

GSA EC Meeting Minutes

October 12, 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 Internal Communications, Benny Nguyen.

Members of Executive Council in Attendance

- 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)
- Arabi Sesshappan (Solidarity Officer)

Officer Updates

Azin

- Finish the material introducing the diversity conferences to Aislinn
- Interested in finding funding support for attending these conferences
- Trying to organize a workshop on DEI working with Dr. Berhe

Sarah

- Changes to Travel Award:
 - Including virtual conferences
 - Incentivize/Boost the chances of the following applications being funded:
 - Students in the final year of their program
 - Attending a conference w/ emphasis on DEI
 - Students giving a talk (as opposed to a poster)
 - Can apply retroactively to make use of unused travel award budget

- **6 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain**
 - Moves to DA for Voting (10/14)
- Will include notice of changes in next call for applications

Arya

- International Student Hangout next Thursday, 2-3PM @Grad Pad
- Letter still in progress

Aislinn

- DA Meets this Thursday
 - Voting on...
 - Changes to Budgets
 - Rubrics for GSO Funding
 - Committee Expectations
- Hoping to launch call for Committee applications
- Vice Chancellor Howard will be a guest at next GSA meeting
 - Talking about search for Interim Vice Chancellor and Chief of Diversity Officer.

Arabi

- Rights & Responsibilities (w/ Binod)
 - Kello put in touch with multiple persons across the University
 - Gained access to folders from last year's work, reviewing

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 PM

Next meeting 10/24 at 4 - 5PM, Virtually