GSA General Assembly

April 9th 2019

Meeting starts at 6:05 pm

- Agenda
  - Greetings!
  - Community Agreements
    - Votes: 50% +1 to pass (Article II, Section B, Clause E)
    - Respect the speaker
    - No cell phones/recording
    - Be engaged
    - Step up/step back
    - One Mic, One Diva
    - Jargon Giraffe
    - Decorum
  - Last meeting minutes and current agenda approval
  - Roll Call
  - Presentations
  - Advisor/Grad Div. Reports
  - Executive Committee Reports
  - Action Items
  - Announcements
  - Discussion Items
  - Adjournment

- Roll Call
  - 22 departments signed in

Motioned to approve minutes, second, consent, no abstentions
Motion passes
Presentations

- **Presentation: Research Mentorship Program**
  - Call for mentors
  - Join our group as a mentor
  - 75 students admitted per year
  - One on one mentorship
  - Summer program: June 7- Aug 2nd
  - $1,000 per student, 2 students per project
  - [www.summer.ucsb.edu/rmp/mentors](http://www.summer.ucsb.edu/rmp/mentors)

- **Presentation: School on Wheels**
  - Elizabeth
  - Org that offers 1 on 1 tutoring to homeless students
  - Important issue in SB
  - You can help as a tutor
  - They are constantly looking for volunteers
  - [www.schoolonwheels.org](http://www.schoolonwheels.org)
● Presentation: Food Security Town Hall
  ○ Micaela
  ○ Share their experiences and communicate their unique needs regarding food security
  ○ Tuesday April 16th
  ○ 5:30-7:30pm

● Presentation: Advisory Committee on Campus Access (ACCA)
  ○ The Advisory Committee on Campus Access (ACCA) advises the administration on all matters related to access to campus programs, services, and activities by persons with disabilities.
  ○ Primary Duties:
    ■ On-going review of campus services, programs, and activities for persons with disabilities;
    ■ Make Recommendations to administration, via the ADA Compliance Officer, on related issues; and
    ■ Make Recommendations to ADA Compliance Officer regarding Administrative Services’ ADA funding allocations for remediation and repair projects to improve physical access on campus (See Grant Proposal Process page for more information).
  ○ Voting membership is as follows:
    ■ 4 Faculty (Nominated by Academic Senate)
    ■ 4 Students
- 2 Undergraduate Students (Nominated by AS)
- Graduate Students (Nominated by GSA)
- Jasmine Kelekay (Sociology)
- Mallory Melton (Anthropology)
- 4 Staff (Nominated by CSAC)

  **GSA Representatives’ Suggestions**
  
  1) Additional workshops during TA/Grad student orientation from our accessibility experts
     - Director of DSP (Gary White) and HR Disability Services Manager (Elizabeth Delo) have offered to conduct workshops on their services at department trainings
     - ADA Compliance officer Jennifer Lofthus has offered to design trainings according to needs, as well as to prepare a 5-minute presentation and handbook to include at pre-established department trainings
  
  2) We would like to encourage GSA representatives and other graduate students to ask their individual departments to request workshops with accessibility experts.
     - Some benefits include:
       - Enhanced understanding of responsibilities to undergraduates
       - Enhanced understanding of our rights as students and as employees
       - Facilitate smoother departmental practices and communication around accommodations
  
  3) Tap into GSA’s outreach by **e.g. sharing monthly tips and resources related to accessibility.**
     - better support undergraduate students in our roles as teaching assistants
     - making sure graduate students are aware of the support they themselves have access to, both as graduate students and as employees of the university
  
  4) Potentially develop and distribute survey to graduate students about experiences or needs in terms of accessibility
     - Finding out GSA needs:
     - Trainings on any topic
     - Access needs
     - When:
ACCA convenes quarterly but may schedule additional meetings as needed. These meetings are open to the general public. For schedule information, please email: policy@ucsb.edu or call 805.893.7025.

Suggestions:
- If you are aware of an issue related to physical access on campus that you feel ACCA may be able to assist with, please contact the Deputy ADA Compliance Officer at policy@ucsb.edu to discuss.

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- Deputy ADA Compliance Officer
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- Workplace Accommodations Coordinator
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Gary White
- Director, Disabilities Specialist
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Co-Sponsorship Application

GSA contributes up to $300 for events

- **Co-sponsorship: Reflexivity in Fieldwork Symposium**
  - May 17th, 2-5 PM
  - disability, gender identity, ethnicity, background
  - We're asking for $300 to provide a light late lunch
  - If you know of other offices on campus that may be interested in sponsoring, contact amy_anderson@ucsb.edu
  - To suggest topics of interest, or if you'd like to be a presenter, contact melton@ucsb.edu

- **Co-sponsorship: Dis/Placements**
  - THIRD ANNUAL THEATER/DANCE GRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM
MAY 4th, 2019 / All day event
PERFORMING ARTS THEATER BALLET STUDIO
KEYNOTE SPEAKER DR. EMILY ROXWORTHY
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
About the event:
graduate student-run research symposium
highlight grad student research across UCSB departments and other universities
foster graduate student research by forging network of interdisciplinary scholars and practitioners
will also feature keynote speaker Dr. Emily Roxworthy from UC San Diego
gear towards grad students, but free admission for public
We expect:
6-9 grad student presenters
approximately 50 attendees

Co-sponsorship: We are just trying to breathe

April 24th
- 10:30 AM Radio Interview
- Lunch
- 2 PM Open Q&A
- 7 PM Lecture at the MCC Lounge

Asking for $300
● **Co-sponsorship: Most Important Meal of the Gay**
  ○ To provide a space where queer and trans students can create community
  ○ To foster in-depth conversations about LGBTQIA+ life at UCSB and beyond
  ○ Location: Mosher Alumni House
  ○ UCEN catering
  ○ Date/time: June 1st, 2019 11-3
  ○ Raffle budget: $50
  ○ UCEN catering for 50 guests = $973.50
  ○ Total: $1,073.50
  ○ Support:
    ○ $300 from GSA
    ○ $600 from Queer Commission
    ○ Drag Brunch

GSA Advisor and Student Affairs Report / Grad Div Reports

● **GSA Advisor/Student Affairs Report**
  ○ Don Lubach
    ■ Update of moodle: GauchoSpace

● **Graduate Division Report**
  ○ Carlos Nash
    ■ Grad Slam
      ● 11 AM round
      ● 3 PM round
      ● Next round, next week
    ■ Admissions
      ● April 15th, deadline for people to sign intent to register
      ● Until today 27.2% have signed their SIR (up from last year)
    ■ Commencement
      ● Still open
    ■ Town Hall
• 22nd or 23rd April
• Collaboration among Admins (EOP, Student Affairs, CAPS, Grad Division)
• Get information out
• Empower students to report

■ Town Hall
• Wednesday April 17th, 12:30 PM
• With graduate students specifically

• Academic Senate
  ○ Karen Lunsford
    ■ April 18th Teaching Awards Ceremony
    ■ Grad Slam
      • You can watch and vote online for one of the candidates at the state-wide competition

• Associated Students Report
  ○ Maricela Marquez
    ■ Elections
      • Book Bank
    ■ Divestment

Executive Reports

• Cierra, President
  ○ Statement about Campus Climate
    ■ We, the Graduate Student Association (GSA) Executive Board, write to you today to affirm our commitment to advocating for the safety and well-being of every member of our community. We are deeply saddened to have seen overt instances of violence and hate speech against minorities, underrepresented, and marginalized groups on and around this campus in recent months. We condemn this violence, and violence of any kind against anyone in our communities, and are deeply committed to working to prevent further violence from occurring, including, but not limited to, anti-Black violence, anti-Semitic violence, anti-immigrant violence, and violence against women. Please know how sincerely concerned we are and how determined we are to work at preventing further violence from occurring. We condemn violence of
any kind, against anyone in our communities, for any reason. Moreover, we are committed to fostering a safe and welcoming community for every graduate student at UCSB.

- The Graduate Student Bill of Rights, adopted almost 25 years ago, declares that all graduate students have the right to study and work in an environment free of exploitation, intimidation, harassment, and discrimination based on characteristics such as gender, race, age, sexual orientation, disability, religious or political beliefs, and affiliations. As your elected representatives, we take our responsibility to uphold the Graduate Student Bill of Rights very seriously. Unfortunately, as recent instances of hate speech and intimidation tactics on and around campus demonstrate, our rights as graduate students have not always been upheld and honored. We strongly believe that every member of the UCSB community should enjoy the freedoms of a safe workplace, a safe home life, and a safe community.

- In light of the recent instances of discrimination, violence, intimidation, and hate speech in our community, the GSA Executive Board has been working with multiple campus administrators to ensure that our graduate communities are safe, supported, and represented within the university and beyond. We are also in the process of finalizing several GSA events, which will be unveiled soon, to address these concerns by incorporating more of your voices. We hope you will join us. Finally, if you see something, please say something. It is all too easy to rely on others to speak up, but as a community we must take care of one another. Hate speech, hate crimes, graffiti/vandalism, intimidation, bullying or physical violence, bias incidents, or other forms of hostility and violence can be reported here (https://ucsystems.ethicspointvp.com/custom/ucs_ccc/default.asp).

- SFAC approved our funding to renovate the lounge!
  - Approval from Chancellor, then renovation (over the summer...)
- UCPath Working Group
  - Students, UCOP, other UC admin
  - Grad rep: me!
- Student Regents Nominating Committee
  - We received 113 applications!
  - Meeting Sunday to select interviewees
- Lobby efforts
  - April: Sacramento
  - May: Washington D.C.
- Upcoming Events
  - Underrepresented Student Reception
    - April 22 or 24, announcement soon!
USR Follow-Up Conversation
  ● April 26, 9-11 AM in the GSA Lounge

Graduate Student Mental Health Day
  ● Friday in May, TBD

Breakfast Grade-In
  ● Finals Week, exact date TBD

Luke, Budget and Finance
  ○ Committee Rep Stipends
    ■ Still waiting…
    ■ Form to give Cindy access to the system was submitted but she has not received access yet
  ○ State of co-sponsorship fund:
    ■ 4,500 Awarded/1,500 Remaining
    ■ 4 Applications Today ($1,200)
    ■ Would leave $300 for May/June

Amanda, Committees & Planning
  ○ Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on the Status of Women (CACSW)
    ■ Monthly meetings are on Fridays 1-3 pm
  ○ Campus Regulations Committee
  ○ Campus Elections Committee
  ○ Healthy Campus Network Steering Committee
  ○ Planning a breakfast grade-in during finals week.
  ○ Latinx Mosher is still in the works
    ■ Stay tuned for more info

Paulina, Communications & Records
  ○ GSA Elections
    ■ April 22nd-26th
    ■ GSA Exec Board
    ■ 48 nominations have been submitted
    ■ 28 students have been nominated
    ■ Nominees were notified before this meeting and will have until Friday (12th) to turn in their statements
Election Committee
- Eugene Riordan (1st year, GLBL)
- Paulina Ramirez-Niembro (4th year, CHST)
- Leihua Ye (5th year, POL S)
- Shawn Van Valkenburgh (7th year, SOC)

- Departments without Reps
  - Grad Advisors
  - Currently, there are 14 departments without a grad rep

Raphael, Academic Affairs
- Report from Graduate Council
  - Graduate Council is working on a “good mentorship” guidelines for Faculty.
- Awards Committee
  - Call for committee reps:
    - [https://forms.gle/2B9cVTMF1YRBFLXg9](https://forms.gle/2B9cVTMF1YRBFLXg9)
- Change in the Bylaws
  - Vote to change the Bylaws, section IX: Prizes and Awards
  - Document sent on friday to all reps.
- Retroactive approval of this year timeline
  - Resolution (in case change of bylaws is approved):
    - Let it be resolved that the General Assembly, in accordance to its bylaws, retroactively approves the adjustment to the Timeline of the 2018-2019 Excellence in Teaching Award that has been de facto implemented this year and in the last two previous years.

Jenny Selvidge, Student Affairs
- UCSHIP vote

Leihua, External Affairs
- UCPGC holds an Advocacy Day April 28 & 29
- California State Capitol
- UCSB Graduate Delegation
- Fully Funded
- Selection Criteria: Past Experience, Passion & Diverse

Heather, Internal Affairs
- Vision for GSA Lounge: Business up front, party in the back?
Your Thoughts: Function of GSA Lounge
- Majority of participants indicated that the primary function of the lounge during business hours should be to provide a relatively quiet space for studying and relaxing with occasional events/meetings
- Majority of participants indicated that the primary function of the lounge after business hours should be as both a work/study space and a space for socializing/events
- It is important to the GSA that the lounge is a safe and inclusive space for graduate students!

Your Suggestions: GSA Lounge
- Regularly scheduled social events for grads at the lounge
- Dividing the lounge space to accommodate different types of activities occurring simultaneously
- Cleaning/replacing furniture (including egg chairs)
- Better toasters for Bagel Hour
- More outlets for lounge
- Display student art

Armada Wine and Beer is offering UCSB graduate students happy hour every Thursday (1pm-1030pm)
- Just need to show student ID that says graduate student

Discussion Items

Action Items

- Vote on co-sponsorship for 4 events
  - Motion, second, consent, no opposed, 1 abstention.
  - Motion passes

- Vote on bylaws changes
  - Motion, second, consent, no opposed, no abstentions.
  - Motion passes

- Vote on retroactively approve timeline for awards
  - Motion, second, consent, no opposed, no abstentions.
  - Motion passes
Motion to adjourn the Assembly

- Motion, second, consent. 0 opposed. 0 abstentions

End of meeting 8:11 PM