

## 2018-09-05 GSA Meeting

### Attendance:

- William
- Lauren
- Lorenzo
- Katherine
- Thaddeus
- Sona

### Need to talk with Steven Lerer to set up the GSA Fall election

- Quick review of GSA by-laws for election procedure
- We want a fall call for nominations, a timeline for the election: 2 weeks for nominations, and ~3 days for elections? (check constitution/bylaws)
- Lorenzo will contact the delegate assembly about them picking an "Election Officer" for the Fall 2018 special GSA election
- Lorenzo will send the email to Steven Lerer

### GSA email login credentials:

- Chose a new password for GSA email.
- Username: gsa@ucmerced.edu
- Easiest way to login is to go to portal.office.com

### Graduate weekly digest

- Check your email for the "graduate weekly digest" (call for grad students to be part of campus committees).
- When these applications are submitted, they will be sent to the GSA email.
- We need to get as many applicants as possible
- We need to update the GSA website, showing which committee positions are available

### Draft of GSA goals for 2018-2019

- Create a Poll using Google Forms.
- The objective is to get a list of things graduate students want GSA to spend their on over the upcoming semesters
- As many graduate students as possible should give their input
- Reduce semester fee for gymnasium (Will need to talk with Student Fees Advisory Committee)
- Price normalization for vending items (i.e. feminine products/snacks/etc)

- Grad student desks (quiet space for working)
- Laptop theft
- Increase recognition to Students for their research, outreach, etc. i.e. Graduate student spotlights. Perhaps collaborate with the Library as done in a previous year.
- One-time events: Barbecue, gaming party, etc
- Bicycle sharing program
- Graduate meal plans at dining commons, possibly also redeemable at campus vendors
- Greater variety of on-campus food options.
- Grad-student parking fee offset
- Ride-sharing/carpool service for grad students

#### GSA website update

- Moved last year's GSA to the Past Members page
- Added our names to current GSA page