

Internal Communications Officer Graduate Council
 No updates from Graduate Council as of yet
 Resignation due to personal health concerns

Treasurer Budget and funding policies
 Budget looks similar to last year, majority spent on travel awards & GSOs
 Establishing funding policies for travel awards and GSOs as campus continues to grow

Public Relations & Community Outreach Officer Fall 2017 Events (on / off campus)
 Two positions available on the social planning committee
 Intending to have one event on campus (academic), one off campus (social each month
 GSO leadership has been reached out to for updating their events on the GSA calendar

International Affairs Officer GradPal, DACA resolution
 GradPal is a program to help transitioning international graduate students, underway
 DACA - all undocumented & international students are seeking an event for info/support
 Dean Zatz - working with other UCs, VC Nies - Know Your Rights workshop offered

Climate, Diversity and Equity Officer Diversity Council, PD committee
 Applications are available for the Dean's Advisory Council on Diversity
 A Police Advisory Board is now available (contact Elisabeth Gunter)
 GCRC defacement statement in progress

3:05 - 3:10 Public comment

Daniel (PSY) Inquiry about looking at the budget and GSO funding (available online)
 VC Nies Letter-writing session for bringing people together. Working with Gov Rel.
 Rodolfo (SOC) UAW representative & interest in better collaborating with the GSA (reciprocated)
 Raises concerns for TAs paid on time and action for hateful graffiti of the GCRC

3:10 - 3:35 Motions to vote

Unanimous DACA Resolution - Aditya Ranganath, International Affairs Officer
 Unanimous 2017-18 GSA Budget - Nicholas Dove, Treasurer
 Unanimous Funding Policy for Travel Awards - Nicholas Dove, Treasurer
 Unanimous Funding Policy for Graduate Student Organizations - Nicholas Dove, Treasurer
 Vetoed by Delegate Assembly, reason unclear. Resolution developed for Oct meeting
 Unanimous Funding Policy for Sponsored Events Fund - Nicholas Dove, Treasurer
 Tabled to Oct UCM GSA status within the UCSA - Jose Luis Rincon, External Vice President
 Request for referendum amongst the graduate student body (TBD)
 Motion to extend meeting for coming to a consensus, seconded and passed
 Unanimous Put out a call on Internal Communications position to decide before next meeting

3:35 - 3:39 Closing remarks by Sabah Ul-Hasan, announcements, adjourn

Disaster fundraisers, peer accountability, professional development
 Any upcoming graduate student organization events, needs, etc?

Fall 2017 Executive Council Meetings (KL 232)

Sep 13th	02:00 - 3:30 PM
Oct 3rd	09:00 - 10:30 AM
Nov 1st	03:00 - 04:30 PM

Justifications for UCM Graduate Student Association Staying in or Leaving from the UCSA
EVP Jose Luis Susa Rincon

Overview

The **University of California Student Association** advocates for over 240,000 students (undergraduate, graduate, and professionals) across the ten UC campuses. Each UC student body government has representation in this advocacy, for example the UCM GSA External Vice President Jose Luis Susa Rincon. An additionally appointed OD (organization director) and a LD (legislative director) can also attend as advocates. Current member dues per student advocate are \$4,707 + travel costs for an advocate attending each monthly meeting at a different UC campus. UCSA meetings occur for two days each month.

Staying

- Already established access to the UCoP and Janet Napolitano
- Already established voice on system-wide issues and networking opportunities
- Already possess (3) dedicated staff
- Already established student lobby conference
- EVPs can vote for UC Student Regent candidates
- 60 undergraduate and graduate students from all UCs in one room

Leaving

- UCSA conversations are dominated by undergraduate-associated topics. Graduate students have unique needs tending to topics such as Teaching Assistantships or research (60 is too many to have a productive discussion and most representation tends to be undergraduate).
- A leave from the UCSA wouldn't remove contact with the UCSA.
- Although it would take some time to establish the same strengths already featured in the UCSA, all above reasons for staying are feasible as a separate graduate student focused group.
- UC graduate student governments that have already left UCSA: UCR, UCSD, UCSC, UCLA
- The UC Merced GSA spends 15% of its budget, which are retrieved through graduate student fees, on UCSA participation and travel costs. This is comparatively higher than what other UC graduate student governments spend with respect to their total budgets.
- Thus far, UC Merced GSA and ASUCM (undergraduate student government) have carried out good communication with each other.

Options

1 - Stay in UCSA (current)

Recent updates have been made to the UCSA bylaws to better include graduate students, but requirements to vote are physical presence which costs 15% of UCM GSA funds.

2 - Stay in UCSA (dues \$670/yr), but not travel to meetings (not pay for lodging \$1500/yr)

This option saves the graduate student body money while still supporting UCSA, but would likely cost the ability to vote due to not being physically present.

3 - Leave UCSA and join a new grad-only system-wide organization

This is a good idea based on current UC Merced graduate student needs, but at what time point will we be at the same point as where the UCSA is now?

4 - Leave UCSA without joining a new organization

As it currently stands, while the UCSA is certainly useful to UC student governments overall, the UCSA hasn't benefitted UC Merced graduate students in the percentage we are paying to be a part of the UCSA in fees proportional to our total budget when compared to what other UC graduate student governments pay the UCSA in proportion to their total budget. We may be able to use these funds in a way better supporting our graduate students while awaiting for the new grad-only system-wide organization to strengthen.