

Graduate Student Commons Year-End Report 2020-21

Prepared by the Graduate Student Commons Executive Committee

President: Ryan Van Haren

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Treasurer: Vacant

Programming Coordinator: Vacant

GSC Graduate Intern: Sona Kaur

Director of Graduate Student Life: Rachel Neuman

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

- Arts – Vacant
- Humanities – Vacant
- Engineering – Peng Zhou
- Physical and Biological Sciences – Dori Weiler
- Social Sciences – Harrison Shieh, RJ Pili, Claudia Castaneda

Governance Board Non-Voting Members:

- Vacant, Intercollegiate Council on Student Appointments representative
- Vacant, 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:**
 - Health/Wellness
 - [A Healing Justice Moment with Silvia Austerlic \(10/30\)](#)
 - [Radical Resilience Small Grants Panel Event](#)

- [Wellness Workshops with Richard Enriquez \(CAPS\)](#)
 - [Imposter Syndrome workshop \(1/29\)](#)
 - Living Well series (3 workshops, held in March, April, May)
 - [Mindful Living \(03/05/21\)](#), [Living Compassionately \(04/09/21\)](#), [Living with Gratitude \(05/21/21\)](#)
- [Body Wisdom \(11/19\)](#)
- Remy's workshops [here](#)
- Monterey Bay Kayak Paddle (multiple dates)
- Professional Development
 - [Communicating your Transferable Skills for Industry Jobs \(11/18\)](#)
 - [Preparing the Teaching Statement and Portfolio \(05/05/21\)](#)
 - [Writing the CV \(05/07/21\)](#)
 - [How'd you get that job?! Grad Alum panel industry workshop \(06/03/21\)](#)
 - [NIH Fellowships: Overview & Logistics \(06/22/21\)](#)
- Diversity
 - [CITL/GSC Antiracist Teaching Workshop \(04/28/21\)](#)
 - [Writing the Diversity Statement \(05/04/21\)](#)
 - [First Gen Initiative/GSC Mentoring workshop \(06/02/21\)](#)
- Finance
 - [First Gen Initiative/GSC finance workshop- How to Save Money When You Don't Have Any! \(03/04/21\)](#)
- Outreach:
 - Approved [guidelines for GSC promotion of non-GSC events](#)
 - GSC has an Instagram account
 - [@gradstudentcommons](#)
 - Disclaimer on [events page of website](#) "postdocs are welcome to attend GSC events"
 - GSC Programming [Survey result](#)
- Finance:
 - SFAC Technology award: Zoom Room Dten D7 in 75" <https://dten.com/d7> an all-in-one Zoom Room system, zoom license every year \$500
 - Grad Division provided bridge funding \$30k
 - Grad Division will continue to fund GSC Grad Intern for 2021-22 AY
 - CPEVC's funding support in CRRSAA (CARES Act 2) funding
 - \$45k
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- Facilities:
 - HVAC retrofit project approved and completed
 - Ivéta has informally accepted the [proposed lease terms](#).

- Tenant (Iveta Cafe) signed the lease
 - 1 year renewal lease (5% of revenue)
 - 50 % of operating costs (maintenance and utilities)
- Iveta can resume and needs campus approval per the requirements [process for resumption of on-site operations](#) and develop [worksite plans](#)
- Iveta may remain dark up until June 30, 2021 or 85% in person capacity
- Iveta remained paused all academic year
- [GSC Worksite plans approved](#) - community spaces to remain closed for now
- Boiler tripped offline - recommendations start planning for a replacement.
 - Consider starting the formal design development process (ROM 50k)
 - A ROM for a boiler replacement is 300k
 - Apply for Carbon funds this year
 - Apply for SFAC, Sustainability, Carbon funding next year
 - Work with the [Strategic Energy Partnerships \(SEP\)](#)
- Replacing a water meter that services Iveta's Cafe on Thursday 6/03
- Broken kitchen tile needs to be replaced, still in progress
- **GradLab:**
 - \$200 transfer from the GradLab FOAPAL to fund Anjali Nath's talk entitled, "Surveil, Disclose, Reveal, Redact: The Visual Life of Bureaucracy" - TOF on April 27
 - Funded the "Meet the Underground Scholars" (4) \$75 gift cards
- **Other:**
 - ITS paid to have [GSC](#) and [GradLab](#) websites migrated to WordPress.
 - GSC Grad Intern recruitment on a pause seeking salary increase
 - Reached quorum at the last GSC Governing Board meeting of the academic year.
 - Successfully filled all executive positions for the 2021-22 academic year.

UPCOMING PROJECTS FOR THIS SUMMER/NEXT YEAR:

- Develop post-event feedback form for events to follow up with attendees. Potential questions would get at whether attendees' needs were met, what they got out of the event, what else they'd like to see/how similar events can be improved in the future. Possibly a good project for outreach committee
 - E.g., for How'd You Get That Job?:
 - Did you learn strategies for networking with others in your field?
 - Did you have any follow up outside of this event with panelists?
- Use zoom registration for events when possible, instead of using google forms to collect registration responses and sending zoom information separately.