

GSA EC Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2021

4:00 pm - 5:00pm PST

Zoom

This meeting is moderated by GSA President Jordan Collignon. Minutes of the meeting have been prepared by GSA Internal Communications Officer Benny Nguyen.

Members of Executive Council in Attendance

- Jordan Collignon (President)
- Aislinn Beam (Internal Vice President)
- Zunaira Iqbal (External Vice President)
- Benny Nguyen (Internal Communications Officer)
- Azin Shamshirgaran (Climate, Diversity, Equity Officer)
- Binod Bhattarai (Academic Affairs Officer)
- Arabi Seshappan (Solidarity Officer)
- Arya Rajan (International Affairs Officer)
- Betsabel Chicana Romero (Legislative Affairs Officer)

Guests

- Chanelle Reese (Ombuds)

Ombuds Office (Chanelle Reese)

- Confidential resource
 - Your use of the office is entirely confidential
 - The office will only contact others, if given permission by you
 - The office reports to the Chancellor solely for administrative purposes
 - An exception to confidentiality is if you pose imminent risk of harm to yourself or others

- Not mandatory reporters (re: Title VII and Title IX)
- Informal, Independent, Impartial resource for Conflict
 - Need not be a large/major issue
- Primary Duties: Work with individuals and group to resolve conflict w/ Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
 - Secondary: Address systemic/institutional issues
- Aside from direct members of UC community, Ombuds office also available for parents of UCM students
- ombuds.ucmerced.edu/

Major Goal for this Year: Distribute administrative tasks within the GSA

- Continuing strengthening the identity of the DA
- Committee (managed by Academic Affairs)
 - Need a complete list of committees
 - Potentially have DA explicitly expected to attend and join committees
 - By-laws amendment? TBD
 - Will discuss with DA
- More EC-DA collaborative meetings, will join DA meeting next time, time TBD
- More subcommittees connected to specific Officers—Fill with DA

EC Meeting Time for Fall 2021

- Tuesdays, 4 -- 5 PM
- General Meetings, 5 – 6 PM
- We will continue to meet 'informally' before the conclusion of the Fall election
 - Meet with Jordan if this is an issue

Voted to support the SR-Union Letter, see email for details on the demands of that letter: **9 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstain.**

BSP Building Open:

- All we know: Everything is prepared, move-dates forthcoming...it seems that there is a specific order for labs/individuals to move into the building.

Meeting adjourned at 5:09 pm

Next Meeting: TBD