Intent-to-Register (SIR) Information



For other graduate student stats, visit

<https://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/ucsb-graduate-statistics>

Executive Board Updates

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Graduate Student Association

Co-President (External)

Co-President (Internal)

- GSA Awards
 - Excellence in Teaching Award
 - Dixon-Levy Award
- Election committees
- AI Graduate Committee?
 - Gather input directly from grad students about AI in courses
 - Experiences with AI-related department or course policies
 - Townhall?
 - Workshops?

VP of Communications

- WE NEED 30 PEOPLE TO VOTE SO WE CAN COUNT THE ELECTION.
 - o Please vote RIGHT NOW if you have not and text 2 friends to vote as well. Let's be done.
- Women in Graduate Studies! Have you published this year? Just got an acceptance letter to publish? Let us celebrate you in collaboration with the Women's Center! Reception with opportunity to share a flash talk with attendees to show off your big brain! All newly published participants will receive a gift (:

VP of Events

- Past event: Board game and bingo night happened last Tuesday, fun time!
- Upcoming events:
 - Paint & Unwind Night: Friday 5/15, 4:30, @ GSA lounge
 - Grad club end of year celebration: 5/19, 5pm, @ GSA lounge
 - Period poverty event (collab with Women's center): details soon

A colorful poster for a 'Paint & Unwind Night' event. The background features large, soft-edged circles in shades of purple, orange, and green. A paintbrush with a purple tip is on the left, and a palette with various colored dots is on the right. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold and regular fonts. A yellow box highlights the date and time, and a purple box highlights the RSVP information.

GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

Paint & Unwind Night

Unwind. Create. Recharge.

Friday, May 15, 2026
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

GSA Lounge, UCSB

Free food, drinks, and all art supplies provided

Take your painting home or donate it to the GSA Lounge

A relaxing evening to paint with acrylics on canvas, de-stress before finals, and connect with fellow grad students.

RSVP on Shoreline
or contact eddywopara@ucsb.edu

Hosted by the Graduate Student Association (GSA)
University of California, Santa Barbara

VP of Financial Affairs

- Spring Travel Grant
 - Closes on Friday! Applicants will begin to receive notice of whether all their materials were received.
 - 125 applications to date! 109 eligible applications
- Co-Sponsorships
 - Budget - \$5000
 - 5 applications pending
 - Request totals \$3,100
- Emergency Relief Fund
 - Closed for the academic year, 63 people funded, 57 denied, 6 pending
- Bus Pass
 - Application has closed, will put in request for passes and will become available during summer quarter
 - 236 applicants
- Childcare Grant
 - 68 student parents approved, 1 pending

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VP of Campus Affairs

- Grad Housing Report on 2024-25 data collected by last year's GSA

VP of External Affairs

UCGPC Graduate Student Survey



Healthcare, Immigrant
Protections, Basic Needs

https://berkeley.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1zwReu2C0XI5pie

Takes ~ 10 min

Call for UCGPC Student Officers, AY 2026-2027



Applications for President, VP,
Secretary, Treasurer

<https://ucgpc.org/2026/04/01/call-for-ucgpc-student-officers-ay-2026-2027/>

Open through May 10

Co-Sponsorships



“PARTY AT THE PICKET”

Requesting max funding for an event to take place during the week of May 18th. We will coordinate with AFSCME3299 to have a teach in at the picket line with music, dance, and food.

All graduate students encouraged to attend!



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UCSB Theater-Dance Graduate Symposium 2026

“Legacies of Performance: Inheriting Pasts and Imagining Futures”

Sponsored by the UCSB Department of Theater-Dance

Event Details:

Date: 18 April 2026
Time: 8:30am - 8pm
Location: UCSB Performing Arts Complex
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jorge Huerta
Total attendance: appx. 45 people
Total presenters: 13 (from UCSB, UC San Diego, and UC Davis)
Events: 3 paper panels, 3 performances, 2 workshops
Departments: Theater-Dance, Art, Performance Studies,
Religious Studies

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Graduate Symposium Budget

	Covered by Dept.	Symposium Actual:
Catering		
Breakfast:	370	450
Lunch:	745	1085
Honorariu:	500	500
Lodging:	700 (two nights)	540
Transpo:	700 (personal vehicle) <i>(UC reimburses @ \$0.70 per mile)</i>	170 (240 miles)
Total department contribution:		\$3,015
Total department funds used:		\$2,745

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Funds requested from the GSA:
(Expenses NOT covered by the department)

Event tech:

3 hours of student work @ \$25/hr: 75

Snacks: 64.52

13.96

Printing: 20.05

Total non-covered funds: \$173.53

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R.U.R.

Presented by the Public Domain Players

Four performance dates: May 30th, 31st,
June 5th and 6th

Goal: Public-facing performance that incorporates graduate research and helps support graduate students who use performance-as-research methodologies.

Current expenses:

- Use of performance spaces: 2000
- Set design: 250
- Props: 100
- Costumes: 250

Current Co-Sponsorships Total: 1500

Support from English, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Walter H. Capps Center, Literature and Mind Center

Performance will feature grads in performance and production roles! The play itself is free and open to the public.



Public Forum

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Adjournment

Next General Assembly: April 7th, 2026