

**Members Present:**

Micah Ahazie – President  
Kyung (Phillip) Nam - VP of Finance  
Troy Santos – VP of Internal Affairs  
Jose Tinajero – VP of Diversity Affairs  
Sumitra Tatapudy - VP of External Affairs (Grad)  
Joey Knox - Medicine Co-Rep  
Kate Misogas - Pharmacy Co-Rep  
Samuel Russom - Dentistry Rep  
Lindsey Jones - Basic Sciences Co-Rep  
Rosalie Winslow -Social Sciences Rep

**Members Absent:**

Caleb Tam - VP of External Affairs (Prof)  
Sidney Le - Medicine Co-Rep  
Jessica Lee - Pharmacy Co-Rep  
Iva Petrovchich - Nursing Rep  
Juliet Keating - Physical Therapy Rep  
Katherine Kempkey - Physical Therapy Rep

**Students Present:**

Ken Hallenback – ASGD President  
Eric Hsu – Dentistry  
Eduardo Amezcua - Medicine

**Staff Present:**

Jennifer Rosko (phone) – Student Life  
Liz Watkins – VC & Dean

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

Meeting commenced at 5:40 p.m.

Introductions were given for everyone at the meeting, including icebreakers. Micah gave a rousing introductory speech for the year. Micah emphasized teamwork and requests that everyone asks for help, delegate when needed, and take care of themselves. He also wants the board to have a long-term approach to lay a foundation for solutions to long-term problems for the school.

Dr. Elizabeth Watkins stopped by to introduce herself and offer her help for advocating for student and faculty funding and services. She encouraged everyone to come to the State of the Union address, and connect students to admin and let them know their needs for each school.

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

No meeting minutes to approve.

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

**A. Goal Setting – Micah Ahazie**

- a. Micah will be relying on board heavily for good ideas and events for the year. Micah's goal is to make everyone be the best at their role and achieve our goals this year that we set.
- b. Goals are a part of going back to the basics for students – housing, food, tuition. Student's can't thrive if they don't have these basic needs met. He'll be meeting with Jennifer and student regents regarding professional student supplement.

**B. Operating Budget – Kyung (Phillip) Nam**

- a. GPSA has a healthy reserve - \$95,000 dollars.
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- b. Jennifer: The reserve has built since after the formation of GPSA plus excess from last year's savings. If we ever go over estimated costs for events and GPSA activities, we can utilize the reserve.
  - c. We are estimated to take in \$80,000 in membership dues.
  - d. Is this budget balanced? This year's proposed budget does plan to use a small portion of the reserve to cover various expenses.
  - e. We can discuss giving money back to SSF to assist with spending down the reserve.
  - f. Jennifer: The budget can be reviewed and amended anytime throughout the year.
  - g. **Vote: 9:0 in favor to approve budget.**
- C. Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition – Jennifer Rosko
- a. PDST proposal – New process to roll out this year to gather student feedback regarding PDST proposal. The level of student engagement in the PDST review process will be determined by the percentage of increase proposed.
  - b. Administration is supposed to be contact the president of each student government to review proposal with them. Micah will discuss next meeting.
- D. Committee Representatives – Troy Santos
- please note members of the academic council must sit on two committees throughout the academic year*
- a. Committee Updates – question from Kate (pharmacy): Would I take over president's seat of my predecessor? Answer: No, you don't have to, you can join whatever you want. The 4 committees in section B need people to sit on them.
    - i. Chancellor's Campus Council
      - 1. Meeting summary: Introductions, and GPSA talked about goals for the year, and money donated to Mission Bay recently. Nothing else to pertinent.
    - ii. Campus Climate, Culture, and Inclusion
      - 1. No updates
    - iii. Council on Student Fees
      - 1. No updates
    - iv. Student Health Advisory Committee
      - 1. Can we get ASGD members onto SHAC, or have grad students on SHAC come to ASGD meetings or GPSA meetings for updates.
    - v. Housing Advisory Committee
      - 1. No longer have a recurring student rep the Housing Committee; instead Housing will present at GPSA meetings if there is a proposal on the table that affects students as well as hold student focus groups before changes are made to housing policies.
  - b. Seeking Student Representation – All academic council members are required to sit on at least 2 committees. The following committees need members.
    - i. Student Services Fee Advisory Committee – 12 students need (2 students from each academic program)
    - ii. Library Advisory Committee – would like 1 student from each academic program
    - iii. Food Security for Students Program – seeking 1-2 students
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iv. Student Financial Aid – looking for Nursing & PT reps

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

- A. GPSA Travel Policy – Jennifer Rosko
  - a. Something she already e-mailed to everyone, but if you travel for GPSA, you have to fill out a student travel request form before anything is booked, and we like to reimburse them ASAP.
- B. Students of Color Conference – Sumitra Tatapudy & Caleb Tam
  - a. Happening in November 18-20<sup>th</sup>. 4 students have expressed interest to go. Issue with costs – last year they charged for students who did not even attend the conference so we need to resolve that at USCA meeting.
- C. General Communication – Micah Ahazie
  - a. Do all the presidents have a way of streaming GPSA info to students? We have a weekly and monthly newsletter with info for SCC, but good to remind students.

**V. PLANNING (6:30-6:35)**

- A. GPSA Event Schedule – Troy Santos
  - a. Tuesday, October 4 RCO Fair at Parnassus
    - i. Do we have enough pens/GPSA badge pulls? Yes, order received today for the RCO fair tomorrow. Spread the word to your colleagues!
  - b. TBD, Voter Registration Drive
    - i. ASGD coffee hour – you have to register online or postmarked by October 24<sup>th</sup> (2 weeks before). Next week or the week of the 17<sup>th</sup>.
    - ii. We can check out laptops and have stations to register. Last quarter, it would be better if we had coffee or something to attract people so they can at least take a form.
    - iii. Jennifer: we can do this but we need people to man the tables. We can use the newsletter to encourage them to sign up online. Newsletter sent out this week – we should include this!
    - iv. Voter registration drive
      - 1. Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 12PM at Parnassus Nursing Mezzanine
      - 2. Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 1PM at MB at the Student Lounge
  - c. Thursday, November xx Game Night at MB
    - i. Reflection: it was pretty good, good turnout, but grad students don't like to RSVP for things so we were short on food (food gone in 5 minutes).
    - ii. Ken – we do quarterly game nights, word gets around and people come and eat pizza and play games. Next ASGD game night is Thursday. We should partner for one in November, GPSA & ASGD game night at Parnassus since ASGD has MB covered. ASGD has post-docs to cover alcohol. Trivia night would be cool to – interdisciplinary trivia night.
    - iii. Room: MU? \$360 Wed or Thursday, 6 at the earliest.
      - 1. Middle November – Thursday tentatively on the 10<sup>th</sup>.
      - 2. Troy will contact MU managers for availability
  - d. Saturday, January 21 UCSF Formal
    - i. Tabled for next meeting
  - e. Tuesday, February xx UCSF Multicultural Night at Parnassus
    - i. Small group discussion beforehand to make night more meaningful
    - ii. Get feedback for improvements

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- f. Saturday, March xx GPSA Volunteering Activity
    - i. Brought this up last year – a big volunteering event, specifically grad students who don't really have health fairs of their own. School neutral event in the spirit of community, clean the beach, do something at the park, etc. Vision Micah has is to get everyone really hyped up, make t-shirts, and make it a really big event. Bigger it is, the more logistics involved.
    - ii. Should we have one big spot or multiple spots with smaller groups? It would be nice to have a send-off from UCSF to smaller groups. We could work to get a mix of groups. Incentivizes people to volunteer based off their interest.
  - g. Friday, March 31 Election Applications Due
    - i. Tabled for next meeting
  - h. Monday, April 10-19 Election Voting
    - i. Tabled for next meeting
  - i. Wednesday, April xx Last Lecture
    - i. Tabled for next meeting

- B. GPSA Diversity Night – Jose Tinajero
  - a. No updates

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

- A. President – Micah Ahazie
  - a. Standing meeting with Dr. Liz Watkins every month, if you have anything you want to bring up to her, bring it up to Micah.
  - b. Housing – get more people into existing units... divide one bedroom into multiple spots for people.
  - c. COLS – less students applied to supplement than expected, so we had enough money for everyone who applied. It was a success and complimented from other presidents from other schools.
  - d. Alumni association – they are interested in volunteer day.
  - e. Lyft – After-hour deal for students that Dr. Watkins mentioned.
  - f. Food security – Biggest aim is to make sure every student has food, and eliminate any stigma that surrounds food security. Students should have food, and not feel bad for getting help to get food. Office for food security program - \$70,000 increased to \$150,000 for this year and next year's budgets. Dr. Watkins had an idea for FeedMe – if there's extra food on campus, you get alerted if you need food to take home. Fin Aid office working towards helping students with food issues. UCSF isn't big enough to have their own food pantry, but we may look into a transitional food pantry. Question: Hard to maintain anonymity if pantry is near campus. Issue will be brought up to people in charge. Question: we give off food vouchers – Safeway and Fastpay right?
  - g. UCSF Formal – Pete set up this with office of student affairs to supplement students who can't afford ticket last year, and they're willing to match same amount this year. We should figure out how to discern students who really need it.
  - h. Campus is building a student success center to increase inter-collaboration and have a space in students. Will be around MU building... construction starts in the winter.

- B. VP of Internal Affairs – Troy Santos

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- a. Goal for this year is inter-professional collaboration and really cool events.
  - b. Jackets for GPSA – a possibility to raise awareness and get students excited about GPSA and student affairs.
  - c. Tap into school's existing programs/clinics to collaborate and join forces. Ask every school to bring list of general affairs for what they do and how students from other schools can contribute to this.
  - d. Clinic in the Haight run by an alumni that all schools can possibly volunteer at to join an inter-professional activity.
- C. VP of Finance – Kyung (Phillip) Nam
- a. CSF meeting in a couple of weeks.
- D. VP of Diversity Affairs – Jose Tinajero
- a. Calendar- new diversity events, and new diversity inclusion training.
- E. VP of External Affairs – Sumitra Tatapudy & Caleb Tam
- a. Caleb and I attended our first UCSA meetings the past few months. Some of the issues we talk about at GPSA meetings are talked about on the UC system-wide level, but we don't have a good representative feel for how the community feels. I'd like to put out – how do we document issues from graduate and professional students that we can bring up to USCA meetings.
  - b. Last 2 meetings – set agenda for what we're going to discuss in forthcoming meetings. We thought the biggest issues are PTSD and having a dignified standard of living for professional/grad students.
    - i. In order for most important issues for UCSF: 1. Dignified living for professional/graduate students, 2. PDST, 3. Best practice for graduate student-adviser relationships, 4. Transparency and diversity of funding opportunities, 5. Diverse campus climate, 6. Strong community partnerships, 7. Sustainable university culture, 8. Bridging graduate/professional and undergraduate students.
    - ii. Sumitra would like a google doc to be shared with students to put in issues to external affairs.
    - iii. UCSF is doing a pretty good job on an internal level, so we can recommend to other schools.
- F. Medicine Representative – Joey Knox & Sidney Le
- a. Goals for next year, focus on student financing
  - b. Pertaining to GPSA – elected social chair to get involved with inter-professional events. E-mail Joey to put in contact with social chair – Soren.
- G. Pharmacy Representative – Jessica Lee & Kate Misogas
- a. We started school a couple of weeks ago, nothing major.
  - b. SoP is working with student affairs office for a co-curricular program, flagging events that match certain topics to match ideal curriculum. A lot of trial and error and administration behind it.
- H. Dentistry Representative – Samuel Russom
- a. None
- I. Nursing Representative – Iva Petrovchich
- a. None
- J. Physical Therapy Representative – Juliet Keating & Katherine Kempkey

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- a. None
  - K. Basic Sciences Representative – Lindsey Jones
    - a. ASGD goal – improve our own programming, having our own events. We want a grad student equivalent of UCSF formal. Continue to advocate top grad students’ concerns – cost of living, housing, transportation – we want a town hall in the Fall and a follow up later in the year if we can do it. We’d like to improve alumni relations as well.
  - L. Social Sciences Representative – Rosalie Winslow
    - a. Had our first sociology student meeting last week, and some internal funding issues that we might need some help for student funding from other groups and transparency issues with this funding.
    - b. We are a small group – 55 people on their listserv.

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

- A. Upcoming Meetings – Micah Ahazie
  - a. Monday, November 7 at 5:30 p.m. GPSA Monthly Meeting at Mission Bay
  - b. Monday, December 5 at 5:30 p.m. GPSA Monthly Meeting at Parnassus
  - c. Monday, January 9 at 5:30 p.m. GPSA Monthly Meeting at Parnassus
  - d. Monday, February 6 at 5:30 p.m. GPSA Monthly Meeting at Parnassus
  - e. Monday, March 6 at 5:30 p.m. GPSA Monthly Meeting at Mission Bay
  - f. Monday, April 3 at 5:30 p.m. GPSA Monthly Meeting at Parnassus
  - g. Monday, May 1 at 5:30 p.m. GPSA Monthly Meeting at Parnassus
- B. Upcoming Events – Jennifer Rosko
  - a. **Tuesday, October 4 at 12 p.m. GPSA RCO Fair at Parnassus**
    - i. Same time as Chancellor’s University Address but try and get students to come!
  - b. Bagel Days – first Tuesdays
  - c. Dogs Days – Thursdays at Parnassus

Meeting adjourned: 7:25 PM