

# GSA EC Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2021

4:00 pm - 5:00pm PST

Zoom

This meeting is moderated by Interim GSA President Benny Nguyen. Minutes of the meeting have been prepared by GSA External Vice President Zunaira Iqbal.

## **Members of Executive Council in Attendance**

- Zunaira Iqbal (External Vice President)
- Benny Nguyen (Interim President, Internal Communications Officer)
- Sarah Downs (Treasurer)
- Aislinn Beam (Internal Vice President)
- Arya Rajan (International Affairs Officer)
- Azin Shamshirgaran (Diversity & Inclusion Officer)

## **Election & GSA President**

- Benny is the Interim GSA President
- The position of President has been added to the ballot
  - o In case no one runs, then Benny will be Interim President for the year
- Benny is looking for co-Interim President: they can take on as much as they'd like
- Anyone in EC can run for President, Benny and will support you

## **Rights and Responsibilities (Binod & Arabi)**

- Need a status update, Benny will email Binod & Arabi

### **GSA Events (Zunaira and Sarah)**

- Meeting with Cassie tomorrow
- Purpose:
  - o What GradDiv Events are being planned?
  - o If they can fund events for us too (like coffee)?
- After meeting, we can begin to construct our schedule of events

### **Newsletter**

- Send out on Friday before Tuesday's General Meeting
- Want to advertise the election
- Hard deadline is Thursday Midnight for bio, headshot, and newsletter submission, sent to Benny
  - o Benny will send a final draft sometime Friday morning, and newsletter will be sent Friday afternoon

### **General Meeting next Tuesday (Sept 21) from 4-5**

- Meeting agenda will be sent tomorrow, Wednesday morning
- Basic Needs status update (Zunaira)
  - o Where students can go, our progress, etc.
- Report on City Council Meeting (Betsabel)

### **Committee Membership**

- Create list of committees that we know exists/need to
- For DA members to be required to join
- Create some kind of work group to keep up with legislation regarding Undocumented Students + International Students
- Please send Benny ideas for new committees

### **Officer Updates**

### Azin

- Met with Miriam (ECS rep)
  - o They have programs and workshops
  - o One this Saturday: coffee break
  - o Game night in September
- Met with new student willing to help us; Will tell us more next meeting?
- Continuing surveys related to COVID from last year

### Sarah

- Change travel awards
- Put a call for things they'd like to see happen
  - o Waiting for responses
- We vote in future on the best changes?
- Ideally before mid-October

### Arya

- Drafting proposal for research progress/expectations for international students who are TAing vs those with more funding opportunities
  - o Going to work with Ritu
  - o No target yet for who to send out to? Welcoming suggestions
- Draft by next meeting

### Zunaira

- The DA is having a vote making committees mandatory this year
- Couldn't attend UCGPC meeting
  - o Need someone to be an alternate
- Academic Affairs Officer usually sends out a list of committees that need people, Benny will email Binod

### Aislinn

- Committees being mandatory

- This year is trial run; Next year required
- DA will vote next month on this change/requirement
- Refer people interested in committees to Binod or Jordan, Aislinn sent DA members committees that she is aware of
- Budget approved unanimously

### **Agenda/Future Meeting Conduct**

- Everyone will be given ~10 minutes every meeting and will be expected to have progress to share
- If you didn't have a chance to give updates, share via email

### **Follett**

- Decided that it's not in graduate student's best interest/worth the time to arrange a meeting/presentation for Follett

**Meeting adjourned at 4:44 PM**

**General Membership Meeting Next Tuesday, 09/21, 4 - 5 PM, Virtually**

**Next meeting 09/28 at 4 - 5PM, Virtually**