

DA Meeting minutes

(June 17th 2020, 1:00- 2:00 pm)

We had our DA transitioning meeting last month. Some graduate groups chose their delegate internally and some go through for election and appointment processes.

There will be a formal application process in the early fall. You are encouraged to invite your friends/colleagues to take part in the election as candidates and voters.

Taylor's part:

There are several opportunities to be involved in the various academic committees. Usually, these are low commitments, but through them, you can build connections with other inter-campus committees, campus officials, staff, faculty and even get to know about the interesting topics and opportunities on other campuses. These involve research, LASC, TAPS, Student healthcare, chancellor advisory, women, care advisory, GROW, ECEC, childcare, student fee referendum committee, police advisory committee etc.

There are some meetings during the summer where we need to solidify the grad student involvement. So, if anyone is interested to join let us know. Our by-laws for the academic year 2020-21 have not yet updated, so some things might change.

Q and A

Where can we learn more?- GSA website in the DA section. But it is outdated, some links are broken, some need to be changed, you can apply for these opportunities officially in fall or keep looking for any new updates.

But some committees are active even during the summer, so they still need graduate student representation in the summer meetings. For example, UC Merced Police advisory board and Chancellor's Advisory Committee will hold regular meetings during the summer.

The involvement in different committees involves a lot of fun and networking opportunities. There is also free food at different events.

These opportunities are open to all the graduate students, even the incoming first year grad students. So, we can encourage the new students to be involved in these opportunities as well.

Alex's part:

UC systemwide committee board members help to shape the UC system to be the best it can be.

These opportunities let you commute between other campuses, UCOP office, get to know people, network, and others. These opportunities also normally involve free food sometimes, all expenses paid travel, but because of the current situation, this might vary.

From Alexandria Pabst to Everyone: 01:13 PM

<https://ucsa.org/get-involved/swc-reps/?fbclid=IwAR1kJj83ilX3MYTT7-yKteKbjV5sYLNgwJA9gpKRwW5JKQTxv-ELWXKppQ>

policy implementation, other UC campuses

<https://ucsa.org/get-involved/swc-descrip/s>

The regents meeting, updates can be found through social media posts or email (if you are subscribed).

Serious issues that affect all the students like tuition, DACA judgment, international student rights etc. can be addressed through these opportunities. You can influence the system and the policies. The links include what they do and how to be involved in detail. So, you can check them out if you are willing to learn more or get involved.

<https://ucsa.org/get-involved/stars/>

UC SA a different organization, Apply through the link.

The Global Climate Leadership Council (GCLC) & UC Sustainability Steering Committee (UCSSC) are currently selecting representation.

Feel free to email Alex at apabst@ucmerced.edu if you have any questions about systemwide info!

You can also reach Taylor if you have any question about the campus committees at tfugere@ucmerced.edu

Farhana's part:

Then there was a proposal from the GSA that the Delegate Assembly will be serving as their own governing body instead of being an extended part of GSA. So far IVP used to supervise the DA and from now on DA will be supervised by a newly created post heading **Delegate Assembly Chair**.

DA Chair would be elected from the DA members and IVP will continue to be the commuter between DA and GSA. Everyone in the DA agreed with this proposal and therefore an election process will be held within this month.

The people who are interested in serving as the DA Chair are encouraged to inform the IVP ASAP.

The Duties of the DA Chair will involve

- Attending every DA meeting.
- Monitoring the meeting and voting on different issues.
- Discussing different issues with all the graduate groups and commuting with IVP.
- Being up to date with the GSA bylaws and recent changes in the policies.
- Occasionally inviting external members in the meeting who are willing to serve as future DA members.

**IVP will still attend/host all the meetings and take meeting notes and report back to the executive committee.

DA Meetings:

DA meetings will be bi-weekly, So, there will be two meetings each month. The dates will flexible during the summer, but once the classes start, there will be scheduled meetings every two weeks which will be scheduled beforehand depending on everyone's availability. There will not be any more meetings in the month of June.

DA Training:

This will be an online training via Zoom. Most possibly it will take a 2-2.5 hours block. This meeting will be scheduled at the end of July or the beginning of August depending on everyone's availability. We are

going to discuss more on what to expect and what to cover in the training in some of our future meetings. You are also welcome to suggest your ideas and share your thoughts. Keep a lookout for the scheduling.

List of Current Delegates:

Applied Mathematics	Adam Binswanger
Cognitive & Information Sciences	Ben Falandays
Management of Complex Systems	Christopher Bernal
Physics	Anuvetha Govindarajan
Political Science	Melissa Baker
Psychological Science	Aislinn Beam

List of graduate groups from which the Delegates are yet to be chosen:

The following positions for <u>Delegate Assembly</u> are open for nominations in this election:	The following positions for <u>Delegate Assembly</u> will be elected through the respective graduate student club:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bioengineering ▪ Chemistry and Chemical Biology ▪ Environmental Systems ▪ Interdisciplinary Humanities ▪ Materials and Biomaterials Science and Engineering ▪ Mechanical Engineering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Electrical Engineering & Computer Science ▪ Public Health ▪ Quantitative & Systems Biology ▪ Sociology