

March 2017 Assembly Meeting

Welcome!

Start: 6:03 p.m

Meeting Agenda

- Greetings!
- Roll Call/Community Agreements
- Presentations
- Advisor/Grad Div. Reports
- Executive Committee Reports
- Election ballot initiatives discussion
- 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

Co-Sponsorship Applications

- IEEE Photonics Society UCSB Student Branch - Zeyu Zhang
- New Adventures in Indigenous Languages (NAIL) - Alexia Fawcett
- Theater and Dance Graduate Students - Hala Baki

IEEE Photonics Society UCSB Student Branch

- Zeyu Zhang
- Funding Proposal for Hosting IEEE Photonics Society Distinguished Lecture
- Organization name: IEEE Photonics Society UCSB Student Chapter
- Event title: Guest Lecture “Nonlinear Optics in AlGaAs: Past, Present and Future Prospects.” by Professor J. Stewart Aitchison.
 - Goals: The focus of this event is to introduce the primary research area of our guest lecturer to the audience. And by having this seminar, we hope to broaden the interests of our audience and to inspire them in their own area of research.
 - Audience/impact: Anybody whose research interests overlap with the lecture topic (Grad student/faculties in the ECE/material/physics department).

- Event time: Monday March 13 at 12-1:30pm
- Event location: Elings 1601
- Attendee size: 50
- Promotion plan: We would set up a webpage in our IEEE Photonics Society UCSB Chapter website; we would post flyer around ESB, HFH and the physics department building; all members of our student Chapter will receive email contain detailed information of this event.
- **Amount requested: \$300**
 - Purpose for the requested fund: The seminar is hosted during lunchtime, the requested fund will be used to provide refreshment to our attendees as well as balance some of the promotion cost.

New Adventures in Indigenous Languages (NAIL)

Alexia Fawcett

- 20th Annual Workshop on American
- Indigenous Languages
- Open to all students
- Attracts international and domestic scholars
- Collaborative event with Native student organizations
- Chumash performance
- One of the few campus events that focus on indigenous peoples of the Americas
- Conference run entirely by graduate students
- **Amount Requested: \$300**

1st annual Theater and dance graduate symposium: Global Flows, Resistance, and Performance

- Theater and Dance Graduate Students
- Hala Baki
- Event Information
 - Date and time: Saturday, May 6th, 2017; 9am-4pm
 - Location: GSA Lounge
 - Admission: Free, open to all
 - Keynote: Edward Ziter (Tisch School of the Arts, NYU)
 - Presenters/performers: approximately 9-12 graduate students from various departments across UCSB and other UC campuses
 - Projected attendance: 50 graduate students and faculty
 - Purpose: to help a group of interdisciplinary graduate students present new research and network with faculty and other scholars in a variety of fields
 - Free and open to all graduate students
- Funding Request
 - **Amount requested from GSA: \$300**
 - Projected use: to help cover catering costs (UCen catering)
 - Other funding sought:
 - College of Letters and Science- \$1606 (pending)

- Graduate Division- \$800 (pledged)
- Department of Theater & Dance- \$500 (pledged)

Staff Reports

GSA Advisor/Student Affairs Report: Don Lubach

- Become an officer; also looks great on the CV
- Feel free to ask Don or one of the officers for insight
- Go to the GradSlam to support fellow grad students in your department; and vote in people's choice

Graduate Division Report: Christian Villasenor; Robert Hamm

- GradSlam: April 10-21
 - 74 people signed up
 - Over 40,000 awarded
- Professional Development Workshops
 - Captivate an Audience with your research story
 - March 8, 13
 - Using social media to advance your career
 - March 9
 - Lunch and Learn
 - March 10

President's Report

- GSA accounting
 - Updated undergraduate senate on change to accounting
 - The cost to GSA will be low
 - Working out details of the paperwork process
- Housing update
 - Next year: San Clemente, will be almost 100% graduate students
 - But will probably also have veteran students (undergrads) living there, they are closer to age to graduate students
 - No fee increase for San Clemente
 - ~3% increase for West Campus and Storke Campus
 - There have been millions dollars of improvements
 - Housing wants to bring up all apartments up to a baseline
 - Problem: people live there 12 months a year for years, so difficult to upgrade without being disruptive
- UCOP updates
 - David missed meeting due to medical emergency
 - Will provide update based on minutes at next meeting
- ICE on campus
 - There will be ICE agents on campus
 - UCs cannot bar ICE agents from campus

VP of Internal Affairs

- Nothing to update

GSA VP External

- UCSA Board Meeting was this weekend at UCSB, some highlights:
 - Tips for Engaging City Officials
 - Aimed at student governments: how to get needs met by government offices off campus (if not met by UCs)
 - Divestment Resolution Passed
 - Know Your Rights Training with CAIR
- Attend UCSA's Annual Student Lobby Conference, March 26-27:
 - Link to apply: <https://goo.gl/forms/1N1HmqLb2e30UeZ63>
 - UCSA is hosting a Graduate Research Symposium on March 26th at the Student Lobby Conference
 - Link to apply: <https://ucsa.org/researchsymposium/>
- Graduate Day of Action: Tuesday, March 14: starts at Noon
 - UCSB's event:
 - Info on Facebook page
 - Letter-Writing Campaign
 - Empowering buttons
 - Informational Leaflets
 - Featuring: Embodied Healing with Yoga
 - GSA's VP Student Affairs Jenna will be leading
 - Contact Michele if you'd like to get involved in planning and poster making this week.
 - 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 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
- GSA's Little Free Library
 - Do you miss reading for pleasure? Do you have a spare moment to read a book on a topic unrelated to your research? Would you love a chance to escape reality through a FREE book?
 - Borrow a book from GSA's very own Little Free Library, now open! Take a book and leave one in exchange. Feel free to borrow and/or donate a book anytime! Our library is a great chance to escape from your research and relax (for free!) with a good book.

VP of Student Affairs

- Housing
 - Nothing to report
- Parking and Transportation
 - Nothing to report
- Health Insurance
 - UCSB GHI Advisory Committee Consensus Statement 2/17/2017
 - The UCSB GHI Advisory Committee has met 8 times since Fall 2016 to consider the competing proposals between UC SHIP and Aetna (our current commercial fully-insured carrier). After careful consideration of the issues affecting students and campus departments, our consensus is that UCSB should stay with Aetna if possible for lower premiums and better benefits than UC SHIP. We also agreed that we should continue our unified premium rate for undergraduates and graduates, without any rebalancing or disparity between the rates.
 - However, we realize that other factors involving the UC system may influence the final decision, and we make this recommendation to the Executive Vice Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs to forward to the Chancellor for the final decision regarding whether to join UC SHIP for the 2017-18 academic year.
 - The major reasons that the Committee considered in reaching its recommendation are listed below in the Campus Costs of Implementation, and in the attached Benefits Comparison. If these issues could be mitigated, or UC SHIP benefits changed to address the identified problems, the Committee would view the change to UC SHIP more favorably.

VP of Communications and Records

- 2017 Elections
- Nominations now open for 2017-2018 GSA Officers!
- ALL positions are open for nomination:
 - GSA President (\$2000 quarterly stipend)
 - Executive VPs (\$1500 quarterly stipend)

- For a complete description of each position, visit: <http://www.gsa.ucsb.edu/docs/default-source/gsa-governing-documents/gsa-officer-responsibilities-overview.pdf>
- To learn more about executive positions, contact a current officer.

VP of Committees and Planning

- Mosher Time: possibly week 10

VP of Budget and Finance

- Co-Sponsorship Account: healthy fund at the moment
 - Balance 3,450, to fund 11.5 more
- 2017 Ballot Initiatives Discussion
 - Reaffirmations Going Up Automatically
 - Bus Pass
 - Travel Grant
 - SMERF
- Summer Bus Pass Grant:
 - Problem:
 - \$35,000 surplus in account
 - Average spending/year: \$4,000
 - Not allowed to use money for anything
 - Solution
 - GSA votes not to put forth a re-affirmation
 - Continue providing service until funds run out
 - Then can re-implement it at more appropriate fee level
- Childcare Grants
 - Problem:
 - \$91,000 surplus
 - Average spending/year ~\$10,000
 - Solution:
 - Vote to discontinue fee
 - Chancellor can then cancel collection
 - Continue to offer program until funds run out
 - Then re-establish

2017 Elections Discussion

- Reaffirm SMERF (\$.89 a quarter)
- Reaffirm Travel Grant (\$4.28 a quarter)
 - Grant funds ~15 grants a quarter, \$200 each
- Sunset Childcare Grant (\$3.97 a quarter)
 - Grad students can only receive 5 grants in their time here
 - Can only reimburse for childcare for academic events
 - \$250 a child
- Sunset Summer Bus Pass (\$2.85 a quarter)
 - Requires action by assembly to not put on the ballot
- Propose Summer Internship Initiative (\$4.96, once a year)
 - Internship Grant

- To fund unpaid internships
- Offer 4-10 internships a year

Action Items

Co-sponsorship applications

- IEEE Photonics Society UCSB Student Branch
- New Adventures in Indigenous Languages (NAIL)
- Theater and Dance Graduate Students
- Motion to approve, seconded
- Call for Consent,
 - **Motion Approved: All 3 Co-sponsorships will be funded for \$300 each**

Announcements

- Elections committee members needed
- Nominate officers

Discussion

- Motion to support the Execs decision to sunset the Childcare Grant
- Seconded
- Consent
- **Approved: Execs will move forward with steps to sunset the Childcare Grant**

Adjournment: 7:39 p.m.

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Farewell!