UC SANTA BARBARA
Graduate Student Association

General Assembly Minute
October 8 | 2019 | 6PM — 7:45PM
GSA Lounge

Meeting called by Cierra Raine Sorin, GSA President
Notes recorded by Pedro Craveiro, VP of Communication and Records

- Introduction

- Community Agreement

- Roll Call/Academic Departments Present: [28 Graduate Representatives]
  - History of Art and Architecture [1]
  - Comparative Literature [1]
  - Film and Media Studies [1]
  - Philosophy [1]
  - Religious Studies [1]
  - Spanish and Portuguese [1]
  - Theater and Dance [1]
  - Biomolecular Science and Engineering [1]
  - Dynamical Neuroscience [1]
  - Geography [2]
  - Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology [2]
  - Physics [2]
  - Communication [1]
  - Chemical Engineering [1]
  - Electrical and Computer Engineering [2]
  - Education [4]
  - Bren School [3]

- Approval of last meeting minutes

- Approval of current agenda

- Presentations
  - Co-sponsorship: Chemical Sciences Student Seminar
    - 10 to 15-minutes time slot for seminar sponsors
    - 2 speakers
- Food & coffee for seminar attendees
- CSSS is requesting $300 from UCSB GSA

  - UCSB Health & Wellness
  - Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity
    - Works with students, staff, & faculty to support LGBTQ graduate students on campus
    - Put your pronouns on Gold!
    - Introduce yourself with pronouns [http://rcsgd.sa.ucsb.edu/](http://rcsgd.sa.ucsb.edu/)
    - QTie Seminars provide education about the queer and trans community which include Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) identities and experiences.
    - Pronoun Trainings:
      - Monday, October 14th | 11 to 11:30am | SRB 1st Floor Conference Room
      - Thursday, October 24th | 1 to 1:30pm | Library 1312
      - Tuesday, October 29th | 3 to 3:30pm | Library 1312

  - Staff Reports
    - GSA Advisor/Students Affairs Report // Carlos Nash and Robert Hamm
      - Diversity Matters Events:
        - Friday, October 11, 2019 (9:00a.m. – 10:30a.m. UCEN Flying A Studio)
          - Breakfast Discussion of the 2018 National Academies’ Report on Sexual Harassment of Women – National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine
        - Monday, October 21, 2019 (2PM – 3:30PM Multicultural Center)
        - Wednesday, October 30, 2019 (1PM – 3PM. UCEN Flying A Studio)
          - Diversity in Graduate Education through Admissions Practices – Presentation by Professors Julie Posselt (USC) and Casey Miller (Rochester Institute of Technology)
            - Contact cnash@ucsb.edu for RSVP information

  - Student Regent // Jamaal Muwwakkil

  - Associated Students Report // Alison Sir (Catherine Flaherty as proxy)

  - Executive Committee Reports
    - President // Cierra Raine Sorin
      - Lounge renovations are progressing
        - Painting: $7,696
• Window tinting: $3,762
• New lighting: $8,500
• Furniture (in process)
• Removal: $1,200-1,500
• New & installed: $67,313.16
• Card reader door (in process): $7,005
• New projector (in process): $5,726.33
  o Total: $101,502.49 of $98,529.75 from SFAC

• Lounge events this month:
  • Pumpkin Carving/Decorating, date/time TBD
  • Paint night hosted by Health & Wellness Oct. 17
  • Meeting with Provost Brown last week

• UCPath Center plan to implement switch of all student workers to biweekly pay by Fall 2020

• GSA is currently without an advisor
  • Working with Student Affairs to get a search underway

• Currently recruiting for committee reps:
  • Rec Center Governance Board
  • UCSB Action Collaborative Steering Committee
  • Student Fee Advisory Committee

• Goals for the year (in progress)
  • Paid staff member/advisor to GSA
  • Mental health
  • Lounge renovations will be done before winter
  • Year-round bus subsidization
  • Travel grants

  o **VP of Budget and Finance // Luke Rosedahl**
    • Travel Grant Application Window for Fall Closes Tomorrow
      • Up to $200 for travel to a conference at which you are presenting original work
      • [http://www.gsa.ucsb.edu/funding/conference-travel-grant](http://www.gsa.ucsb.edu/funding/conference-travel-grant)
    • The new Emergency Grant form is online
      • Up to $1,000 to offset unexpected emergency expenses
      • [http://www.gsa.ucsb.edu/funding/gsa-emergency-relief-grant](http://www.gsa.ucsb.edu/funding/gsa-emergency-relief-grant)

  o **VP of Communication and Records // Pedro Craveiro**
    • GSA Logo Contest
• GSA Archives and Records
• GSA Graduate Representatives
• GSA Social Media

o VP of Academic Affairs // Alex LeBrun
  • Faculty Mentoring Best Practices

o VP of External Affairs // Emma Schuster
  • Summer/Sept. systemwide updates: Pres. Napolitano, fossil fuel divestment, UC in DC (Nov., DACA), cohort-based tuition
  • UCSB Basic Needs Task Force: grad eligibility for CalFresh, Miramar food pantry

o VP of Internal Affairs // Heather Prentice-Walz
  • Bagel Hour starts at 10/9 at 8:15AM

o VP of Committees and Planning // TBD

o VP of Students Affairs // TBD

• Discussion Items
  o Massage chair for relaxation room
    • Health & Wellness cover first year
    • $~2,000/year thereafter

  o Concerns from GA Members
    • Fees for Graduate Students
    • Filing Taxes for International Graduate Students

• Action Items (Requires Assembly Vote)
  o Co-sponsorship vote for the Chemical Sciences Student Seminar: APPROVED
    • CALL FOR CONSENT: 28 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 nays.

  o Vote on lease for massage chair only for the first year: APPROVED
    • CALL FOR CONSENT: 28 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 nays.

• Announcements

• Adjournment