

# GSC Governing Board Mtg.

30 March 2020 / 5 - 6 PM / Graduate Student Commons via Zoom

## Attendees

Ryan, RJ, Brynna, Ishani, Rachel, Sona, Sara, Alexandra, Giselle, Daniel C, Daniel A, Thomas, Fiona, Donald Smith, John Bilank, Jim Moore

## Zoom Considerations

1. Please mute your mic when not speaking.
  - Press and hold the spacebar to temporarily unmute.
2. Voting mechanism
  - Motion will be typed into chat, voting members will type “yay” “nay” or “abstain” to vote.

## Agenda

3. [Review and approve E-board minutes](#)
  - [6 yays, motion passes: E-board minutes approved.](#)
4. Vote in new voting members: Must attend (2) GSCGB meetings + meet stipulations of a committee of interest (programming, outreach, finance) to receive \$100
5. President:
  - 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.
    - [Jim: Contract negotiation w Iveta, still a good amount of work to do for the Spring.](#)
  - Alexandra’s stipend, she would like at least some fraction of the \$500 for serving part of the quarter as programming chair.
    - Perhaps \$500 for Ishani and \$200 for Alexandra?
    - [Giselle: Do we have the funds?](#)
      - [Ryan: Yes.](#)
      - [Dan: A couple hundred from unfilled g-board positions.](#)
      - [Brynna: Not a big amount of money.](#)
    - [Giselle: When did Ishani get on-boarded?](#)
      - [Rachel: Voted in at first g-board meeting.](#)

- Giselle: Alexandra gave notice but wasn't going to step down until after on-boarding a new programming chair.
- Alexandra: Ishani voted in around week 4.
  - +Ryan
- Dan: Motion to provide \$500 and \$200 stipends to Ishani and Alexandra, respectively, for Winter 2020. RJ 2nds.
  - Rachel, clarifying question: Alexandra voted in last g-board meeting, should stipend be \$300 or \$200.
    - Previously haven't provided stipends for e-board on-boarding new e-boards in May.
- Giselle: Motion to provide a \$500 stipend to Ishani for Winter 2020. 2nded.
  - Brynna: Motion to table this until the next g-board meeting. 2nded.
    - Provide g-board with descriptions of Ishani's and Alexandra's contributions during Winter 2020.
    - 5 yays, 1 abstain. Motion passes.
- Call to form a temporary working committee to change bylaw 4:2 2.2 to allow for digital motions and votes.
  - Need to determine the rules for when a vote can be called, and how long the vote will remain open.
  - Ryan: Chairing this committee, recruiting 2 - 3 members, nail down wording. Will bring back to the board.
    - Giselle, RJ.
    - Giselle: Motion to create this temporary working committee to change bylaw 2.2. 2nded.
      - 6 yays. Motion carries.

## 6. Programming

- What does programming look like in Spring if the GSC remains closed?
  - Perhaps some digital happy hours or game nights?
- Ishani: Programming committee meeting next Monday?
  - Rachel: Recommends sending a doodle poll / when2meet.
  - Ishani: Maybe 5 - 6p.
  - Giselle: Recommends reaching out to currently absent prog committee members. Providing members an agenda prior to the meeting.
  - Ishani: Please email Ishani for event ideas, prior to the committee meeting.

## 7. Treasurer:

- Call to form a temporary working committee to workshop GSC restructuring (are we really interested in managing a building or could we hand this responsibility to grad div and focus on programming?)
  - Brynna: Motion to create a working committee to discuss different ways to structure the GSC. Alexandra, 2nds.
    - How will we organize ourselves to get done what we want to get done?
    - 8 yay, 1 abstain. Motion carries.
    - Brynna as Chair, joined by Alexandra, Fiona, Ishani, Rachel, Ryan. Brynna will email recruitment to gboard.
  - Jim: Potential loss of income for Spring -> addressing in Rachel's section.

## 8. Vice President & Outreach:

- Newsletter Timeline
  - Outreach committee meeting: when does outreach need to know about events to update the newsletter? 3 weeks notice before event is ideal in order to create advertisements and promote event.
  - Sona: combined outreach and programming meeting?
  - RJ: Ishani and RJ will discuss a time for a joint meeting to coordinate more closely.
    - RJ email Ishani about hosting a joint programming and outreach meeting (not during the proposed Monday programming meeting).

## 9. Building Updates:

- Iveta
  - Rent abatement
    - Rachel's recommendation as building manager
    - Rachel: Any g-board members who didn't get the forwarded email from Tenant on March 25th?
      - G-board members did not get.
    - Rachel: Tenant asking us to waive fees. Rachel wants feedback for moving forward with this decision. Also soliciting information from campus organizations.
    - Ishani: Appears like we need to revise and check our group emails.
    - Ryan: E-board got it, but g-board did not.

- Rachel: Alternatively, e-board could provide thoughts. Would the governing board like to be included in emails? ...would like to have a say?
- Giselle: Include in communication.
- Alexandra: Useful to keep the gboards perspective on this decision.
  - +Brynna: Need action item. Graduate students may not have expertise that Rachel has.
- Rachel's suggestion: Extend invitation to ? to the next g-board meeting.
  - Jim: Recommends Rachel meets with ? before bringing them to the board, Rachel can summarize and bring that to the board.
- Fiona: Did Iveta ask for a timeline?
  - Rachel: No timeline. They want to move forward with lease agreements. Rent due on April 15th. Santa Cruz email regarding evictions, relevant.
- Fiona: Iveta likely isn't the only campus business affected. Other leadership / stakeholders might give us best practices or take out of our hands.
  - Rachel: Aware, but no greater directive at the time.
- Brynna: Soliciting Rachel's opinions.
  - Rachel: Unprecedented times, tenant has been great historically. Not fair for our tenant to pay rent when not making money from the space. Best step forward is to support our tenant. Determine FEMA qualification, how much loss can be claimed. Doesn't make sense to have a successful tenant suffer this loss and have to leave (and then have to search for a new tenant).
    - Makes more sense to support them and support their return once shelter-in-place is lifted.
      - +Jim
- Ishani: Sympathizes with Iveta, likes their food. Give them time.
  - Rachel: Not collecting rent?
  - Ishani: Not collecting rent, lowering rent, paying it back later, softer situation.
  - Rachel: Tenant is in a binding contract. Deferral? Is an option.

- Need to resolve by April 15th.

- Utility Opw
- Lease Renewal
  - Call to form temporary working committee to follow developments and recommend course of action (if there is no interest, Ryan and RJ will continue to be the grad student liaisons).
  - Rachel: Expires June 30th, 2020. What does including current issues with rent on the lease agreement?
    - What are the tenant's requested changes? These negotiations would benefit from input from g-board.
  - Ryan: Many members have left the meeting bc time, keep just P/VP for now.

- HVAC
  - Preliminary review
  - Out to bid Mid May
  - Earliest construction June 2020
    - Planned for 30 days for construction.
- Sent request for SFAC extension

#### 10. GradLab Updates:

- Brynna: Meeting this week to talk about Spring Programming.

#### 11. Other announcements:

- Undergrad student employment
  - Outlining and explicitly providing remote work.
    - Supporting transition of gscommons site.
      - gradlab site possibly as well.
      - Usability, accessibility.
    - Transitioning drupal forms to Google Forms.
    - Creating how-to's and training manuals.
  - Schedule is already developed and wanted to be maintained. Each has a window of time to work. Provide this work and/or special projects to them.
  - Ishani: Where can I see technical expertise?
    - Rachel: People with projects can ask the students.
  - Fiona: Supporting Zoom meetings (Zoom taskforce). Providing the students with upgraded accounts for this.

## Next Meeting

Governing Board: April 27th, 2020 (5-6 pm) via Zoom

- Ryan will send when2meet for the exact time.
- April 15th tenant decision, ~~falls to the executive board.~~
- Ishani: Why not e-vote?
  - Ryan: Bylaw 2.4 not changed yet.
- Fiona: Might be good to call a special meeting.
  - Rachel: Good place to invite campus stakeholders.
- Ryan: Let's hold a special iveta meeting.