

**Members Present**

Benjamin Adam Catching – President  
Laura Rambaran – VP of Internal Affairs  
Sarah Williams – VP of Internal Affairs  
Liesl Piccolo – VP of Finance  
Miriam Goldman – VP of External Affairs  
Merva Razzak – VP of Diversity Affairs  
Cecilia Im – Medicine Representative  
Kristen Spies – Dental Representative  
Katayani In – PT Representative  
Savannah Estes – PT Representative  
Emily Chu – Pharmacy Representative

**Students Present**

Josie Xu – Pharmacy  
Jessica Yi – Dentistry  
Kenny Cho – Dentistry  
Samantha Garcia – Dentistry  
Yvette Tran – Dentistry  
Usman Aslam-Mir – Pharmacy

**Staff Present**

Jennifer Rosko – Student Life  
Alece Alderson – Student Life  
Kathy Chew – Student Life

**Members Absent**

Max Ladow – Basic Sciences Representative  
Moemi Gossal – Nursing Representative  
Kristine Jermakian – VP of External Affairs  
Xavier Cortez – Medicine Representative  
Lillie Mansfield – PT Representative

**I. WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS (5:30-5:39)**

**II. QUORUM CHECK / MINUTES APPROVAL (5:39-5:40)**

Minutes Approved.

**III. NEW BUSINESS / ACTION (5:40-6:25)**

- A. UCSF Basic Needs Updates – Alece Alderson & Kathy Chew
- a. Program is growing, seeking student input for future directions
  - b. Recently updated “basic needs” definition Nov. 2020 to include a broader range of services
  - c. Committee meeting this Wednesday 4/7 for more in-depth discussion
  - d. Proposed change of name and email address for Basic Needs program: from “Basic Needs and Food Security” (fsfs@ucsf.edu) to “Basic Needs for Students” (basic.needs@ucsf.edu)
  - e. Seeking feedback on what to include in program goals/description and reorganization/expansion of website info
  - f. Backed by the campus – working on obtaining an official UCSF logo
  - g. Program recently received \$18k for innovation grants; this year used for remote access food program
  - h. New Basic Needs and Mental Health line item in state budget (if approved) will help fund UCSF Basic Needs program
  - i. UCOP is developing a systemwide Basic Needs dashboard

From student Q+A:

- Students need to know about services and feel like basic needs has done a good job on outreach
  - Basic needs items introduced during COVID are here to stay past pandemic
  - Is increasing funding persisting? Innovation funds are additional this year. Operating budget has stayed the same, will basic needs get some of the new state line item \$\$? Tbd but likely (summer meetings), some large fraction will likely go to Mental Health and Counseling.
  - Basic Needs is planning to open up a direct line for (alumni) donations on webpage
  - Expanded definition of “basic needs” allows for more advocacy at state level
  - Open to feedback – email GPSA or [basicneeds@ucsf.edu](mailto:basicneeds@ucsf.edu), and attend Wednesday 4/7 Basic Needs advisory meeting
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- B. Committee Representatives – Sarah Williams & Laura Rambaran  
*please note members of the academic council must sit on two committees throughout the academic year*
    - a. Committee Updates
      - i. AAUCSF Student-Alumni Engagement Committee
        - 1. Alumni weekend coming up – digital format
        - 2. Alumni Trivia night upcoming
        - 3. Meet alumni on UCSF Connect!
          - a. Coffee with alumni program supports meeting alumni mentors
      - ii. CCE Service Learning Committee
      - iii. Center for Community Engagement Council
      - iv. Committee on the Status of Women
      - v. Council on Campus Climate, Culture, and Inclusion (4CI)
        - 1. No update
      - vi. Housing Advisory Committee
      - vii. Library and Scholarly Communications
        - 1. Next meeting 4/15
      - viii. Library Student Advisory Committee
      - ix. Police Community Advisory Board
      - x. Student Health Advisory Committee
        - 1. No update
      - xi. Student Services Fee Advisory Committee
        - 1. No update
      - xii. UCSF Committee on Disability Inclusion
      - xiii. UCSF LGBTQ Committee
      - xiv. UCSF Voter Engagement Workgroup
    - b. Seeking Student Representation

#### **IV. UPDATES (6:25-6:30)**

- A. Election Recruitment – Sarah Williams & Laura Rambaran
  - a. Limited number of applicants
  - b. Vote to postpone GPSA elections to September
    - i. Liesl Piccolo motions, Miriam Goldman seconds – motion passed unanimously

#### **V. PLANNING (6:30-6:50)**

- A. Alumni Event – Sarah Williams & Laura Rambaran
  - a. Next event in May
- B. Last Lecture – Sarah Williams & Laura Rambaran
  - a. April 6 at 5:30
  - b. After-event on Zoom to meet Dr. Chin-Hong
  - c. Will be available to watch later (UCSF Youtube channel)

#### **VII. OFFICER REPORTS (≤3 minutes each)**

- A. President – Benjamin Adam Catching
  - a. Discussed student housing with interim vice chancellor of student academic affairs
  - b. Participating in search committee for new graduate dean/vice chancellor of student academic affairs
  - c. Serving on student Regent selection committee as UCSF rep
  - d. Last meeting of council of presidents with President Drake upcoming – seeking input for agenda items
  - e. Meeting with interim vice chancellor on Thursday 4/8 – seeking input for agenda items
  - f. Seeking candidates for UCSF GPSA President
- B. VP of Internal Affairs – Sarah Williams & Laura Rambaran
- C. VP of Finance – Liesl Piccolo
- D. VP of Diversity Affairs – Merva Razzak
  - a. Hosting Alumni Weekend trivia night
- E. VP of External Affairs – Miriam Goldman & Kristine Jermakian

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- a. In discussions about student housing – UCSF housing has proposed plan to include shorter leases for rent increase of 20%
  - b. UCGPC is prioritizing housing discussion going forward
  - c. Gave report on policing symposium in March
  - d. **Housing petition in circulation: “Petition: Reduce Rents in UCSF Housing and Allow Flexible Lease Policies” – [Link to sign](#)**
  - e. **Advocacy day – seeking those interested in advocacy**
    - i. **[Register here](#)**
  - F. Dentistry Representative – Kristen Spies
    - a. Elections for next Dentistry Representative in 2 weeks
  - G. Graduate Division (Basic Sciences) Representative – Max Ladow
  - H. Graduate Division (Social Sciences) Representative – OPEN
  - I. Medicine Representative – Cecilia Im & Xavier Cortez
    - a. Supporting mental health for students amidst AAPI violence
    - b. Transitioning in new medicine student government
  - J. Nursing Representative – Moemi Gossai
  - K. Pharmacy Representative – Josie Xu and Emily Chu
    - a. Transition to new board + last executive council meeting have happened
    - b. Contributed to next round of COVID awards
  - L. Physical Therapy Representative – Katayani In and Savannah Estes
    - a. Transitions of clinical rotations for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> years
    - b. First years starting clinical rotations in May

**XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS (≤2 minutes each)**

- A. Upcoming Meetings
  - a. Monday, May 3 at 5:30 p.m.
- B. Upcoming Events

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.