April 9, 2019
Assembly Meeting
Welcome!
Meeting Agenda

- Greetings!
- Last meeting minutes and current agenda approval
- Roll Call/Community Agreements
- Presentations
- Advisor/Grad Div. Reports
- Executive Committee Reports
- Action Items
- Announcements
- Discussion Items
- Adjournment
Community Agreements

- No cell phones / recording
- Respect the speaker
- One mic, one diva
- Step up, step back
- Decorum
• Roll Call
  o Academic Departments Present
• GSA Constitution: Article II, Section B, Clause E
  o The GSA Assembly, by a simple majority (50% plus 1) vote, may resolve disputes concerning official Graduate Degree Program representation.
• Last meeting minutes and current agenda approval
Presentations

Presentation: Research Mentorship Program
Presentation: School on Wheels
Presentation: Food Security Town Hall
Co-sponsorship: Reflexivity in Fieldwork Symposium
Co-sponsorship: Dis/Placements
Co-sponsorship: We are just trying to breathe
Co-sponsorship: Most Important Meal of the Gay
Research Mentorship Program
Call For Mentors

Join our program as a mentor!
Help create an academically inspiring summer for our next generation of researchers

June 24 – August 2, 2019
Research Mentorship Program (RMP)

A unique and rigorous, six-week summer program that engages qualified, high-achieving high school students from all over the world in interdisciplinary, hands-on, university level research.
Research Mentorship Program (RMP)

- The application process is very competitive and rigorous
  - Great academic portfolio
  - Well-rounded interests
  - Excellent personal attributes
  - Strong potential in research

- Only 75 students admitted into the program each year
## Popular Research Areas

### Sciences
- MCD Biology
- EEM Biology
- Psychological & Brain Sciences
- Ecology and Environmental Science
- Dynamical Neuroscience
- Biomolecular Science & Engineering
- Geography

### Social Sciences
- Anthropology
- Economics
- Communication
- Global Studies
- Sociology
- Global Studies

### Engineering
- Materials
- Mechanical
- Computer
- Electrical
- Chemical
- Computer Science
- Media Arts & Technology

### Humanities
- History
- Linguistics
- Philosophy
- Music
Mentor Eligibility

- Faculty, Staff Researcher, Postdoctoral Fellow, Graduate Student
- Projects must have hands-on component
- Must be available during program dates
  - Orientation*: June 7 or 11
  - Pitches*: June 24 or 25
  - Research: June 26 – July 30
  - Symposium*: July 31 – August 2

*Only during assigned times
Mentor Stipend

- $1,000 per student
  - Mentors holding 100% employment will receive research funds

- $60 per student in research supplies
  - Reimbursed with receipts

- May submit up to 2 projects
  - Up to 2 students in each – must answer a unique question in the project
To Apply

summer.ucsb.edu/rmp/mentors
Who We Are

School on Wheels, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides educational assistance to homeless children.

Our major service is to provide one-on-one tutoring to homeless children from kindergarten through twelfth grade.

School on Wheels helps children who live in...

Our goal is to shrink the gaps in the education of our students so they can break the cycle of homelessness and overcome the statistics that would condemn them to a life of poverty.

We do not receive government funding. We survive through donations from individuals and organizations who believe as we do: that every homeless child has potential and every volunteer can make a difference.

The Children

More than 2.5 million children are homeless annually in the U.S.

Homeless children are just like other children, but they have to face many obstacles in order to attend and succeed in school. Every time a homeless child moves to another school they fall behind in their studies. School on Wheels and our volunteer tutors are there to help them.

100% of our students who were surveyed said that having a tutor has helped them in school.

The Tutors

 Volunteer tutors are the heart and soul of School on Wheels.

Our volunteers come from all backgrounds and professions with one common goal: to make a positive difference in the life of their homeless student and to be a consistent and positive role model.

Every week hundreds of School on Wheels tutors meet students in their communities - at homeless shelters, after-school clubs, libraries and other public places - to help them with their studies and to be their mentor. Above all, we strive to support them in accomplishing the number one goal any child has: learning.

Flexible hours, no experience necessary, we provide the training.

What We Do

We provide educational support to students in homeless situations by offering the following:

- FREE one-on-one tutoring
- FREE backpacks and school supplies
- Access to digital learning tools
- Learning Center in Skid Row
- Scholarships

How You Can Help

Tutor

Become a volunteer tutor. Just 1 hour per week can make a difference in a child's life and in yours!

Donate

Make a financial gift or donate school supplies. Over 90% of every dollar goes directly to our program services!

Share

Spread the word about School on Wheels. Join our mailing list and become our friend on any of these social media sites.

Go to www.schoolonwheels.org to start making a difference!
One-on-One Tutoring
One-on-one tutoring is the cornerstone of our program. School on Wheels is the only organization whose volunteers go to their students - wherever they may be - to tutor them for one hour a week.

Digital Learning Center
Technology combined with traditional teaching methods has the power to enhance a student's learning experience, allowing them to work at their own pace and stay competitive technologically. In 2015 we opened two Digital Learning Centers in order to meet those needs.

Skid Row Learning Center
School on Wheels opened its first learning center in Skid Row in 2001. Since then, thousands of homeless students have benefited from the daily after-school and Saturday programs. The Skid Row Learning Center provides a safe haven for the children where they can get educational assistance in a structured environment.

Volunteering
To volunteer, apply online at www.schoolonwheels.org/volunteer and follow these 4 steps:
1. Submit an application
2. Complete the online orientation
3. Attend a tutor training
4. Get matched with your student!

If you have questions, please email us at: volunteer@schoolonwheels.org

Donating
Donate online at www.schoolonwheels.org
To donate supplies and backpacks, please email: donate@schoolonwheels.org
To donate by mail, please send checks and money orders to:

School on Wheels, Inc.
P.O. Box 23371
Ventura, CA 93002

Your gift is tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

For additional information about our program and how you can make a difference, please visit:
www.schoolonwheels.org
Ventura office: 805.641.1678
Los Angeles office: 213.896.9200

"I challenge every person to do something in their community until there is no homeless child living on the streets, in a car, in a hotel or in shelters."
- Agnes Stevens,
Founder of School on Wheels
A.S. Food Insecurity Leadership Council

FOOD SECURITY TOWN HALL

The goal of this town hall is to foster a safe space for communities to share their experiences and communicate their unique needs regarding food security. Please bring your suggestions!

Tuesday, April 16th
5:30pm-7:30pm
GSA Lounge (MCC second floor)
Symposium: Reflexivity in Fieldwork

(tentatively) May 17, 2-5pm
Focusing on issues in fieldwork related to…

- 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
DIS/PLACEMENTS
PERFORMANCE, MOVEMENT, AND RESISTANCE

THIRD ANNUAL THEATER/DANCE GRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

MAY 5, 2019 / PERFORMING ARTS THEATER BALLET STUDIO
KEYNOTE SPEAKER DR. EMILY ROXWORTHY
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
DIS/PLACEMENTS
PERFORMANCE, MOVEMENT, AND RESISTANCE
THIRD ANNUAL THEATER/DANCE GRADUATE
RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

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
- geared towards grad students, but free admission for public

We expect:

- 6-9 grad student presenters
- approximately 50 attendees
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THIRD ANNUAL THEATER/DANCE GRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Other funding sources:

College of Letters and Science: $1870
Department of Theater/Dance: $500

Request:

$300 from GSA to help partially cover costs for UCen Catering

2018 “Cause and Affect” Symposium
DISCUSSION AND LECTURE WITH MARK! LOPEZ

Recipient of Goldman Environmental Prize and Executive Director of East Yards for Environmental Justice

WE ARE JUST TRYING TO BREATHE': THE FIGHT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN LOS ANGELES

April 24, 2019
Q&A at 2pm in SH 1623
Lecture at 7pm in the MCC Lounge

Sponsors:
Multicultural Center
DeHise Endowed Chair in Environmental Studies
Environmental Affairs Board
Chicana/o Studies Department
Environmental Justice/Climate Justice Hub of the Orfalea Center
Center for Work, Labor, and Democracy

Contact:
Alejandro Prado
alejandro_prado@ucsb.edu
Outline of Day

• April 24, 2019 (Wednesday)
• 1030am Radio Interview with local community organizations
  • UCSB Radio Station - No Alibis
  • CAUSE members
• Lunch (Faculty, Graduate Students, Undergraduates, Community Members)
• 2pm Open Q&A
• 7pm Lecture at the MCC Lounge
# Budget

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What we need: $2,925  
What we currently have: $2,325  
We are asking for: $300

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The Most Important Meal of the Gay Part 2

QT GSU Brunch
THE EVENT

PURPOSE

➔ To provide a space where queer and trans students can create community

➔ To foster in-depth conversations about LGBTQIA+ life at UCSB and beyond

DETAILS

➔ Location: Mosher Alumni House
  ◆ UCEN catering

➔ Date/time: June 1st, 2019 11-3
BUDGET

The budget will cover a buffet-style breakfast. Students must RSVP to participate and $5 entrance fee for fundraiser.

- Raffle budget: $50
- UCEN catering for 50 guests = $973.50
- Total: $1,073.50

Support:
- $300 from GSA
- $600 from Queer Commission
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).
• **Who:**
  • ACCA is comprised of twelve (12) voting members, ex-officio members, and advisors.

• **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)
Ex-Officio Members include:
• ADA Compliance Officer – Jennifer Lofthus
• Deputy ADA Compliance Officer (Staff to ACCA)
• Director, Office of Equal Opportunity
• Sr. Planner, Budget and Planning
• Director, Disabled Students Program – Gary White
• ADA Web Compliance Officer
• Deputy Fire Marshall, EH&S
• HR Disability Services Manager – Elizabeth Delo

Advisors include representatives from:
• Arts & Lectures
• Communication Services
• Design & Construction
• Housing & Residential Services
• Parking & Transportation Services
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
• 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.
Contacts:

• **Jennifer Lofthus**  
  Policy Coordinator  
  Deputy ADA Compliance Officer  
  4129 Cheadle Hall  
  805.893.7025  
  jennifer.lofthus@ucsb.edu

• **Elizabeth Delo**  
  Workplace Accommodations Coordinator  
  805.893.8571  
  elizabeth.delo@hr.ucsb.edu

• **Gary White**  
  Director, Disabilities Specialist  
  Gary.White@sa.ucsb.edu
Staff Reports
(5 min. each)

- GSA Advisor/Student Affairs Report
- Graduate Division Report
- Academic Senate Report
- Associated Students Report
President’s Report (10 min.)

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.
President’s Report (10 min.)

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).
President’s Report (10 min.)

- 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.
President’s Report (10 min.)

- Upcoming Events
  - Underrepresented Student Reception
    - April 22 or 24, announcement soon!
  - USR Follow-Up Conversation
    - April 26, 9-11AM in the GSA Lounge
  - Graduate Student Mental Health Day
    - Friday in May, TBD
  - Breakfast Grade-In
    - Finals Week, exact date TBD
VP Budget and Finance (5 min.)

● 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 Rodriguez

VP of Committees and Planning
(5 min)
Still looking for reps....

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

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Planning a breakfast grade-in during finals week.
Latinx Mosher is still in the works

Stay tuned for more info!
Got ideas?

Come see me!
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
VP Communication & Records (5 min.)

● GSA Elections
  ○ 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)
GSA Grad Reps

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

- Art
- Classics
- Comparative Literature
- Economics
- English
- History
- Latin American and Iberian Studies
- Linguistics
- Marine Science
- Mathematics
- Media Arts & Technology
- Music
- Sociology
- Statistics & Applied Probability
VP of Academic Affairs - Raphael Chinchilla (10min)

- Report from Graduate Council
- Awards Committee
- Change in the Bylaws
- Retroactive approvement of this year timeline
Report from Graduate Council

- Graduate Council is working on a “good mentorship” guidelines for Faculty.
Awards

Call for committee reps:

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.
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.
VP Student Affairs
(5 min.)
VP External Affairs
(5 min.)

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

Announcements
Adjournment

Farewell!