GSA Meeting 1/7/20 12/03/2019
5:00-6:30

Type of Meeting: Meeting of the Council
Meeting Facilitator: Abby Walsh, GSA Chair
Invitees: Graduate Student Body
Notetaker: Jane Komori

GSC 5:00 pm

5:00 - 5:05 - Introductions - Abby

5:05 - 5:15 - **Action Item** - Vote in Department Representatives - Abby

New Department representatives:
- CSE department: Vhal Purohit (15 approved; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions)

5:15 - 5:30 – Department Report Backs and Strike discussion

5:45 – 5:55 **Information and Action Item** - Proposed Council Stipend
Bylaws Change - Isaac

- Distribute e-board salaries equally
- This will allow us to not have to change the constitution and avoid complications down the road
- Current e-board ran on a COLA slate; some of the roles traditionally associated with different positions became more flexible and also sometimes beyond the GSA work
- Individual members of the e-board can opt in; members can tell the treasury in writing and then assign a salary based on the number of those who have opted in
- Temp check: 19 unanimous
- Adopt into bylaws: 16 approved, 0 opposed, 1 abstention

5:30 - 5:45 - **Information Item and Discussion** – UC Path

5:55 - 6:00 - **Action Item** - Vote in Department Representatives - Abby

- Yulia proposes new discussion topic: What is the role of GSA? For now? For the future? Would the GSC like to rejoin the GSA?
○ Suggestion: keep doing the same things that the GSA used to do (e.g. travel grants)
  • response: travel grants were always available but not always the job of the GSA and this recent move was to return the job for travel grants back to administration; funding for travel grants dropped significantly but the demand would have been added to the roles of the e-board
  • note: GSA tax seminar (traditional GSA offering)
    TBD
○ Official email communication helps to mobilize and encourage students
○ Suggestion: offer babysitting in the corner room of the GSC to encourage student parents’ participation
○ GSA should represent all graduate students and offer a space to bring questions from across campus to a centralized body
○ the COLA campaign has brought momentum and community-building that we haven’t seen before!
○ GSA is meaningful in the COLA campaign because we have a formal body to meet with the administration