

February 2017 Assembly Meeting

Welcome!

Start: 6:03 pm

Meeting Agenda

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

Meeting

- 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

- Office of International Students and Scholars – Cristina Carney & Chyrss Yost
- UCSB Library – Jon Jablonski, Director, Interdisciplinary Research Collaboratory
- Office of the Ombuds – Michael Steinberg, Associate Ombuds
- IV Addendum Update – Aaron Jones, Assistant Director for Community Affairs, Student Engagement and Advocacy
- Black Graduate Student Association – David Stamps, President

Office of International Students and Scholars

Cristina Carney & Chyrss Yost

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- Here to talk about and answer questions about travel ban
 - Currently a restraining order on the ban
- 42 grad students affected by ban; they are on campus now; able to do their work; have full support of UC system and OISS office
- If need to travel internationally, recommended to check with OISS first
- Talk on Work Visa in ESB 1; info posted on their website

UCSB Library

Jon Jablonski, Director

Interdisciplinary Research Collaboratory

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Interdisciplinary Research Collaboratory

- Collaboratory Software Stack
 - NVIVO
 - Tware
 - R, R Studio
 - Gephi
 - Adobe suite (photoshop, illustrator, etc.)
 - SPSS
 - Stata
 - Python (with a large set of libraries)
 - Ubuntu virtual machine
 - ArcMap / qGIS
- Most importantly: Help
 - Help finding, accessing, using a wide variety of tools and resources.
 - Collaboratory: Featured Content
 - Roper Center for Public Opinion Research
 - One of the world's leading archives of social science data, specializing in data from surveys of public opinion.
 - The data held by the Roper Center range from the 1930s, when survey research was in its infancy, to the present. Most of the data are from the United States, but over 50 nations are represented.
- Collaboratory: Featured Content
 - Crimson Hexagon
 - Crimson Hexagon is a web-based library of social media posts (updated in real-time) and social media analysis software platform.
 - Posts can be searched using keywords and then either downloaded for off-line analysis with third party tools or analyzed using Crimson Hexagon's data visualizations.
 - Datastream
 - Historical time series data including equity, index, commodity, currency, bond, futures, options, and economic data.
 - Datastream also provides access to ASSET4 ESG data which includes 500 metrics on more than 4,700 global companies covering environmental, social, and governance factors.
 - ICPSR
 - ICPSR maintains a data archive of more than 500,000 files of research in the social sciences. It hosts 16 specialized collections of data in education, aging, criminal justice, substance abuse, terrorism, and other fields.

- MIL Data Collections
 - 25 years of born digital and digitized materials
 - ‘Nearline’ network shares available in Collaboratory: 491 titles
 - CD/DVD collection: some 3500 disks
- Collaboratory Services
 - Collaboratory staff help UCSB faculty, students, and employees:
 - Access purchased, licensed, and archival data sets
 - Find and evaluate open access data sources
 - Basic software and research tool support
 - Engage in cross-disciplinary collaboration
- Collaboratory: Hours & Space
 - Walk-in hours:
 - 1p – 8p, Sun – Thurs; 1p – 5p, Fri – Sat
 - By appointment:
 - Weekdays 9a – 1p
 - ...and special events
 - Email: collaboratory@library.ucsb.edu
 - Check out our calendar:
 - <http://www.library.ucsb.edu/collaboratory>
 - @libratorybot
- Collaboratory: Acquisitions
 - Not all data is freely available
 - We can acquire and make available data for your research needs via:
 - Subscription to new data sources
 - Purchase of data sets
 - Spatial data
 - Contact Jon Jablonski at jonjab@ucsb.edu for GIS data purchase/license requests
 - Other data
 - Contact Shari Laster at slaster@ucsb.edu

Office of the Ombuds

Michael Steinberg

- Associate Ombuds
 - michael.steinberg@ucsb.edu
 - Girvetz Hall, 1205-K
 - 805-893-3285
- Mission:
 - Confidential, neutral resource for UCSB students
 - Not mandated reporters
 - Can help mediate issues with PIs and Thesis Advisors
 - You might not need help, but you may know someone who needs help

IV Addendum Update

Aaron Jones, Assistant Director for Community Affairs, Student Engagement and Advocacy
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- Thanks for GSA support of letter sent to community housing office advisory board about the IV Lease Addendum
- Met with Advisory Board with a packet, including letter of concerns and a legal analysis of addendum done by lawyers,
 - Packet distributed
 - However, Lease Addendum was not discussed at most recent meeting
- Group later met with Willie Brown, head of housing, to discuss concerns
 - Willie wants to talk more with undergraduate leadership
- Hope of elected leadership is that the addendum will be pulled after these meetings

Black Graduate Student Association

David Stamps, President

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- Started 28 years ago; but had been defunct for a few years
- Re-registered and have started again
- Only 67 black grads
- Goal to make sure Black Grads are represented
- Looking to partner with GSA for events; for example, Student of Color Luncheon

Co-Sponsorship Applications

- Black Graduate Student Association – Jamaal Muwwakkil & David Stamps
- American Indian Graduate Student Alliance – Alesha Claveria
- Spanish & Portuguese Graduate Student Conference – Caragh Barry

Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA)

Jamaal Muwwakkil & David Stamps

Celebrating Black Scholarship

- More events dedicated to amplifying Black scholarship on UCSB campus
- Thursday February 16th 2017 in the SRB Multipurpose Room 12:30-3:00
- BGSA provides academic support and social resources that meet the needs of Black graduate students.
- BGSA is committed to mentorship, research, and service while also focused on creating an inclusive environment where all students at UCSB can thrive.
- Symposium for all students, admins, and faculty to see work being done by Black grads/profs/postdocs at UCSB
 - 5 minute research talks
 - 5 minute performances (singing, dancing, etc)
 - Focus is black scholarship however, people of all races are welcome to present on work focused on the African Diaspora.
 - Center for Black Studies has contributed \$100
 - AS Initiatives has agreed to contribute \$100
- The engagement and involvement of graduate students is integral to this symposium.
 - This event is organized by graduate students, and graduate students are strongly encouraged to give a talk.

- We aim to create a friendly environment in which graduate students can network with faculty and post docs, as well as engage in conversations about their work with each other.
- We aim to include presentations by several UCSB graduate students during the symposium; we expect presentations from at least four UCSB departments.
- Request Amount: \$300

American Indian Graduate Student Alliance

Alesha Claveria (from Theater and Dance)

Symposium on American Indian & Indigenous Studies for the 21st Century

- Friday, February 24, 2017
- 8:30AM-5:00 PM
- McCune Conference Room, 6th floor HSSB, UCSB
- Also live streaming the conference
- “We Speak, We Learn: Native and Indigenous Peoples Educating the 21st Century”
 - This is the fourth annual UCSB American Indian and Indigenous Collective (AIIC) symposium. This year the symposium will seek to actively engage Indigenous methodological practices within the symposium’s design and execution. The methodology will allow diverse participants to cooperatively and collectively interrogate current American Indian and Indigenous (AIIS) pedagogy and explore the future of the field with the goal of expanding and enriching AIIS at UCSB.
- Request Amount: \$300

Spanish & Portuguese Graduate Student Conference

Caragh Barry

- CONTACT AND DIVISION: CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC STUDIES ON ISOLATION AND MARGINALIZED EXPRESSIONS
 - XVII Lusophone and Hispanic Graduate Conference
 - Department of Spanish & Portuguese
 - February 16-17, 2017
- Conference theme
 - Interdisciplinary theme that encompasses multiple fields
- 2 keynotes
 - Eric Campbelle (Linguistics, UCSB) & Estelle Tarica (UC Davis, Spanish Literature)
- Documentary: Orgullosamente indígena
 - Student documentary created by Tequio Youth Group (Oxnard) in partnership with UCSB graduate students that discusses the pressures of language socialization for a Zapotec and Mixtec youth
- Strong interdisciplinary commitment
- The event serves graduate students by:
 - Exhibiting the ongoing work of graduate students from multiple departments (Spanish and Portuguese, Comparative Literature, Linguistics, Political Science, etc.) and providing an opportunity to discuss with colleagues and professors at UCSB, as well as the academic community at large

- Challenging hegemonic linguistic ideology. The conference represents multiple languages including English, Spanish, Portuguese, Zapotec, etc.
- Providing one of the only department-specific opportunities for professional academic development
- Invites speakers from home and other UCs
- Financial request
 - \$300
 - Printing
 - Food
 - Keynote speaker expenses

Staff Reports

- GSA Advisor/Student Affairs Report
 - Don Lubach: I encourage everyone, including current officers, to consider running for office. Elections will be here before we know it. Please talk to current officers about their jobs if you are interested. The current group is working on a transition strategy so that you can start off knowing what you're supposed to do.
- Graduate Division Report
 - Christian Villasenor
 - Plans for June commencement starting in February
 - Looking for student speaker nominations
 - Annual Lancaster Dissertation Award Competition
 - Must be nominated by faculty member
 - Biological and Life Sciences
 - Humanities and Fine Arts
 - \$1000 prize
 - Deadline: April 12, 2017
 - Robert Hamm
 - 5th Annual Grad Slam: April 10-21
 - Deadline to register: Friday, Feb. 10
 - Over \$40,000 awarded
 - Presentations Skills and Communication Workshop Series
 - Take place before GradSlam
 - Continuing Fellowships
 - Department Awards (nominated by departments)
 - By Student Competitions

President's Report

- GSA accounting: working hard to make the move as soon as possible
- CCCIV
- Applications for 2018-19 Student Regent due February 26, 2017:
 - More Info:
 - http://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/_documents/pdf/student%20app.pdf
- AS call to appoint a member to serve on your regional Commission.
 - The Nominating Commission will meet on two Saturdays – March 18, 2017 and April 8, 2017 – to begin the selection process for Student Regent.

- GSA statement sent out: regarding recent Trump executive action (aka Travel Ban)
- Matt Fritzler: Statement about Trump Administration: will be sent out in minutes
- Election Update: We will send out information in March to discuss at the March 7 meeting

VP of Internal Affairs

- Bagel Hour sponsorships
 - Open to sponsorships; spread the word
- Artwork for lounge
 - If you're interested, let Ali Rahman know at gsavpinternal@gmail.com
- Future extended lounge hours
 - Slow process because of bookings
- Meeting room/quiet study space
 - Making storage room into a study space or small conference room

VP of External Affairs

- Student lobby conference March 25-27.
 - Applications out soon.
- Graduate Day of Action
 - UC system wide day of action
 - Planning underway for a day in March.
 - Sign up today if you are interested in community organizing and planning.
 - Contact: gsavpexternal@gmail.com
- Presentation by UAW at UCSC meeting.
 - They are supporting a bill on research assistant rights in the state

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 on GSA website, accepted until March 17 by 5 PM.
 - Nominees will be **notified March 24** with instructions on how to submit your name for final consideration-Award committee to be formed in early spring quarter.
- GSA Dixon-Levy Service Award
 - This award acknowledges that service to graduate students at UCSB comes in many forms, not only through serving as an elected GSA Officer, but also through advocacy of graduate student interests in a variety of other ways. This prestigious award will be given to outstanding members of the university community who have unselfishly devoted themselves to the improvement of graduate student life. Contributions to graduate life should extend beyond what is deemed appropriate to everyday work or civic service responsibilities.

- All graduate students, undergraduates, administrators, faculty, and staff are eligible to be nominated. GSA elected officials are not eligible to be nominated for actions related to their elected role as an Executive Officer.
- Call for nominations on GSA website, accepted until March 17 by 5 PM.
- Award committee to be formed in early spring quarter.

VP of Student Affairs

- Health Insurance
 - Aetna vs. UCSHIP
 - UCSB and Berkeley only ones not part of UCSHIP
 - Been with AETNA for two years and they provide good services and benefits
 - Committee recommendation to stay with AETNA
 - What do you want from your health insurance?
 - Tell Jenna at gsavpstudentaffairs@gmail.com
 - Looking to go for higher premium and lower deductibles (since most grads don't pay for health insurance)
 - Price may change; right now we pay same as undergrads, but grad will probably go up
- Housing and Transportation
 - Owe you a parking survey
 - AS doing a great job with lease addendum

VP of Communications and Records

- Nothing to report

VP of Committees and Planning

- 112 people attended the last Woodstocks Pizza Social Hour.
- Planning the next social hour during lunch
 - specifically to accommodate students who often teach or have class during the evening.

VP of Budget and Finance

- Co-sponsorship account: 3 Feb requests, plenty of money to fund them

Action Items

Co-sponsorship applications

- Black Graduate Student Association, \$300
- American Indian Graduate Student Alliance, \$300
- Spanish & Portuguese Graduate Student Conference, \$300
- Motion to Approve all 3 co-sponsorships
 - Seconded
 - Consent
 - Motion Approved for all 3 co-sponsorships (Total \$900)

Announcements

- History Pub Quiz, Feb. 8 in the HUB, 7:45
- Event at MCC tomorrow night
 - Email Jasmine for comp tickets (\$5) Jasmine.Yarish@sa.ucsb.edu
- VITA for free tax services: <http://ucsbvita.weebly.com/>
- Kyle Crocco can help with fellowship applications: kyle.crocco@graddiv.ucsb.edu

Discussion

None

Adjournment: 7:37 pm

- Motion
- Seconded
- Consent

Farewell!