

**Members Present:**

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  
Kristine Jermakian – VP of External Affairs  
Merva Razzak – VP of Diversity Affairs  
Kristen Spies – Dental Representative  
Ernie Lum – Pharmacy Representative  
Max Ladow – Basic Sciences Representative  
Amber Por – PT Representative  
Cecilia Im – Medicine Representative  
Ernie Lum – Pharmacy Representative

**Students Present:**

Rachel Roehl – School of Pharmacy  
Jethro Pobre – School of Pharmacy

**Staff Present:**

Jennifer Rosko – Student Life  
John McCoy – Alumni Affairs

**Members Absent:**

Xavier Cortez – Medicine Representative  
Lillie Mansfield – PT representative  
Moemi Gossai – Nursing Representative  
OPEN – Social Sciences Representative

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

Meeting began at 5:35pm

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

Minutes approved. Approved: 8, 1 abstained, 0 opposed

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

- A. Goal Setting – Benjamin Adam Catching
- B. VP of Internal Affairs Candidates - Benjamin Adam Catching
  - a. Laura Rambaran and Sarah Williams elected as co-VPs.
- C. Alumni Association Programming Collaboration – John McCoy
  - a. Association of Alumni (ASA): Creating a space to connect alums – networking, mentoring. Seeking collaboration to bring alumni events to campus – one in Fall, one in Spring. Possibly virtual seminars, speed networking, alumni dinners.
  - b. Alumni events calendar available.
- D. COVID Support – Goals & Planning – Liesl Piccolo
  - a. Budget surplus – how to allocate to support students.
  - b. 100K – split 30k budget per quarter – 15k towards increased Lyft credit, 15k towards at-home COVID support grants.
  - c. Need to build application infrastructure – send out in September
    - i. Formed committee.
    - ii. Goal to ease burden on applicants + administrators.
  - d. Max: ASGD has similar surplus, opportunity to collaborate.
    - i. If it comes from GPSA (coordinated from all schools), more clear/transparent.
    - ii. Adam: will reach out to school-specific gov'ts.
- E. Committee Representatives – Benjamin Adam Catching
  - please note members of the academic council must sit on two committees throughout the academic year*
    - a. Committee Updates

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- b. Seeking Student Representation
    - i. Committee on Status of Women
      - 1. Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday monthly
    - ii. Police Community Advisory Board
    - iii. UCSF Voter Engagement Work Group

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

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

- A. GPSA RCO Fair (Fall)
  - a. Date: October 6, 5:30-7 p.m.
  - b. RCO signups begin Sept. 1
- B. Alumni Event (Fall)
  - a. Partnership with Alumni Affairs
- C. Student Leadership Forum on Diversity (Winter)
  - a. Merva will reach out to IDEA
- D. Cultural Night (Winter)
- E. Last Lecture (Spring)

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

- A. President – Benjamin Adam Catching
  - a. Met with Vice Chancellor Watkins, confirmed UCSF statement on SEVP Visa suspensions. Limited budget for transportation support.
- B. VP of Internal Affairs – Laura Rambaran & Sarah Williams
- C. VP of Finance – Liesl Piccolo
  - a. Attended UC-wide council on student fees – across UCs, excess fees not spent due to pandemic. Stipends for students to represent their campus in UC-wide governments were proposed.
- D. VP of Diversity Affairs – Merva Razzak
  - a. Met with Interprofessional Diversity and Equity Alliance, who have been working on restorative justice events
  - b. Details on Leadership Forum on Diversity and Inclusion forthcoming
  - c. Soliciting ideas for DEI events
  - d. Implicit Bias trainings etc.– looking for ways to integrate into programs. Talking with MRC.
- E. VP of External Affairs – Miriam Goldman & Kristine Jermakian
  - a. Petition led by UCSF BIPOC group, now Defund UCPD – passed by UCSF GPSA, UCGPC, many other organizations. UCGPC got training on how to talk to Regents; petition was brought up during community policing segment of their meeting. Can they use the union contract to change how police are run?
  - b. UCGPC passed endorsement of the RISE act supporting next COVID stimulus package, Prop 16 reversing Prop 209 (affirmative action)
  - c. COVID at other campuses: students unfortunately not being included in conversations of research ramp-up. More testing at other campuses than at UCSF.
  - d. SNAP act endorsement passed by UCGPC
  - e. Positions open on Executive Board at UCGPC
    - i. Looking especially for Director of Campaigns
  - f. UCGPC Graduate Summit Sunday 8/9 9a-3p: sets agenda for UCGPC. Contact Miriam for details. Looking for input on ideas to push there.
  - g. Shuttles now 12 people on shuttle up from 6 – multiple students feel unsafe and are taking longer shuttle routes to avoid crowded shuttles.

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- F. Dentistry Representative – Kristen Spies
    - a. ADS working to get RCOs back up and running, had RCO leaders retreat and first budget meeting.
  - G. Graduate Division (Basic Sciences) Representative – Max Ladow
    - a. Recruiting for rest of ASGD board.
    - b. Looking for best ways to support URM students
    - c. Looking to increase transparency for student committee/task force recruitments: can GPSA help unify voices on committees, communications between related committees?
    - d. Survey going out for student experiences with return-to-lab.
      - i. GPSA to put out similar.
      - ii. Academic Senate (systemwide) has authority here.
  - H. Graduate Division (Social Sciences) Representative – OPEN
  - I. Medicine Representative – Cecilia Im & Xavier Cortez
  - J. Nursing Representative – Moemi Gossai
  - K. Pharmacy Representative – Ernie Lum
    - a. RCO fair past week as virtual event
      - i. Possible liability/security issue with students having to give own addresses to represent/receive for RCOs.
  - L. Physical Therapy Representative – Amber Por & Lillie Mansfield
    - a. Cohort restructuring governing roles.
    - b. PT day of service: care packages for vulnerable families (working with TeenFit). Raising money.
    - c. Hour of Action on San Quentin prison COVID outbreak.

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

- A. Upcoming Meetings
  - a. Monday, September 14 at 5:30 p.m. *date shifted to accommodate Labor Day holiday*
  - b. Monday, October 5 at 5:30 p.m.
  - c. Monday, November 2 at 5:30 p.m.
  - d. Monday, December 7 at 5:30 p.m.
  - e. Monday, January 4 at 5:30 p.m.
  - f. Monday, February 1 at 5:30 p.m.
  - g. Monday, March 1 at 5:30 p.m.
  - h. Monday, April 5 at 5:30 p.m.
  - i. Monday, May 3 at 5:30 p.m.
- B. Upcoming Events

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.