Members in attendance:

- Aislinn Beam (IVP)

- Abigail Bolter (Psychological Sciences)

- Aneelman Brar (Chemistry and Chemical Biology)

- Deepika Gunasekaran (Quantitative & Systems Biology)

- Devika Gireesan (Physics)

- Radoslav Vuchkov (Applied Mathematics)

- Saima Sumaiya (Mechanical Engineering)

- Shaina Sta. Cruz (Public Health)

- Yulissa Perez Rojas (Environmental Systems)

1. Executive director of equity and diversity (Onar Primitivo) gave a workshop for the executive committee

* Violet would like access for it (what would be the best way to make it possible: recording or meeting with Onar Primitivo during DA meeting time or another time)?
  + Suggestion was to start with a recorded version and if anyone wants to meet with him, we can set up meeting later.

1. DA wants to setup a podcast
   1. If anyone wants to host/co-host, manage music, cover art or be involved with this in anyway, E-mail Aislinn or Violet.
2. Some undocumented students are not getting funded past first year.

* EC/DA will talk to the vice chancellor about this (and maybe write a letter).
* If anyone is interested in discussing this with incoming students in their program, you can talk to them about their funding sources and prospects (this is not part of GSA/DA duties, but you can decide to do this on an individual basis).
  + If you decide to do this, make sure to bring this up before the incoming student signs the contract and they might be able to use the student union’s help to negotiate terms. Once they sign the contract, the union will not be able to help the student negotiate funding.

1. Update the rights and responsibilities document for graduate students (link below on feedback for this document).

* <https://gsa.ucmerced.edu/form/provide-input-graduate-students-rights-responsibilities>
* Please read and add comments/suggestions to the changes.

1. Elections are coming up and will be asking for volunteers in the near future.

* If volunteering, you won’t be a nominee in the GSA elections next year.

1. Math department update (from Radoslav Vuchkov)

* Department conference is canceled.
* Instead, there will be an event (SIAM student chapter) where undergrads work on small research projects over Spring break. If any graduate student is interested in mentoring students, you can contact Radoslav for details.