

UC Merced Graduate Student Association Delegate Assembly Meeting

GradPad, 2:00 - 3:30 PM PST, April 19, 2018

1. 2:00 Call to Order, Approval of Meeting Agenda, Nomination and appointment of minutes recorder.
 - (a) Added to the agenda as a legislative review item: Summer funding for academic groups.
 - (b) Minutes recorded by Rodolfo Lopez.
2. 2:05 - 2:20 Opening Remarks – Peter Reschke, Internal Vice President

Groups have seen a decline in summer funding due to seed funds from faculty maturing. There have been cases of faculty being reluctant to fund students over the summer. Faculty will be reminded to make all attempts to fund students through the summer in a letter that GSA will distribute to all groups.

The general graduate student body is encouraged to vote in the GSA elections. The deadline is April 19th.
3. 2:21 - 2:21 Public Comment Period

No comments from the public.
4. 2:22 - 2:23 Roundtable Updates on Delegate Assembly Constituents

No updates from the Delegate Assembly Constituents.
5. 2:24 - 2:50 Open Discussion GSA letter to general faculty to encourage graduate student funding for summer semesters should have to main points: (1) Student should be notified by their respective groups well in advance if there will be summer funding available for them and of the amount, and (2) insure a fairness clause in summer funding distribution criteria such that all students are covered (needs- and merit-based funding are both encouraged).
6. 2:51 - 3:15 Legislative Review
 - (a) Change in current budget to carry over current GSO surplus for next fiscal year passes with unanimous votes in favor.
 - (b) Summer GSO Funding passes with unanimous votes in favor.
 - (c) EC and DA stipend recommendation for next year's DA and EC passes with unanimous votes in favor.

- i. Recommendations: The DA strongly encourages the future EC and DA to seek stipend funds from Graduate Division before allocating from GSA funds or raising GSA fees for this purpose. Graduate group fund autonomy presents a barrier for uniform stipend allocation, and therefore, the DA is not in favor of seeking DA member stipends from individual groups. Once stipend funding is established, the DA encourages the future EC to include EC and DA stipends in the general ballot for permanence.

7. 3:15 - 3:16 For the good of the order, announcements, meeting adjourned

Members present

Johannes Brust	Rodolfo Lopez
Morgan Barnes	Rachel Hatano
Tessa Provins Smith	Joshua Semerjian
Michelle Yeung	Giraldy Eisman
Zhixun He	