

**October 2016 Assembly Meeting
Welcome!**

6:08 p.m.

Meeting Agenda

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

Meeting

Introductions

- GSA Executive Committee 2016-17
- Don Lubach, Associate Dean of Students – Student Affairs
- Robert Hamm, Director of Graduate Student Professional Development, Graduate Division
- Christian Villaseñor, Assistant Dean, Graduate Division

Meeting

- Roll Call
 - Academic Departments Present
- GSA Constitution: Article II, Section B, Clause E
 - The GSA Assembly, by a simple majority (50% plus 1) vote, may resolve disputes concerning official Graduate Degree Program representation.
 - Moved to approve temps to vote. Seconded. Approved. Consensus

Community Agreements

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

Presentations

Gary Lytle: Food Security

- UC Global Food Initiative: World Food Day, Oct. 16
- Food Access & Security Study:
 - 19.2% of people for UC system are food insecure, and 23.2% are marginal
- Offer Food Nutrition and Basic Skills Program
 - How to plan, purchase, prepare
- Website (go to Associated Students Foodbank website)
 - Lists of resources for students
- CalFresh and A.S. Foodbank
 - For Foodbank: If you know someone who might be food insecure, send them over there.
 - For CalFresh: meet with advocate on campus to go through that process

Co-Sponsorship Applications

The Society of Global Scholars

- New group on campus
- Conference, multidisciplinary, on “The Rise of Right”
- Hosting workshop at end of the conference
- Estimate about 50 grads there, about 40 from UCSB
- Students will get feedback on their work and foster interdisciplinary connections
- Asking for \$300, \$200 of which is for food

Emergency Preparedness and Community Resource Fair

- RA: Yunuen Gomez
- Housing – FSH And UCSB GSA
- Co-sponsored the Annual Emergency Preparedness and Community Resource Fair 2016 at Family Student Housing
- Program for graduate students in family housing

Staff Reports

GSA Advisor/Student Affairs Report – Don Lubach

- GSA officer a great group who want to party with you responsibly
- Resilient Love Event – check it out
- Check out CAPS – Riding the Wave (group for graduate students)
- Adventure Pass: At Rec Center \$60 for year pass for equipment to use

Graduate Division Report – Robert Hamm

- GSRC, SRB, 1215: put on events for career and professional development
- Subscribe to GradPost: HOW TO STAY INFORMED AND UP-TO-DATE
- Finding the Support You Need
 - Use GradDiv webpages
 - Lunch & Learn (provide lunch, listen to research)
 - First one this Friday

- Seven peers to assist
- List of upcoming events: check out programming overview

Graduate Division – Christian Villasenor

President's Report

- Council of Presidents
 - Main issues: food security, housing, graduate student pay
- Building Committee - New Instructional Hall and Theater
 - Campbell Hall needs to be replaced (easier to replace than to rebuild)
 - Serves important role on campus for classes and Arts & Lectures
 - Looking for locations to build a hall (perhaps directly North of Campbell)
 - Breaking ground, probably next year
 - Current meeting focus: being ADA compliant
- Campus Regulations Committee
 - Talked about how to define bullying
- GSA Assembly Representation
 - Goal: to see every department represented at assembly
- VP of Internal Affairs
 - VPJA resignation accepted on 9/1
 - First search from 9/2-9/9
 - One applicant; failed search
 - Second search from 9/21-9/21
 - Two applicants; interim appointed

VP of External Affairs

- Attended University of California Student Association (UCSA) Meetings in July, August, & September
 - Elected as Chair of Graduate and Professional Student Committee
 - Main roles: Facilitate board space; communicate with grad students, professional students, GSAs, and PSAs systemwide; organize efforts around our Agenda
 - Maintain contact with relevant parties in UCOP, Regents, UAW, NAGPS
- Established Graduate & Professional Student Agenda 2016-2017
 - 8 agenda items grouped into 3 themes: Affordability, Equity, & Connection
 - Specific sub-goals of the agenda and tentative timelines provided here (timelines will be sectioned by quarter)
- Resolution on Graduate Student-Advisor Relationships by Michelle Oyewole, UCSB and Ricardo Gomez, UCB
 - UCSA systemwide approval received May 2016
 - UCOP has given preliminary feedback
 - EVPs will bring to their delegations at each campus (I will present a version tailored to UCSB and incorporating UCOP comments)
- Student of Color Conference 11/18-11/20, UC Irvine: Applications will be released in upcoming month to bring a delegation of UCSB graduate students

- “UCSA’s oldest and largest conference, providing a safe space for students of color and their allies to strategize around statewide and campus-based actions.”
- Contact Michelle Oyewole at gsavpexternal@gmail.com
- Apply to be the Legislative Liaison
 - Interested in local, state, and federal policies affecting Grad students?
 - Do you want to improve the lives of yourself and your peers by coordinating legislative efforts around issues of the Grad/Prof agenda?
 - October 31 application deadline: Contact gsavpexternal@gmail.com for more information
- UCSA Appointed Officer Positions (unpaid)
 - Many available positions to advise the UCSA board on issues affecting students but I am very interested in having grad student representation as the **Labor Relations Officer**
 - Applications due TODAY (October 4)
 - People can apply by end of week

VP of Academic Affairs

- Graduate Student Diversity Initiative: Being targeted at new students coming in this year
 - Mentorship (first year with advance doctoral students)
 - Networking events
 - Quarterly Events
 - Writing Support Grants
 - Career Counseling Events
- Lunch and Learn coming up
 - Friday, SRB, MPR, noon-1:30
 - Multilingualism and Machine Learning
 - Pizza and salad

VP of Student Affairs

- Health & Wellness
 - Wellness Welcome: free massages and snacks tomorrow, Wednesday, October 5, 12:30-3:30!
- Community Housing Advisory Board
 - That egregious proposed IV Lease Addendum is currently being reviewed by a lawyer
 - Looking into harm reduction strategies concerning keg ban
- Food Security Working Group
 - 42% of UCSB students have experienced food insecurity!
 - Plans to get a CalFresh assistant for sessions in the GSA Lounge
- First meeting coming soon: health insurance, parking

VP of Communications and Records

- **New Website**

VP of Budget and Finance

- Budget overview (see slides on assembly ppt)
- Goal to get Childcare Grant money out to students for childcare, or divert it to other accounts
- Go over decreased, increased, added items
 - Committee Stipend decreased
 - Legislative liaison increased
 - Mosher Time increased (3 events for year)
 - Lounge Events (added) (Karaoke, etc)
 - Lounge Upgrade (added) (for increase use of lounge)
 - Quarterly Officer-staff consultation (added)
 - Total Carryover: about 35,282

VP of Committees and Planning

Matt wants to apologize for missing the meeting. He's at UCLA for a doctor's appointment today and trying to juggle all of the things. He'll be here for the next meeting, and provides this GIF in the meantime. He's also done typing in 3rd person, and hopes this wasn't all too unprofessional.

Report to General Assembly

- 33 Committees that need Graduate Student representation
- Total of 85 seats
 - 40 open seats on committees
 - 45 slots filled

To visit Committees website:

- Visit: <http://www.gsa.ucsb.edu/>
- Scroll over Delegates, Click on Committees
- Click first hyperlink: GSA Committees File
- Email gsavpcomplan.ucsb@gmail.com and lets get you on a committee!

Action Items

- Co-Sponsorships
 - The Society of Global Scholars
 - Emergency Preparedness and Community Resource Fair
 - Move to approve both: Seconded. Consent. Approved
- VP for Internal Affairs Ratification
 - GSA Constitution Article III, Section C
 - iv. If any other elected GSA Officer position becomes vacant, then a Special Election for that GSA Officer position shall take place at the next GSA Assembly Meeting that is more than three (3) business days after the announcement of the vacancy, and, if necessary, at each subsequent GSA Assembly Meeting until the position is filled.
 - v. The Executive Committee may appoint a GSA member to serve as an Acting GSA Officer until the position is filled, subject to approval of the GSA Assembly.
- VPIA Ratification
 - Ali M. Rahman

- University of California Santa Barbara, Ph.D. in Comparative Literature, 2018 (expected)
- Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY, M.F.A. in Writing, 2014
- Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA, B.A. in English Literature, 2011
- Motion to appoint. Seconded. Approved. Consensus.
- 2016-2017 GSA Budget
 - Discussion: Lounge Upgrade
 - Pool table conducive to study: room not for a quiet place to study
 - Maybe add a whiteboard for study
 - Move to approve. Second. Consent. Approved

Announcements

- **Cierra Sorin: Sexual Violence Activist**
 - Need grad student representation
 - Will send Kyle an email
- Resilient Love Series
 - 8pm tonight

Discussion

- No items for discussion

Adjournment:

7:24

Farewell!