

## **Graduate Student Commons Year-End Report 2019-20**

Prepared by the Graduate Student Commons Executive Committee

President: Ryan Van Haren

Vice President: Ryan Pili

Treasurer: Brynna Downey

Programming Coordinator: Alexandra Race → Ishani Chakraborty

GSC Graduate Intern: Sona Kaur

Director of Graduate Student Life: Rachel Neuman

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**GSC GOVERNANCE BOARD MEMBERSHIP:** Graduate Representatives (up to 3 students from each of the 5 divisions)

- Arts – Vacant
- Humanities – Vacant
- Engineering – Daniel Alves, Jack Lin, Sara Nasab
- Physical and Biological Sciences – Thomas Ng, A'Lester Allen,
- Social Sciences – Brent Limyansky, Daniel Copulsky, Giselle Laiduc, Harrison Shieh

### **Governance Board Non-Voting Members:**

- Vacant, Intercollegiate Council on Student Appointments representative
- Donald Smith, Academic Senate representative
- Rachel Neuman, Director of Graduate Student Life
- Vacant, Alumni Association representative
- Quentin Williams, Dean of Graduate Studies
- John Bilanko, Current Tenant
- Travis Becker, Staff Advisory Board Representative
- Rachel Neuman, Quarry Plaza Council
- Lori Kletzer, CP/EVC
- Sona Kaur, GSC Intern

### **MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- **Programming:**
  - [Bonfire](#) (09/26)

- [Slug Crawl](#) (09/27)
- [Parlez Vous?](#) (09/30)
- [Trivia Night 10/2](#)
- [Karaoke 10/3](#), 10/17
- [First Friday: College Night](#) (10/04)
- [Coffee, Bagel & Donuts with CITL and SSERC](#) (10/09)
- Kayak Trip (10/20)
- [In Conversation with Campus Leaders](#) (10/22)
- [Pathways To Research \(P2R\) Info Session](#) (10/22)
- [Bob Ross](#),
- [Game Night](#)
- Card Making: [Holiday Edition](#), [Valentines Day Edition](#)
- [CBD w/GSA](#) (10/23)
- [Line Dancing](#)
- [Pumpkin Carving Bash](#) (10/25)
- [November FF "First Pieday"](#) (11/01)
- [CBD with WiSE at Coastal Biology Building \(CBB\) on 01/27](#)
- Food and You Series?
- Collab with AA/PIRC
  - Epoxy Ring DIY Craft Event
  - Good Night, UCSC
- [February First Friday - Friendship First Friday](#)
- Remy Franklin Series
- Virtual Karaoke
  - Jack Duff from Linguistics is hosting on 5/21 at 7 PM
- Virtual game night
  - Proposed for May 29th, 7 PM
- Workshops with Richard Enriquez/CAPS
  - [Coping with Social Isolation and Anxiety in a Crisis](#), 5/29 , 1:30-3pm
- Professional Development Programming
- [Yeng Yang: Resume and Cover Letter Writing for Non-Academic Jobs](#) (10/08)
  - [Writing Diversity Statements w/ Linda Scholz \(ODEI\)-6/4 , 1-2:30pm](#)
- [Interviewing & Salary Negotiation w/ Jennifer Baszile \(Career Center\)- 6/4,](#)
- [Developing a Teaching Statement & Portfolio w/ Kendra Dority \(CITL\)- 6/9,](#)
- [CV/Cover Letter Workshop w/ Gwynn Benner- 6/12 , 1-3pm](#)
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- **Outreach:**
  - Added new "Around Campus" footer at bottom of newsletter to highlight events being organized by other resources, centers, organizations on campus, given difficulty of putting on virtual events during remote learning and working

- **Finance:**
  - Queer grad lunch funding ~\$450 for 30 person Fall lunch
  - \$11K budget deficit: vote to allow Eboard+Finance Committee to draft letter asking Grad Div to cover Rachel's salary increase + salaried GSC positions vs stipended positions
  - SFAC awards
    - \$20K for teleconference technology in the GSC
    - \$10K for grad orientation
    - \$1K for CBD next year, sponsored by Division of Student Success
- **Building:**
  - Summer Renovations
    - Furniture
    - Paint
    - Hardwood Floors refinished
  - Convector Heaters Fixed
  - HVAC Airflow -
    - \$125k estimated project
    - Funded SFAC Awarded \$87,500
    - Remaining balance \$37,500 Plant Reserve
    - Funding approval to increase the CFR to \$61,906.36
    - The total project cost is slated for ~\$220k
  - Iveta lease is up June 2020
  - Iveta saw a significant decrease in sales in Feb due to strike impacts.
  - GSC Closed due to COVID-19
    - Iveta on campus opening for take out (May)
  - REO approved Rent abatement for Iveta for March, April & May
  - Lease renewal and term sheet
    - Article 5 Contracting out policy
      - Wage parity \$26.20
  - HVAC
    - Preliminary review
      - Out to bid Mid May
      - Earliest construction June 2020
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- **GradLab**
- **Other:**
  - Website needs to be moved off BSOE servers.
    - Move GSC funding application to Google forms after website reboot?
  - Proposals for re-unifying GSA and GSC?

- Relaxing requirements to receive \$100 stipend
  - Article 2.6 of Constitution, “Regular voting members of the GSCGB may be paid a quarterly stipend, provided the **amount** is established prior to the end of the previous academic year.”
  - I would like to keep the amount the same but leave distribution requirements to the judgement of the eboard.
- Change bylaw 4.2
- GSC Programming Coordinator transition from Alexandra Race to Ishani Chakraborty
- Ishani has stepped down from Programming Chair and Governing Board member.
  - Article 3.1 stipulates that the position defaults to VP.
- Vote on change to bylaw 2.2 (vote passes)
  - Voting members must be present (physically or virtually) in order to cast a vote. All votes must be synchronously cast. No absentee or proxy votes are allowed (meaning, members cannot cast a vote on behalf of a voting member that is not present in the meeting).
    - Present = being able to cast a vote synchronously.
- Vote on adding bylaw 2.2.1 (vote passes)
  - In the event that the governing board needs to vote on a matter outside of governing board meetings, an executive officer may make a motion via email to the governing board. After the motion is seconded via email, voting members have 2 full business days to reply by email to the Chair (only the Chair) to cast their votes. If a majority vote is reached before 2 full business days, the Chair may close the vote early. At the close of the voting period, the Chair will announce to the board that voting has closed and whether the motion passed or failed on the stipulation that at least 5 votes have been cast. If after 2 days, there are not at least 5 votes, then the vote is tabled.
- Elections for all executive officer positions
  - President/Chair
    - Ryan Van Haren
  - Vice-President/Outreach Committee Chair
    - No one
  - Treasurer/Finance Committee Chair
    - Brynna Downey
  - Programming Committee Chair
    - No one

UPCOMING PROJECTS FOR THIS SUMMER/NEXT YEAR: