General Assembly Minute
October 8 | 2019 | 6PM — 7:45PM
GSA Lounge

Meeting called by Cierra Raine Sorin, GSA President
Notes recorded by Pedro Craveiro, VP of Communication and Records

- Introduction
- Community Agreement
- Roll Call: Academic Departments Present: [28 Graduate Representatives]
  - History of Art and Architecture [1]
  - Comparative Literature [1]
  - Film and Media Studies [1]
  - Philosophy [1]
  - Religious Studies [1]
  - Spanish and Portuguese [1]
  - Theater and Dance [1]
  - Biomolecular Science and Engineering [1]
  - Dynamical Neuroscience [1]
  - Geography [2]
  - Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology [2]
  - Physics [2]
  - Communication [1]
  - Chemical Engineering [1]
  - Electrical and Computer Engineering [2]
  - Education [4]
  - Bren School [3]
- Approval of last meeting minutes
- Approval of current agenda
- Presentations
  - Co-sponsorship: Chemical Sciences Student Seminar
    - 10 to 15-minutes time slot for seminar sponsors
    - 2 speakers
• Food & coffee for seminar attendees
• CSSS is requesting $300 from UCSB GSA

  o UCSB Health & Wellness
  o Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity
    ▪ Works with students, staff, & faculty to support LGBTQ graduate
      students on campus
    ▪ Put your pronouns on Gold!
    ▪ Introduce yourself with pronouns http://rcsgd.sa.ucsb.edu/
    ▪ QTie Seminars provide education about the queer and trans community
      which include Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ)
      identities and experiences.
    ▪ Pronoun Trainings:
      Monday, October 14th | 11 to 11:30am | SRB 1st Floor Conference Room
      Thursday, October 24th | 1 to 1:30pm | Library 1312
      Tuesday, October 29th | 3 to 3:30pm | Library 1312

  • Staff Reports
    o GSA Advisor/Students Affairs Report // Carlos Nash and Robert Hamm
      ▪ Diversity Matters Events:
        • Friday, October 11, 2019 (9:00a.m. – 10:30a.m. UCEN Flying A
          Studio)
          o Breakfast Discussion of the 2018 National Academies’
            Report on Sexual Harassment of Women – National
            Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine
        • Monday, October 21, 2019 (2PM – 3:30PM Multicultural Center)
          o “Can I Be of Any Help” – Theater Delta Presentation. An
            interactive theater performance addressing conflicts in the
            classroom.
        • Wednesday, October 30, 2019 (1PM – 3PM. UCEN Flying A Studio)
          o Diversity in Graduate Education through Admissions
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• Window tinting: $3,762
• New lighting: $8,500
• Furniture (in process)
• Removal: $1,200-1,500
• New & installed: $67,313.16
• Card reader door (in process): $7,005
• New projector (in process): $5,726.33
  o Total: $101,502.49 of $98,529.75 from SFAC

- Lounge events this month:
  • Pumpkin Carving/Decorating, date/time TBD
  • Paint night hosted by Health & Wellness Oct. 17
  • Meeting with Provost Brown last week

- UCPath Center plan to implement switch of all student workers to biweekly pay by Fall 2020

- GSA is currently without an advisor
  • Working with Student Affairs to get a search underway

- Currently recruiting for committee reps:
  • Rec Center Governance Board
  • UCSB Action Collaborative Steering Committee
  • Student Fee Advisory Committee

- Goals for the year (in progress)
  • Paid staff member/advisor to GSA
  • Mental health
  • Lounge renovations will be done before winter
  • Year-round bus subsidization
  • Travel grants

  o **VP of Budget and Finance // Luke Rosedahl**
    • Travel Grant Application Window for Fall Closes Tomorrow
      • Up to $200 for travel to a conference at which you are presenting original work
    • The new Emergency Grant form is online
      • Up to $1,000 to offset unexpected emergency expenses

  o **VP of Communication and Records // Pedro Craveiro**
    • GSA Logo Contest
    • GSA Archives and Records
    • GSA Graduate Representatives
• GSA Social Media

  o **VP of Academic Affairs // Alex LeBrun**
    ▪ Faculty Mentoring Best Practices

  o **VP of External Affairs // Emma Schuster**
    ▪ Summer/Sept. systemwide updates: Pres. Napolitano, fossil fuel divestment, UC in DC (Nov., DACA), cohort-based tuition
    ▪ UCSB Basic Needs Task Force: grad eligibility for CalFresh, Miramar food pantry

  o **VP of Internal Affairs // Heather Prentice-Walz**
    ▪ Bagel Hour starts at 10/9 at 8:15AM

  o **VP of Committees and Planning // TBD**

  o **VP of Students Affairs // TBD**

• **Discussion Items**
  o **Massage chair for relaxation room**
    ▪ Health & Wellness cover first year
    ▪ $~2,000/year thereafter

  o **Concerns from GA Members**
    ▪ Fees for Graduate Students
    ▪ Filing Taxes for International Graduate Students

• **Action Items** (Requires Assembly Vote)
  o **Co-sponsorship vote for the Chemical Sciences Student Seminar: APPROVED**
    ▪ CALL FOR CONSENT: 28 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 nays.

  o **Vote on lease for massage chair only for the first year: APPROVED**
    ▪ CALL FOR CONSENT: 28 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 nays.

• **Announcements**

• **Adjournment**