

**Members Present**

Jasmine Garcia – VP of Internal Affairs  
Sara Ehsan – VP of Diversity Affairs  
Francesco Dalla Ricca - VP of External Affairs  
Brandon Chu – VP of External Affairs  
Emily Whalen- Basic Sciences Representative  
Monneca Rim - Dentistry Representative  
Teja Pattabhiraman – Medicine Representative  
Jay Samson – Pharmacy Representative  
Richard Ou– Physical Therapy Representative

**Students Present**

Gavin Shu – Medicine  
Emily Yang – Dentistry  
Thu Pham – ASGD President

**Members Absent**

Honglip Park- President

**Staff Present**

Jennifer Rosko –Student Life  
Ryan Manriquez – UCGPC  
Pat Ordonez-Kim – UCGPC

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

The meeting began with an overview of the agenda, emphasizing the importance of each item for the upcoming academic events. Attendees introduced themselves and briefly stated their roles within the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA).

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

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

- A. Introductions, Expectation, Goal Setting – Honglip Park
- B. UCGPC President Introduction – Ryan Manriquez
  - a. Ryan thanked attendees and highlighted the UC Graduate and Professional Council (GPC) as an advocate for over 60,000 graduate and professional students across UC campuses.
  - b. Encouraged participation in the **Grad Summit** in early November, emphasizing its importance for setting advocacy agendas.
  - c. UCGPC shapes yearly campaign agendas based on student presentations, which drive advocacy efforts at both federal and state levels.
  - d. Notable upcoming events include:
    - i. State lobby days in winter.
    - ii. Federal lobby days in spring.
  - e. **Current Advocacy Focus:**
    - i. Housing affordability.
    - ii. Accessibility and habitability.
    - iii. Basic needs, with a 14% increase in food insecurity reported among graduate students.
  - f. **Engagement and Community:**
    - i. Ryan expressed a desire to engage more with UCSF students and emphasized the importance of their voices at the system-wide level.
    - ii. Mentioned the advocacy for the **Native American Opportunity Plan**, which currently covers tuition for California Indigenous students but does not include coverage for Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST). President Drake aims to expand PDST coverage for medical students.
  - g. **Two key approaches for students to engage in advocacy:**
    - i. **Storytelling and Sharing Experiences:** Sharing personal stories and experiences helps convey meaningful issues to system-wide leaders, fostering understanding and connection.
    - ii. **Formal Participation in UCGPC Programs:**

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1. **STARS Program (Student Advocate to the Regents):**
    - a. Offers students a chance to attend Regents meetings (often held at UCSF Mission Bay) and present issues directly to the Regents.
    - b. Out of approximately 100 applicants for public comment slots, STARS participants receive guaranteed time to speak.
    - c. Provides opportunities for informal conversations with Regents during meals, allowing for deeper discussions on student concerns.
  2. **Advocacy at State and Federal Levels:**
    - a. Participation in state and federal lobby days includes meetings with elected officials, such as state senators and Congress members, to discuss pressing issues and gather insights from UCSF students.
- C. VP of Finance – Honglip Park
- a. Woody has resigned as Vice President of Finance, citing personal reasons. We will announce an open call for candidates in the next newsletter, inviting anyone interested to come forward.
- D. Operating Budget – Honglip Park
- a. **Reserves and Budget:** Currently projected reserves of around \$71,900.
  - b. The operating revenue is comprised of:
    - i. A small portion of the student service fee for RCO funding.
    - ii. Membership fees of \$9 per quarter, collected three times a year.
  - c. **Use of Reserves:** The board can decide how to use the reserves. Previous spending included funding for student needs during COVID and RCO requests that exceeded the budget due to under-spending in past years. Past spending included major purchases like the IRS photo booth and administrative fees.
  - d. **Future Increases:** Any increase in the membership fees would require a vote from the student body, as these fees are controlled by a referendum.
  - e. **Funding Categories:**
    1. Direct funding to Registered Campus Organizations (RCOs).
    2. Cultural events and healthcare supplies.
    3. Office expenses and travel for representatives attending events.
    4. **Travel Expenses:** UCSF covers travel costs for representatives (e.g., Francesco and Brandon) attending various events, provided a travel request form is submitted.
    5. **Events:** There was a suggestion to allocate more funds to events like the interprofessional mixers to make them more accessible to students. The timing of the event has been an issue, with a previous low turnout attributed to scheduling conflicts.
  - f. **Budget Approval:** The board discussed approving the budget, and a motion was made and seconded for approval, with voting options provided for participants.
    - i. **Vote: 9 = yes, 0 = no, 0 = abstain**
- E. RCO Funding Guidelines – Honglip Park
- a. **Funding Distribution:** Updated guidelines allow for more effective distribution of funds to Recognized Student Organizations (RCOs). Last year, GPSA opened up funding more broadly to various student groups.
  - b. **Current Requests:** Over \$40,000 in funding requests have already been submitted this quarter, indicating strong demand.

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- c. **Funding Limitations:** Historically, GPSA focused on interprofessional events, leaving school-specific events to their respective student governments, but this approach is being reevaluated to meet current needs.
  - d. **Interprofessional Engagement:**
    - i. There is a desire to enhance interprofessional collaboration, as some students feel disconnected from events outside their own schools.
    - ii. The importance of a social budget for fostering connections among students was emphasized.
  - e. **Discussion on Administrative Fees:** Discussed reducing administrative expense line item, with a consensus forming around cutting these fees significantly due to the administrative burden they create.
    - i. There is a consensus that the \$500 administrative fund could be reduced. Some members feel it should be lowered rather than affecting social event funding.
    - ii. The potential for misuse or underutilization of discretionary funds was highlighted, suggesting that without clear guidelines, some groups might not effectively spend their allocations.
  - f. **Conclusion**
    - i. The committee voted to decrease the administrative funds from \$500 to \$200, reduce dinner amount and to limit social funding to interprofessional activities.

1. Vote: 9 = yes, 0 = no, 0 = abstain

- F. Committee Representatives – Jasmine Garcia  
*please note members of the academic council must sit on two committees throughout the academic year*
  - a. Committees
    - i. AAUCSF Student-Alumni Engagement Committee
    - ii. Council on Campus Climate, Culture, and Inclusion (4CI)
    - iii. Housing Advisory Committee
    - iv. Student Health Advisory Committee
    - v. UCSF Advisory Committee on Sustainability
  - b. Seeking Student Representation
    - i. Miscellaneous Fee Advisory Committee – 2-3 students needed
    - ii. UCSF LGBTQ Committee – 1-2 students needed
    - iii. Student Services Fee Advisory Committee – 11 students needed

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

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

- A. GPSA + Alumni Social
  - a. Wednesday, October 9, 5-7 p.m., Spark Social
  - b. [RSVP](#)
  - c. Volunteers Needed
    - i. The upcoming alumni event was announced, with over 300 RSVPs already received. Volunteers are needed for registration, setup, and other logistical roles.
    - ii. **Key Actions:** Volunteers were encouraged to coordinate with Francesca for their assignments.

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- B. Cultural Night
    - a. Tuesday, October 29, 5:15-6:30 p.m. Millberry Union Gym
    - b. [RCO Sign-ups](#)
    - c. [RVSP](#)
    - d. Volunteers Needed
      - i. Cultural Night is scheduled for October 29th, with participation confirmed from eight Registered Campus Organizations (RCOs).
      - ii. **Volunteer Needs:** A call for volunteers was made to assist with logistics, setup, and coordination during the event.
      - iii. **Key Actions:** Members were encouraged to sign up for volunteer roles and attend a pre-event meeting to finalize logistics.
  - C. UC Student Regent Info Lunch
    - a. Friday, November 15
    - b. Details coming
  - D. Additional Event Ideas
    - a. Formal – March
      - i. The committee reviewed potential dates for the formal event, considering the following:
        - 1. February 22<sup>nd</sup>
        - 2. March 1st
        - 3. March 8th
      - ii. **Ticket Pricing Discussion:** The committee discussed the upcoming formal event. The focus was on setting ticket prices to encourage early sales while ensuring the event's quality.
      - iii. **Proposed Ticket Prices:** It was suggested to set the price between \$50 and \$65, considering the comprehensive offerings such as food and entertainment.
      - iv. **Historical Context:** The committee reviewed attendance trends from previous events, noting that March events typically attracted larger crowds compared to those held in October.
      - v. **Concerns Raised:** Some members expressed concern over a proposal to lower the ticket price while charging separately for food, arguing it could detract from the event's overall appeal and discourage participation. Board emphasized the importance of keeping food included in the ticket price, noting that it is an integral part of the venue experience and the event itself
      - vi. **Promotion Strategies:** Suggestions included distributing flyers in high-traffic areas like Gene Hall and leveraging social media platforms for broader reach.
      - vii. **Voting Outcome:** A motion was discussed regarding the organization of a formal event in the spring. The majority of attendees voted in favor of proceeding with this event.
        - 1. **Vote: 9 = yes, 0 = no, 0 = abstain**
    - b. Last Lecture – April
    - c. Llama Visit – May

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

- A. President – Honglip Park
- B. VP of Internal Affairs – Jasmine Garcia
- C. VP of Finance – OPEN
- D. VP of Diversity Affairs – Sara Ehsan
  - a. Provided updates on Cultural Night, emphasizing the importance of inclusivity and diversity in event planning.
- E. VP of External Affairs – Brandon Chu and Francesco Dalla Ricca
  - a. Discussed insights from a recent graduate summit:
    - i. **UC Investment Policies:** Highlighted concerns regarding UC investments and their potential impact on student interests.
    - ii. **Student Housing Challenges:** Addressed ongoing issues with rising housing costs and limited new developments affecting students.

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- iii. **Budget Constraints:** Raised concerns about anticipated budget cuts across campuses, prompting a call for increased advocacy for student needs.
  - F. Dentistry Representative – Monneca Rim
  - G. Graduate Division (Basic Sciences) Representative – Emily Whalen
    - a. Social events and networking opportunities are being organized for students.
    - b. Funding mechanisms have been clarified, including support for graduate-specific organizations and conference travel.
  - H. Graduate Division (Social Sciences) Representative – OPEN
  - I. Medicine Representative – Stephen John Cruz, Teja Pattabhiraman, and Katherine Miclau
  - J. Nursing Representative – Aean Peattie
  - K. Pharmacy Representative – Jay Samson
  - L. Physical Therapy Representative – Nick Covaia, Patrick Miller, and Richard Ou

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

- A. Upcoming Meetings
  - a. **Tuesday, October 8** at 12 p.m. Student Government Welcome Lunch @ Student Success Center
  - b. Monday, November 4 at 5:30 p.m. GPSA Monthly Meeting: [zoom](#)
  - c. Monday, December 2 at 5:30 p.m. GPSA Monthly Meeting: [zoom](#)
  - d. TBD: Student Government Holiday Lunch/Dinner: in-person
  - e. Monday, January 6 at 5:30 p.m. GPSA Monthly Meeting: [zoom](#)
  - f. Monday, February 3 at 5:30 p.m. GPSA Monthly Meeting: [zoom](#)
  - g. Monday, March 3 at 5:30 p.m. GPSA Monthly Meeting: [zoom](#)
  - h. Monday, April 7 at 5:30 p.m. GPSA Monthly Meeting: [zoom](#)
  - i. Monday, May 5 at 5:30 p.m. GPSA Monthly Meeting: [zoom](#)
  - j. TBD: Student Government End of Year Lunch/Dinner: in-person
- B. Upcoming Events
  - a. GPSA + Alumni Social
  - b. UCSF Cultural Night