

**Members Present:**

Peter Croughan – President  
Micah Ahazie – VP of Internal Affairs  
Cheick Omar Diarra – VP of Diversity Affairs  
Yoomin Ahn - VP of Finance  
Mona Nejad - Dentistry Rep  
Doug Jacobs - Medicine Co-Rep  
Cate Flanagan - Nursing Rep  
Esther Yi - Pharmacy Co-Rep  
Lindsey Jones - Basic Sciences Co-Rep  
Meredith Van Natta-Social Sciences Rep  
Wesley Briones - Physical Therapy Rep

**Members Absent:**

Ami Patel - VP of External Affairs (Prof)  
Betsy Martin - VP of External Affairs (Grad)  
Flavio Oliveira - Medicine Co-Rep  
Jessica Lee- Pharmacy Co-Rep

**Students Present:**

Michael Le – ASGD President  
Allen Barnett - Medicine  
Pardis Farhadian - Dentistry  
Ibraheem Ali – Grad Div BMS  
Jordan Spatz - Medicine

**Staff Present:**

Jennifer Rosko – Student Life

**Others Staff Present:**

Avi Oved – UC Student Regent  
Marcela Ramirez – UC Student Regent Designate

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

Meeting began at 5:40 p.m.

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

Motion to approve minutes:

Approved: 10 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

**III. NEW BUSINESS / ACTION (5:40-6:45)**

- A. UC Student Regent Presentation – Avi Oved & Marcela Ramirez
  - a. Presentation regarding the UC Student Regent position for 2017-2018. The application is currently open and is due on February 28th. The requirements: you must be a current UC student, in good standing, and with at least two more years left of schooling within the system. Other components of the application include a resume, personal statement, and references. There are multiple interview rounds which take place over 4 months.
- B. Library Discussion- Kemi Amin
  - a. Postponed to March GPSA meeting.
- C. New Student Welcome Week Ideas – Jennifer Rosko
  - a. There were discussions about the nature of the welcome event for the new students. Should we have a game, assigned tables, or auction? How can we best engage the new students in a social setting, and introduce them to the Chancellor?
- D. Student Regent Screening & Interviewing Committee – Micah Ahazie
  - a. Two representatives are needed to serve on the committee that will be interviewing the student regent applicants on Saturday March 12 and April 2nd at UC Berkeley.
- E. Food Security for Students Pilot – Peter Croughan
  - a. The program launched last September will be re-publicized to the student body in the near future. Discussions are underway regarding the wording and presentation of the pilot.

**IV. PLANNING (6:45-7:00)**

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- A. GPSA Cultural Night: February 24 – Cheick Omar Diarra
    - a. Seven RCOs have signed up so far, and we anticipate one more. \$500 will be given to each RCO to feed 75 people during the event. This will be an opportunity to celebrate various cultures and promote diversity on campus. We need GPSA board members to volunteer and help facilitate the evening.
  - B. GPSA Wellness Week: March 7-11 – Micah Ahazie
    - a. Progress is being made towards the actualization of the wellness week taking place in March. This will be a simple way to engage and show support to students during this time of finals or exams. This is a collaboration with Student Health and Counseling Services.
  - C. GPSA Elections – Peter Croughan
    - a. Applications Due: March 25
    - b. Voting: April 4-15
    - c. School wide announcement will be sent out, however, the most effective way to recruit new board members is by personally reaching out to individuals you know will be effective in the various positions.
  - D. GPSA Last Lecture: April 20 – Micah Ahazie
    - a. Nominations: February 1
    - b. Voting: February 22-March 4
    - c. School-specific leaders are encouraged to reach out to their respective constituencies and seek speaker nominations as soon as possible.
    - d. Voting will be collected by ranked-vote method.
  - E. GPSA Volunteering Activity – Peter Croughan
    - a. Discussions are underway regarding organizing a non-healthcare volunteering event for students to participate in. Betsy and Sumitra will be leading these efforts.

## V. UPDATES (7:00-7:15)

- A. GPSA Formal: January 30 – Micah Ahazie
  - a. GPSA was able to break even with ticket sales.
  - b. Concern was raised about Staff/Faculty attending while paying a student-subsidized rate.
  - c. The subsidy program worked well--56 of the 73 offered the subsidy used it.
  - d. Due to the high price of the drinks at the venue, and some of the risk that presents (such as excessive drinking before hand), negotiations will be made in attempt to get better rates for next year's formal.
  - e. There was a low participation rate with the photo contest, so we discussed ways to better present the contest to the students, which included discussing the contest rules at check-in to better orient them.
- B. Committee Representatives – Micah Ahazie

*please note members of the academic council must sit on two committees throughout the academic year*

  - a. Committee Updates
    - i. Chancellor's Campus Council
      - 1. Discussions surrounding the need for more student participation on this council in order to better represent the interests and concerns of the students, especially in relation to our mental well being.
    - ii. Council on Student Fees
      - 1. The next meeting is February 20-21.
    - iii. Housing Advisory Committee
      - 1. No one present

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- iv. Library Student Advisory Board
    - 1. No one present
  - v. Student Health Advisory Committee
    - 1. No one present
  - vi. Student Services Fee Advisory Committee
    - 1. SSFAC began meeting this quarter and holds meetings every other week this quarter. Next meeting SSF funded units will present their proposals.
  - vii. Task Force on Sexual Violence and Sexual Assault
    - 1. No update.

**VI. OFFICER REPORTS (≤3 minutes each)**

- A. President – Peter Croughan
- B. VP of Internal Affairs – Micah Ahazie
- C. VP of Finance – Yoomin Ahn
- D. VP of Diversity Affairs – Cheick Omar Diarra
- E. VP of External Affairs – Betsy Martin, Ami Patel, Nick Collins & Sarah Latif
- F. Medicine Representative – Doug Jacobs & Flavio Oliveira
- G. Pharmacy Representative – Esther Yi & Jessica Lee
  - a. Mx. Pharmacy just took place last Wednesday.
- H. Dentistry Representative – Mona Nejad
  - a. Provided update on which dental students can provide flourish during health screenings.
- I. Nursing Representative – Cate Flanagan
- J. Physical Therapy Representative – Lisa Keyan, Nylah Hazard & Wesley Briones
- K. Basic Sciences Representative – Lindsey Jones
- L. Social Sciences Representative – Meredith Van Natta

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

- A. Upcoming Meetings – Micah Ahazie
  - a. GPSA Monthly Meeting - Monday, March 7 at MB
  - b. GPSA Monthly Meeting - Monday, April 4 at Parnassus
  - c. GPSA Monthly Meeting - Monday, May 2 at Parnassus

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.