GSA EC Meeting Minutes

December 07, 2021

4:00 pm - 5:00pm PST

Zoom

This meeting was moderated by GSA President Violet Barton. Minutes of the meeting have been prepared by GSA Internal Communications, Benny Nguyen.

**Members of Executive Council in Attendance**

* Violet Barton (President)
* Aislinn Beam (Internal Vice President)
* Zunaira Iqbal (External Vice President)
* Arabi Seshappan (Solidarity Officer)
* Binod Bhattarai (Academic Affairs Officer)
* Azin Shamshirgaran (Climate, Diversity and Equity Officer)
* Mehdi Masud (Public Relations Officer)
* Sarah Downs (Treasurer)
* Benny Nguyen (Internal Communications Officer)
* Destina Bermejo (Social Media & Graphic Design Specialist)

**Reflections on this Past Semester**

* Would be helpful to have a unifying document outlining out goals and tying them to specific officers. Helps individual direction, and a sense of some unifying purpose.
	+ What we think we, ourselves, and we as a group, are working towards.
	+ A communication plan/calendar
	+ Looking to other campuses as models or starting points
* Adjustment to hybrid-style schooling and reintroduction of things such as commuting time has hindered productivity/getting into role.
* Committees:
	+ Appointed by Academic Affairs Officer
	+ Some event to appoint committee members, get to know them, highlight their participation, celebrate involvement generally
* Decided not to send Prescence Letter, instead when we work with someone from OSI, can detail *then* why not to use Prescence.
* As always, if any interest in attending UCGPC or chairing/moderating a General Meeting, let Violet know.

**Officer Updates**

Edgar Perez Lopez (via email)

* Worked with Associate Director Alejandro Delgadillo from Undocumented Student Services office to create a new tab aimed at Graduate Education for undocumented students.
	+ This week, Friday 12/10/21, I will be recording video testimonials of current undocumented students sharing their experience at UCM so far.
* Working on finalizing an event with undocumented services to host a meet-and-greet with current undocumented graduate students and undergraduate students to create a sense of community among the undocumented student population.
	+ Will most likely take place the first 2 weeks of the semester and will be open to not only undocumented students but also allies. I will be attending the event to represent GSA, but anyone who would like to join is more than welcome to. More information forthcoming
* Arabi shared the information from the prior UCM Grad Rights and responsibilities document.
	+ Want to vet with greater graduate student body and Union; Arabi said will helm organizing an event for this.
	+ It would be great to obtain some feedback from people so that we can begin working with GC to finalize it next semester. [Need people to look at the Graduate R&R thus far. (Link)](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1I-ju4XyjUFeRlz5Ky19ZssIY1XSl0D_xaNhRScBT-a4/edit?usp=sharing)
		- Vote to approve this document by Dec. 17th (Email forthcoming, separate from minutes email!)

Azin

* Proposed idea to Kello in Graduate Council idea for creating a funding source specifically for conferences uplifting/networking for individuals of marginalized identities.
	+ Need to follow-up with a list of these opportunities
	+ More accessible these days with more conferences going online

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**Meeting adjourned at 5:01 PM**

**Next meeting (Next Semester!)**