

GSC Governing Board Mtg.

February 8th 2022 / 4:30 - 5:30 PM / Graduate Student Commons via Zoom

Attendees

Ryan Van Haren, Dori Weiler, Rachel Neuman, Claudia Castaneda, Gagandeep Sachdeva, Peter Biehl, Allison Nguyen, Kevin Lunzalu, Travis Becker, Alex Calderwood

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. Motion to approve [executive board meeting minutes](#)
4. Motion to approve this meeting's agenda
5. President:
 - Introductions for new attendees
6. Programming:
 - GAG meeting update
 - **Immigration workshop:** Happening this quarter
 - **Investment workshop:**
 - March 2nd?
 - **February First Friday:**
 - We KILLED IT! Over 50 attendees (note that nearly 100 registered)
 - Coastal science campus was a great venue
 - Over-ordered pizza and snacks
 - Ordered for 100
 - Probably closer to 60 or 70 guests
 - **Associate's list updating and use**
 - Keep current list for history, but remove old members and add new ones
 - Ideas for March First Friday
 - Programming committee meeting next week (Feb 15 @ 4:30 pm)
 - Location? Alcohol approval process? Theme?

- Cowell provost house- Rachel will reach out regarding facilities access
 - Ask for permissions from facility and Grad Dean: email with event date and logistics (location, number of people, risk management, etc)
 - Writing initiatives (Claudia and Kevin)
 - **GSC Writing Together Weekly:** Hosted by Claudia, starting Wednesday 2nd Feb 9:30AM. 9 participants registered as of Tuesday afternoon. Board needs to approve the weekly budget and books budget (approved).
 - **Psychology of Writing Workshop:** Hosted by Andrea. Happening 2nd Feb 12:00-1:30pm. 23 registrants as of Tuesday afternoon. Sonya to cancel food delivery due to the low number of people interested in showing up in person (to pick up a few to-go vegetarian combo plates and bring those into the Commons).
 - 6 people in-person, 14 on Zoom
 - Tutor from writing center will be attending
 - Wellness Week next quarter
 - Few people attend wellness workshops→ other ideas?
 - Financial Planning & Investment workshop (March 2)
 - Met with Joe Hagar, UCSC students not eligible for most retirement plans as TAs or GSRs, but those on fellowship are automatically enrolled in the DCP plan (although if \$2000 isn't deposited, the account is released)
 - Tax workshops (sponsored by GSA)
7. Treasurer:
- Transfer of funds for the Travel Grants
 - SFAC 3500.
 - We will initiate the transfer to the graduate division
 - SFAC Survey for Summer Quarter compulsory campus-based fee levels to the Chancellor
 - Funding opportunities
 - Rachel reached out to Peter to discuss financial support from other units in the university.
 - Waiting for Stephanie response about applying for funding.
 - Reached out to Lucy Rojas (Equity in Mental Health Funding)
 - funds will be allocated as ongoing funds,
 - therefore there will not be a general call for these funds moving forward.

- Wellness Week Funding (Equity in Mental Health Funding)
 - Rental income (any updates)
 - Still negotiating with tenant
- 8. Vice President & Outreach:
 - Recruiting at events is much more effective than cold emailing
- 9. Vote in new voting members: Must attend (2) GSCGB meetings + meet stipulations of a committee of interest (programming, outreach, finance) to receive \$100
 - Allison Nguyen and Alex Calderwood voted in as governing board members
- 10. GradDiv announcements
 - Asking for student input on housing panel
 - Listening to instructors who are uncomfortable returning to in person education
 - Provided exceptions
- 11. Building Updates:
 - Work Order for the cafe
 - After ~ 2 year vacancy, needs some TLC
 - Plumbing
 - Lighting
 - Painting
 - Carpenters
 - Clear View - Deep clean power washing
 - \$3k
 - Rachel recommends moving forward
 - Building is open and staffed
- 12. GradLab Updates:
 - Open call for GSC reps
 - \$100 quarterly stipend
- 13. Other announcements:
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Next Meeting

Governing Board: Tuesday March 8th, 4:30-5:30 PM
 Executive Board: Tuesday March 1st, 4:30-5:30 PM