

January 2017  
GSA Assembly

Start: 6:02 p.m.

**Agenda**

- Greetings!
- Roll Call/Community Agreements
- Presentations
- Advisor/Grad Div. Reports
- Executive Committee Reports
- Action Items
- Announcements
- Discussion Items
- Adjournment
- Roll Call
  - Academic Departments Present

**Community Agreements**

- Respect the Speaker
- Cell Phones/Recording
- Be Engaged
- Step Up/Step Back
- One Mic, One Diva
- Decorum

**Presentations**

**Gauchospace Support** - Eura Szuwalski

- Doing more advanced workshops on the following
  - Quizzes
  - Gradebook
  - Glossary
  - Database
  - Lessons
- Learn more at [GauchoSpace.ucsb.edu](http://GauchoSpace.ucsb.edu)
- For Support go to: <https://ucsbcollabsupport.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/categories/200007714-Gauchospace>
- For in person support:
  - FACULTY RESOURCE CENTER
  - KERR 1110 M-F, 10AM-4PM

**IV Lease Addendum** - Aaron Jones, and Ashcon Minoiefar (Undergraduate Associate Students External Vice President)

- Background:

- Advisory Committee (Housing, Sheriff's Office, landlords)
- Working on University Lease Addendum focused on safety and security
- Been difficult to get student input on the committee
- Isla Vista Tenants Union were told they could not participate in this process on the addendum
- A.S have done legal analysis of the lease
- Problem with university promoting a lease addendum for an area it has no control over
- Update:
  - Addendum has been retracted after protest from (but the language was sent out and some property owners might be using)
  - Kyle will send out the official document to assembly
- Discussion of letter by assembly
- Aaron Jones states that GSA's support will counteract the impression that this addendum is student approved; asks for support of letter

### **Co-Sponsorship Applications**

None

### **Staff Reports**

- GSA Advisor/Student Affairs Report (Robert Hamm)
  - Winter Programming is available (from CAPS, Health, GSRC, etc.)
  - Weekly Email about workshops and events will go out to grads
  - Grad Slam 2017: 5<sup>th</sup> Annual (April 10-21)
    - Registration starts on Tuesday

### **President's Report**

- GSA accounting update
  - GSA moving accounting to Associated Students
  - Currently working out a timeline for the transition
- Become a Student Regent
  - Applications for 2018-19 Student Regent due February 26, 2017  
<http://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/documents/pdf/student%20app.pdf>
  - Position sits on Board of Regents for all UCs
  - Student regent observes for one year before officially taking over

### **VP of Internal Affairs**

- Bagel Hour Update
  - Sponsored (and hopefully more bountiful) Bagel Hours this quarter
  - Increased quantity to see if supplies last longer
  - There will be a Library Sponsored hour to get grad spaces in library used
- Pool table hours: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Artwork and décor: going to set up work from Art Department
- Wellness events
  - Will be starting soon on a weekly basis

- Extended lounge hours
  - Working to get hours longer.
  - Limiting reservation hours for outside organizations
  - Talk to Ali with more ideas about how to do this

### **VP of External Affairs**

- Hire of legislative liaison, Lisa August-Schmidt (graduate student in EEMB)
- Tuition increase/decrease AND PDST changes are up for a vote by the Regents
  - To get involved: Apply to be a Student Advocate to the Regents to address the regents, to talk about tuition increases and university spending affects students during public comment by January 10 for January 25-26 meeting
- Bridging Graduate, Professional and Undergraduate Associations
  - Goal to reduce overlap and redundancy of organizations
  - Student leaders (EVPs, Legislative Directors, and Organizing Directors on certain campuses) will meet at least 1x per quarter, attend one meeting of counterpart org per year, discuss intersection of campus and local issues
- UCSA Grad/Prof Goals for quarter include:
  - Continued work on best practices in graduate student and advisor relationships and mentorship
  - State and federal policies on graduate student loans (contact Michelle Oyewole or Lisa if you are interested in getting involved with policy writing/advocacy)
  - Other graduate student affordability improvements
  - Local government/student collaboration - issues if housing, policing, etc.
- Please contact me if you'd like to get involved or to learn more:  
gsavpexternal@gmail.com

### **VP of Academic Affairs**

- Excellence in Teaching Award
  - "The GSA Excellence in Teaching Award (ETA) recognizes graduate students who have shown excellence and gone above and beyond as teachers at UCSB. Take the chance to give back and nominate your favorite teaching assistants and associates!"
- Call for nominations to go out the beginning of winter quarter via an online form
- Award committee to be formed in early spring quarter

### **VP of Student Affairs**

- Health insurance
  - Aetna was getting back to us with some numbers and estimates; negotiation meetings resume this month.
  - Insurance will probably go up
- Housing (update from quarterly housing meeting)
  - Next year: San Clemente will be 100% graduate student residents.
  - Family student housing renovations are in discussion.
  - Housing is interested in securing more spaces for psychological services away from undergraduates.

- Parking
  - Parking Committee never meets, so difficult to bring up changes
  - Do you have any parking grievances? Jenna would love to hear about them!
  - Parking Survey will be sent out to grads to get feedback

## **VP of Communications and Records**

Elections timeline/events

- Jan. 10: Hey GSA, elections are coming
  - Need elections committee volunteers (3 GSA members, 1 officer not running)
  - Fee Initiatives: Proposals are due by March 1
  - GSA Fee Increase; others fees?
- Feb:
  - Elections committee should be formed
  - Begin advertising nominations dates and deadlines
- Mar 7: Nominations open
- April:
  - April 4: Nominations closed
  - Candidates Forum/ ProCon list provided by Elections Committee
  - April 17-20: Campus Election

## **VP of Committees and Planning**

- Committees Update
  - 17 committees that need Graduate Student representation
  - Some committees have been eliminated that no longer need to meet
  - Committee stipend requests have been sent to accounting.
  - Students of Color Social Hour happening next week in the lounge, look for the email
- To visit Committees website:
  - Visit: <http://www.gsa.ucsb.edu/committees>
  - Click first hyperlink: GSA Committees File
- MosherTime, Winter 2016:
  - Please email me (MATT@UMAIL.UCSB.EDU) with any requests, questions, suggestions.
  - If you took any photos, I'd love to see them
- GSA Social Hour, Jan 2016:
  - Woodstocks, end of month.

## **VP of Budget and Finance**

No updates

## **Action Items**

None

## **Announcements**

- Union meeting on Wednesday night at Bagel Café,
- GSA is on Instagram. Share photos with us @ucsbgsa

**Discussion**

- Motion to co-sponsor letter by Aaron on IV Addendum
- Yes: 33; No: 0
  - o Motion passes

**Adjournment: 7:03 p.m.**

Farewell!