

**Members Present:**

Matthew Cummings – President  
Polina Pulyanina – VP of Diversity Affairs  
Cameron Walsh - VP of Finance  
Niki Arab - VP of Internal Affairs  
Kate Mitchell - VP of External Affairs (Prof)  
Sidney Le - Medicine Co-Rep  
Esther Yi - Pharmacy Co-Rep  
Cate Flanagan - Nursing Rep  
Erin Carlson - Physical Therapy Rep  
Clint Cario - Basic Sciences Rep

**Students Present:**

Micah Alhazie -School of Pharmacy

**Members Absent:**

Ryan Whitacre - VP of External Affairs (Grad)  
Amin Abdallah - Dentistry Rep  
Chelsea Young - Medicine Co-Rep  
Leann McDowell - Pharmacy Co-Rep  
Charlie DeVries - Social Sciences Rep

**Others Present:**

Joey Convento- CLS Arts & Events  
Jennifer Rosko–Student Life

**I. WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS (5:30-5:35)**

Meeting Began: 5:35 p.m.

**II. QUORUM CHECK / MINUTES APPROVAL (5:35-5:40)**

Approve: 9 Abstain: 1 Deny:0

**III. NEW BUSINESS / ACTION (5:40-6:15)**

A. VP of Diversity Affairs – Matthew Cummings:

Polina Pulyanina was introduced by Matt; she has served a role in ASUC last year and is running for VP of diversity this year unopposed. Polina's statement was given out to all board members.

Vote of Polina as VP of Diversity:

Approve: 7 Abstain: 0 Deny: 0

B. Sweetened Beverages Sale - Leeane Jensen

Leeane Jensen was absent; she is a part of a group of faculty and students who want to ban sweeten beverage sales on campus.

Board member questions regarding the ban:

What beverages will be banned and to who it is restricted to? Will Millbury Union also ban sweeten beverages? Will patients have access to sweeten beverages?

We will ask the group to show up to the next meeting to give us more information.

Enforcing the ban on smoking on campus has been difficult. How are we going to enforce the ban on sweeten beverages?

C. Arts & Events - Joey Convento

Joey Convento: UCSF Arts & Events have approximately 65 events per year. The Halloween events around all the UCSF campuses had 900 attendees; this event was partnered with the Multicultural resource center. UCSF Arts & Events have discounted Warriors tickets and other discount program Joey would like to inform students about.

Joey wants to know what is the best way to communicate to students.

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Board members suggested communication via Facebook pages of specific classes at UCSF. The GPSA board members can post fliers on their schools Facebook pages from the Arts and events Facebook page.

Events are posted on the Arts and Events Facebook page:

[https://www.facebook.com/UCSF.Arts.Events?fref=pb&hc\\_location=profile\\_browser](https://www.facebook.com/UCSF.Arts.Events?fref=pb&hc_location=profile_browser)

- D. Domestic Violence Conference Funding Request - Samantha Masaki  
Samantha Masaki is absent. Cameron (VP of Finance) presented that the Domestic Violence conference has requested GPSA funding. They are interprofessional and they have submitted their budget plan (funded by various sources), but if given GPSA funding there is an additional \$1,000 that they did not indicate where they are allocating that money; additionally, they are charging for attendance. Physical therapy students are required to attend so they expect more people this year. Jennifer said we will send an email to see how they plan on spending all the money and if there is a legitimate reason we will provide funding.  
Reason for GPSA funding is legit, then the board members approve funding:  
Approve: 9 Abstain: 1 Deny: 0
- E. SoP GPSA Fee Referendum - Jennifer Rosko  
Jennifer mentioned a referendum asking pharmacy students to vote on shifting the P4's spring GPSA fee to summer quarter instead of spring since they are not enrolled during spring.
- F. Synapse Liaison – Matthew Cummings  
Mat mentioned that Synapse is looking for someone on GPSA to write an article for Synapse each month based on what was discussed during the GPSA meeting. Polina volunteered to write these articles.
- G. UCSA Representation - Jennifer Rosko  
Jennifer mentioned UCSA, which is the student government for all the UCs, will hold conferences in various locations in California. Student leaders at UCSF can attend these conferences and can be funded for their travel through GPSA. It is also a great way to meet students from other schools and see what is going on at a UC level. The next conference is in UC Merced.
- H. Committee Representatives – Niki Arab  
*please note members of the academic council must sit on two committees throughout the academic year*
- Student Services Fee Advisory Committee  
Jennifer: Annual student service Fee committee needs 12 students to sit of the committee, which will meet 6-7 times a year on Tuesday evenings. This committee decides how this student fees are funded. Everyone on the committee has to go to all of these meetings.
  - Libraries and Scholarly Communication

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Jennifer: This committee is also looking for students to help manage the library budget and policy; however, the meeting times do not fit most student schedules.

- Public Safety and Emergency Management Advisory Group  
Matt: This is a new group started by UCPD, which focuses on what to do in case of an emergency and how does the hospital respond to such events. This group is also looking for student representation.
- Sexual Violence Task Force  
Jennifer: 1-2 students are needed for the Sexual Violence Task Force. This is a UC wide committee and if the representative(s) cannot attend then a phone conference can take place instead. If anyone is interested they can be funded by GPSA for there travel to meeting.

I. Committee Best Practices – Matthew Cummings

Matt: We would like to set a standard for committee reps so that they know their responsibility in informing students what is being brought up at committee meeting.

Standards listed below:

- a. Present summary of committee meetings at GPSA monthly meeting
- b. Review committee meeting topics with constituents & GPSA to gather student input prior to committee meeting
- c. Bring forth any concerns/suggestions GPSA wishes the committee would consider
- d. Request input from GPSA assembly when committee requests vote or advice on policies that affect students
- e. Notify GPSA if he/she can not attend committee meeting and find student to attend meeting in his/her place  
Filling out officer report.  
Guidelines to be put up on the website.

**IV. UPDATES (6:15-6:30)**

A. Housing Advisory Committee – Zarian Liu & Sam Lee

Zarian Liu and Sam Lee were absent. Jennifer mentioned at the committee meeting there was talk about changing the housing limit to 1 year. As at this meeting there was talk about who should have priority for housing for UCSF has faculty, postdoc, and students with children. Additionally, some students start their academic year sooner than others; therefore, they tend to get priority.

B. Student Health Committee – Bryne Ulmschneider & Esther Yi

Esther: At the committee meeting, mental health awareness week events was presented; and a discussion on how UC SHIP will be affected by recent changes MediCal also was discussed.

C. Candlelight Event – Niki Arab

Niki: The mental candle lighting event took place on Oct 21<sup>st</sup> at UCSF and at several other CSUs and UC campuses. At the event each student was given a bag to write a message on for anyone suffering with mental health and suicide issues and a LED candle to light up their bags.

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

- A. Team Building Event – Matthew Cummings  
Matt: GPSA is planning a team-building event which can take place on a Monday through Thursday—whichever day is convenient to most—either in January or early February. An email will be sent to plan a specific date and gauge everyone’s availability.
- B. Holiday Event – Niki Arab  
Niki: GPSA would like to do a small holiday event for students on campus. However, Pharmacy has finals the first week of December. Cameron mentioned dentistry will have there finals on the second week of school; thus, we are not sure what a good day might be. Looking into doing a Study Break event during the holidays/finals.
- C. Formal – Niki Arab  
Niki: Some people have mentioned they are interested in a community outreach or career and professional development event, but GPSA can hold a more professional event in addition to Formal.  
According to Jennifer, the survey sent regarding formal has resulted in only 2 out of 15 students saying they are not interested in attending formal. GPSA will think of another event to do for example the last lecture event in addition to formal  
GPSA Vote on Formal:  
Approve: 10 Abstain: 0 Deny: 0

The event will take place Jan 31<sup>st</sup> at the Westin St. Francis Hotel. Kate mentioned people want more interaction during the formal so GPSA can possibly merge it with a casino night. Jennifer mentioned that GPSA could possibly do a casino night on campus as a free and separate event.

- D. Student regents:  
Jennifer: We are looking for a student to apply to be the next UC student regent. A couple UC regents are planning on visiting campuses, and we hope to have them on a day during one of our GPSA meetings. If not, we can possibly have a meeting with them when they arrive.

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

- A. President – Matthew Cummings  
Matt: At the AAUCSF meeting they mentioned that they are happy to hear that ASUC and GSA has merged.
- B. VP of Internal Affairs – Niki Arab  
No updates
- C. VP of Finance – Cameron Walsh  
Cameron: On Thursday there will be a meeting to inform students on how to apply for GPSA for funding.
- D. VP of Diversity Affairs – Open  
Matt: Polina took the position today.
- E. VP of External Affairs – Ryan Whitacre & Kate Mitchell

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- Kate: At the UCSA meeting, Kate and Ryan attended, they went over campaigning for open access textbooks.
- F. Medicine Representative – Chelsea Young & Sidney Le  
Sidney: In the School of Medicine, elections for ASSM are done and a new constitution has been approved.
  - G. Pharmacy Representative – Leann McDowell & Esther Yi  
Esther: In the School of Pharmacy, skit night show was on Wednesday and a national Pharmacy conference took place in San Francisco this past week where many UCSF students attended and presented.
  - H. Dentistry Representative – Amin Abdallah  
Absent.
  - I. Nursing Representative – Cate Flanagan  
Cate: The Nursing School had a successful Fall social.
  - J. Physical Therapy Representative – Erin Carlson  
Erin: Physical Therapy students had a conference recently where 50% of their school attended. They also had a pizza party recently where 80% of their school attended.
  - K. Social Sciences Representative – Charlie DeVries  
Absent.
  - L. Basic Sciences Representative – Clint Cario  
Clint: Clint is taking jenny Qi position as basic sciences representative.

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

- A. Pre-Health Dreamers Screening – Jennifer Rosko  
On Wednesday Pre-health dreamers will have an event regarding the challenges they faced and the challenges they will have to overcome in grad school.
- B. Veteran’s Day Celebration Events – Jennifer Rosko  
There will be a Veterans day event on campus on November 12<sup>th</sup> and then on Thursday the UCSF concert series will be performing and anyone in military can be in the slide show presented.