

GSA EC/GA Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2023
5:30 pm - 7:00pm PST (COB2 392, Zoom)

This meeting was moderated (both in person and zoom) by Edgar Perez Lopez (GSA President). Meeting notes were taken by Destina Bermejo (GSA Public Relations/Community Outreach Officer). Minutes of the meeting have been prepared by Md Mehdi Masud (GSA Internal Communications Officer). Necessary revision(s) have been performed by Edgar, Lorenzo and Arabi.

Attendance

1. President - Edgar Perez Lopez
2. External Vice President - Arabi Seshappan
3. Internal Vice President - Lorenzo Booth
4. Internal Communications Officer - Md. Mehdi Masud
5. International Affairs Officer - Mohit Saraswat
6. Climate, Diversity, and Equity Officer - Koton Babaguchi
7. Solidarity Officer - Jarrod Brown Jr.
8. Undocumented Affairs Officer - Yulissa Perez Rojas
9. Treasurer - Aneelman Brar
10. Public Relations / Community Outreach Officer - Destina Bermejo
11. Social Media and Graphics Design Officer - Maia Powell

Students: Jordan Collignon, Ken Prewitt, Priosmita Biswas

Officer Updates and Action Items

President - Edgar Perez Lopez

- a. Emailed for position in Search Advisory Committee for Vice Chancellor of Division of Finance and Administration (VC DFA)
 - i. Looking for GSA representative to participate in search next month.
 1. Edgar will be emailing at the end of week with a student interested. Lorenzo volunteered.
- b. Discussion regarding COB2 space (formerly multicultural center)
 - i. Idea: Move GSA office to current reflection room and move reflection room to larger COB2 space
 - ii.
 1. Ongoing discussion.
- c. Departments choose the DA, rather than the general members.
 - i. Proposal: Reach out to faculty chairs and let them know DAs must be elected by general public or incorporate their vote for DA membership.

External Vice President - Arabi Seshappan (Zoom)

- d. UCGPC
 - i. DC: March 26th-27th virtually.
 - ii. Sacramento: April 17-19 virtually.
 - 1. Let Arabi know ASAP.

Internal Vice President - Lorenzo Booth

- e. DA met last week.
 - i. No idea how many people responded to the vote.
 - ii. University is pushing graduate students to apply for external fellowships.
 - iii. Advertising for people to serve in GSA (targeting second-years since there may be more time availability)
 - iv. Coffee Hour hosted by CIS on Tuesdays in SSM second floor.
 - v. Applied Mathematics Coffee Hour on Wednesdays at noon at ACS 362.
 - vi. Event idea: ergonomics / physical therapy for people who sit behind the computer too much (ie. most of us)

Internal Communications Officer - Md. Mehdi Masud

- f. Finalized meeting minutes and to be uploaded to website.

International Affairs Officer - Mohit Saraswat (Zoom)

- g. No updates.

Climate, Diversity, and Equity Officer - Kotono Babaguchi

- h. Collaboration with UROC with Yulissa last week was successful
 - i. 43 graduate students participated.
 - ii. Backpack giveaway for EC and Jordan, De, and Benny (DA) for helping.
 - iii. Electronic gift card will be sent by email.
- i. Faculty and Sustainability Group
 - i. Mini grants for graduate students. (\$300)
 - ii. Asking for GSA email to be used for advertising.
- j. DEI Workshop Proposal
 - i. Resources available on campus already.
 - ii. Suggests roundtable instead for graduate students.
 - 1. Mental Health
 - 2. LGBTQ+
 - 3. International
 - 4. Religion

Solidarity Officer - Jarrod Brown Jr. (Zoom)

- k. Discussion continues regarding the number of graduate students admitted under the new contract.

- l. No additional updates.

Undocumented Affairs Officer - Yulissa Perez Rojas

- m. UROC reached out to GSA to get undergraduates and graduate students to organize a social.
 - i. Proposed dates: April 19th, 20th, 27th

Treasurer - Aneelman Brar

- n. Idea to vote DA member off for inactivity.
- o. - As the process takes a few weeks for member response and votes, it may be a bit late for this round, but sets an idea for streamlining the procedure for inactive officers.
- p. Pending stipend vote results.

Public Relations / Community Outreach Officer - Destina Bermejo (Zoom)

- q. No events for March.
- r. Proposing events for April.
 - i. Collaborating with GradDiv next month.
 1. Movie Night @ Mainzer (top priority)
 2. Paint Night?
 3. End of the year BBQ (already in the works with GradDiv)

Social Media and Graphics Design Officer - Maia Powell

- s. Sticker designs. Voting by next week most likely.
- t. Destina proposed a GSA logo update.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM

Next EC-GA Meetings on: April 18, 2023.