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 Guidelines

- Voting: 50% +1 to pass
- Respect the speaker
- No cell phones/recording
- Be engaged
- Step up/step back
- One Mic, One Diva
- 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

- UCSB AS Food Bank
- Health & Wellness
- Student Health
- UAW 2865
- Co-Sponsorship Application
Wellness Points Tiers

• BRONZE  1,000 Wellness Points
  • Health & Wellness Water Bottle

• SILVER 1,500 Wellness Points
  • 30 Minute Massage

• GOLD 2,000 Wellness Points
  • Kindle Fire TV Stick or Roku Express
  • Hydroflask
  • Amazon Echo Dot or Google Home
  • FitBit
Ways to Earn

SPECIAL EVENT | 250 Wellness Points
• e.g. Graduate Intro to Meditation 10/18 SRB, MPR 12:30-1:30pm
• e.g. Graduate Student Speed Friending 10/31 SRB, MPR Noon-1pm

SPECIAL EVENT BONUS MISSIONS | 25 Wellness Points
• Selfies, Videos, Q&A

WEEKLY EVENT | 100 Wellness Points
• Mindfulness Meditation Practice
• Graduate Rejuvenation Station @ GSA Lounge

PHYSICAL HEALTH VISIT | 100 Wellness Points
• Rec Cen Workout
• Student Health Service Appointment
• IV Neighborhood Clinic Appointment

PERM | 500 Wellness Points

EMAIL | 100 Wellness Points

END OF QUARTER SURVEY | 200 Wellness Points
GooseChase Platform

• Download
• Register
• Search for “Graduate Student Wellness Program | UC Santa Barbara”
• Missions Update Weekly
• Remaining Vs. Completed View
• Information Available at http://wellness.sa.ucsb.edu/grads
Graduate Student Exclusive Events

Graduate Intro to Meditation 10/18 SRB, MPR 12:30-1:30pm
Practicing meditation can help reduce and manage stress, as well as improve memory and focus. Join certified facilitator, Joanna Hill, for an introduction to the basics. No particular experience or beliefs necessary. This session is for graduate students only.

Grad Student Speed Friending 10/31 SRB, MPR Noon-1pm
RSVP On Eventbrite Required
Want to connect with other grad students? Join us in Speed Friending (like speed dating, but for friendships!), where we'll have great company along with tasty snacks and coffee!

Friending 10/31 SRB, MPR Noon-1pm
Student Health

http://studenthealth.sa.ucsb.edu/
WIDESPREAD PAYROLL ISSUES THIS QUARTER
TRANSITION TO UC PATH SYSTEM

- Student-workers being underpaid or not paid on time
- Fees not paid on time → unable to acquire transportation permits and other benefits
- Employment codes entered incorrectly
  - Results in incorrect pay, often lower pay than entitled
  - Unable to access student records and course management
SOLUTIONS

- We can use the agreed-upon grievance process
- Laid out in the contract between UAW 2865 and the University of California
- What we need
  - Info on who is affected
  - Info on what the problems are in each department
- May involve department-level, campus-level, or even system-level grievances
Workers are entitled to their full pay and benefits!
This includes reimbursements!
Please reach out to us and spread the word!
Fill out the survey at https://tinyurl.com/paymeplz
Send any questions to santabarbara@uaw2865.org
All information will be kept confidential
Dow Diversity Speaker: Prof. Emily Carter

• About Prof. Carter:
• Dean of School of Engineering and Applied Science, Princeton University
• Appointments as professor in several departments
• Member of NAS, AAAS, NAE (among others)
• Pioneering research into quantum-based multiscale simulations of materials
• Research topics include:
• Development of \textit{ab initio} quantum chemistry methods
• Orbital-free DFT for quick, accurate calculations of large systems
• Reasons/mechanisms for failure in iron, steel, Si, etc.
• Discovery and design of molecules for sustainable energy applications (solar, biofuels, etc.)
Graduate Students for Diversity in Science (GSDS), founded 2010
• Invites speakers to campus quarterly to discuss cutting-edge research and efforts to promote diversity and inclusion in science
• Past speakers include: Temple Grandin, Millie Dresselhaus
• Also conducts outreach to nearby CSU campuses

Graduate Simulation Seminar Series (GS^3), founded 2014
• Runs an annual seminar series for graduate students to present on their research
• Hosts keynote speakers to discuss important computational research
• 2018: John Martinis, > 100 attendees
Goals for Event:

• Host two talks:
  • Dow Distinguished Lecture on scientific research
  • Dow Diversity Seminar on strategies/techniques to promote diversity and inclusion in science

• Schedule visits/discussions with students and faculty

• Advertise broadly to graduate students in STEM disciplines
  • GSDS, GS^3 both have large membership bases and have had great success promoting large keynote seminars

GSA support for Prof. Carter’s travel expenses would be greatly appreciated!
Staff Reports
(5 min.)

- GSA Advisor/Student Affairs Report
- Graduate Division Report
Welcome!! :)

• Goals & Plans for the year
Goals for the Year

- Work hard, play hard!
  - Mosher time
  - Increase of events in the lounge & off campus

- Increase grad participation & representation
  - Underrepresented Students Receptions (one per quarter)
  - Fill ALL committees on campus
  - Survey about foci for GSA
  - grads reps for GSA from ALL departments
Goals for the Year (cont’d.)

● Graduate Student Mental Health
  ○ Grad Mental Health Conference - Winter 2019
    ■ Looking for committee reps for this! See Cierra, Amanda, or Jenny
  ○ BIG GOAL: CAPS Grad specialist in the GSA lounge

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  ○ Fill ALL committees on campus
  ○ Survey about foci for GSA
  ○ Grads reps for GSA from ALL departments
Goals for the Year (cont’d.)

- Bringing resources to the GSA lounge
  - DSP: Mondays, time TBD
  - CAPS: Wednesdays, 10-12pm
  - Title IX: even Thursdays, 12:30-2:30pm
  - CARE: odd Thursdays, 10:30-12:30pm
  - Health & Wellness, Thursdays 2-4pm
    - Rejuvenation stations every week
    - GSA additional activities on odd Thursdays!
Concerns so far this year?

- UCPATH issues
- Internet issues, on campus / in housing?
- Healthcare issues
  - Access to mental health, dental, other?
  - Prescriptions??
Luke Rosedahl
VP Budget and Finance
(5 min.)
Amanda L. Rodriguez

VP of Committees and Planning
First themed Mosher Time of the year!

MOSHER TIME
HALLOWEEN

Come in your best/scariest costume, stay for drinks and fun!
Valid UCSB Grad ID and Gov't-issue ID required for entry

OCTOBER 31, 2018
MOSHER ALUMNI HOUSE
5:00-8:30 PM
Committee Appointments

2018–2019 GSA Representatives to confirm

- Rachel Green--UCEN Governance Board
- Amanda Rodriguez--College of Letters and Science Faculty Executive Committee
- Jason Johns--Design Review Committee's Landscape SubCommittee
- Xikun Liu--CAPS Advisory Committee
- Tom Ekman--Bike Committee
- Matthew Biwer--Campus Elections Committee
- Anagha Uppal--SRB Governance Board
- Hannah Macias--SRB Governance Board
- Alex Maldonado--Events Center Governance Board
- Dennis Manjaly Joshy--New Classroom Building Committee
- Chad Wangsawanuwat--Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on Student Housing
- Alice Chang--Natural Reserve System Advisory Committee
- Kristan Culbert--Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on the Status of Women
New Payment Process!!!

Committee Report form will be posted on GSA website under the Committees tab. You will be responsible for filling this out by the end of week 10. I will process and send info to Luke by week 2 of the following quarter to be submitted for payment.
Paulina Ramírez-Niembro
VP of Communications and Records

Website
Home page has information and flyers about upcoming events
Updated information about GSA Lounge

https://www.gsa.ucsb.edu

Social Media
Outreach through Facebook events
Pictures of events on Instagram

UCSBGSA
VP of Academic Affairs

Raphael Chinchilla
Outline

- Report from Graduate Council Committee
- Summer report
- Goals for this year
Report from Graduate Council Committee

- Grad-Slam - initiated by UCSB - was very praised in CCGA (Graduate Council for the whole UC)
- Sexual harassment is one of the priorities for this year’s agenda for the CCGA
- NSF is taking a very strong stance on advisor advisee especially in Eng and fundamental sciences
- New Incoming students:
  - Small decrease in new students: from 885 to 852 mainly driven by a decrease in international students that went from 304 to 273.
  - Increase in Under-Represented minorities (17% of domestic students to 20%)- Average of the last 5 years is about 20%.
Summer report

- Worked with Grad Div on the IDRF so it is more widely known for incoming students. Grad Div will also advertise it better on the acceptance letter to try to attract more International Students.

- Currently talking with Academic Senate about the problem of double representation.
Goals for this year

- (in partnership with Amanda): Solve the issue of representation on the Academic Senate.
- Partner up with Student Resource center and with Library for creating workshops on techniques and skill to be a grad student
- Work with Grad Div to expand the offer of emphasis on campus.
VP Student Affairs: Jennifer Selvidge

Overview

• Yearlong Goals
  • Improved Graduate Student Mental Health
  • Improved Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response for Grads
  • Secure Funding for Diversity Programs Director and Assistant Director Positions
  • Greater Graduate Student Representation in Student Affairs Departments
• Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment Policy Formal Review
Improved Graduate Student Mental Health

• Hire new CAPS psychologist who works specifically with Grads
• Work with CAPS to increase number of Grad Student Group Therapy options
• Work with CAPS to restructure appointment limit for grad students to an annual system, rather than a 10 appointments for a student’s entire career OR work to get priority appointments for grads among student health services LCSWs
• Work with Student Affairs departments on a graduate student experience survey to better assess community needs
• Work with Student Health, DSP, and CAPS to increase advertising of existing services for grads
Improved Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response for Grads

• Graduate student experience survey to assess prevalence of SV/DV related issues among grad students
• Work with CARE in the hopes of hiring an advocate who works closely with the Graduate community
• Work with Departments to bring In-Person trainings to departmental colloquiums
• Work with CARE and Title IX offices to increase advertising of existing services for grads
Secure Funding for Diversity Programs

Director and Assistant Director Positions

• Work with administration to secure non-grant based funding such that the positions can be made more effective
• Reach out to more lucrative graduate programs asking them to pledge money
Greater Graduate Student Representation in Student Affairs Departments

• Work with individual SA departments to impress upon them the importance of tuition and fees positions within student affairs departments
• Work with SA leadership to find funding for these positions
• Reach out to academic departments whose students would benefit from additional funding opportunities and seek their support in requesting these positions
SVSH Policy Overview

• UC-Wide Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment Policy is currently in Formal Review Period
• Working with Title IX and CARE to schedule a townhall style event to go through policy in detail and gather in depth input (Time and Date TBD)
• In addition to being VPSA I am UCSB’s Grad Rep to the UCOP Title IX Student Advisory Board (currently we have no undergrad rep)
Highest Level Changes (and non-Changes)

• All student employees, undergrad and grad, remain Responsible Employees for all other students meaning we are required to report to the Title IX office in the event we become aware of sexual violence or harassment committed against another student while we are acting as employees.

• Clarified that disclosures made at Take Back the Night and in the context of an IRB approved study do not require responsible employees to report.

• Consent is no longer required to be “sober” instead the definition has changed to “unable to understand the… nature of sexual activity due to… alcohol or drugs”

• Sexual Assault Penetration and Contact definition revised to be more LGBTQ inclusive.
Highest Level Changes (and non-Changes)

• Power imbalances now taken into consideration for aggravating circumstances as a form of duress (Big Win for Grads)
• Relationship Violence definition expanded to include
• menacing non-physical conduct such as abuse of pets and destruction of property
• conduct directed at family members of victims, not just victims personally
• Primary aggressor language in cases of self defense
• Statutory Rape is still not considered Sexual Assault under the policy
• Retaliation Definition clarified
Interim, remedial, and support measures have been defined in a four page appendix.

Clarified that although not specifically prohibited by SVSH policy, the university is legally required to respond to complaints of discrimination on the basis of sex, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

Scope of Policy better defined.

Alcohol Amnesty Policy changed to clarify that victims and witnesses will not be held accountable for drug and alcohol violations occurring in conjunction with a report of SV unless they put the safety of others at risk (drunk driving etc).
Highest Level Changes (and non-Changes)

• Privacy Policy Weakened for all involved in sexual misconduct proceedings
• Student Employee Respondents can be sanctioned concurrently as students and as employees
• The Alternative Resolution Process is better explained
• It is clarified that a complainant may always get a formal investigation, but their wishes to not have a formal investigation will be considered but are not determinative
• It is explained that the already length formal investigation process has been lengthened from 60 business days to 90 business days
VP External Affairs- Leihua Ye (5 min.)

- Represent our campus at UCSA and UCGPC Board Meetings
  - Grad parents & housing
  - International Grad Students
  - Career support for grad students
● Changes to GSA Lounge reservation policy
● Keycards available for graduate students
● Bagel Hour is back!

● Comments? Suggestions for improvements in the lounge?
  email: gsaloungereservations@gmail.com
Action Items

- Co-sponsorships
Adjournment

Farewell!