Community Agreements (Facilitator),
Should we postpone because there are few people, and we have a lot of funding proposals?
Miten: Motion to postpone
Postponed until next meeting.

Event funding guidelines (Sheeva)

1. Budget update/intro
Sheeva: Budget is updated. We have $1500/quarter for event sponsorship for grad student body. People come to GSA, proposal, discussion, and we approve. Are people interested in putting out principles of what we prioritize? Open a conversation. Also, it’s not advertised that we grant money. We should make that accessible. We may not get to a resolution at this meeting, even though we have proposals here. There is a possibility to expand the budget for activities with rollover.
Miten: Leftover from the fall?

Sheeva: 1500 left over from fall.

Cathy: How is it advertised now?

Miten: Must say sponsored by GSA on materials

Sheeva: Correction, no advertising for applicants to apply for funding

Cathy: If we advertise it, we can specify matching funds for departments.

Miten: Can advertise funding call like travel grants

Nadia: We can make these conditions, as with Mia Mingus event.

Funding proposal for Global Game Jam (Michael Brich)
Michael Rich: Thousands of people make game design in set period of time. Opportunity for people to get games involved in social issues. These games get exposure. Have $1800. Having 150 people attending the event this year. Want $500, to feed people with healthier options. Supplies, minor things for the event. For grads and undergrads. 20-30% grads. Opportunity for grads and undergrads, it’s really inclusive, workshops for people who have never made a game before.

Stacy Mason: 48 hour game jam, we’re trying to reach out to game-related classes and writers to get people who know how to make games. Usually we get a lot of undergrads, trying to increase grads by adding research component, research-based games.

Rora: What about minorities and women?

Stacy Mason: The game design major is mostly male, trying to get women to participate.

Whitney: What about humanities and social sciences? I haven’t heard about this.

Nadia: Are there grads involved? What are you doing to involve them? How does one sign up for this—is there an enrollment fee?

Michael: No enrollment fee. GGJ.edu. CMPM department gave funds to make it free. Professional Masters program department.

Sheeva: When is this?

Michael: This weekend

Closed session

$250 With recommendations for inclusion for next year

GSA Guest Toni Gomez (Rora)

Start meeting Feb 18 at 4:30
Approved.

Funding proposal for Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha (Jenn)

Nadia: This is a continuation from last meeting. Questions: Why is this speaker good to speak to intersectionality? Her work deals with these issues, for example on inter-partner violence. More answers. Will you seek outside funds?
Yes, research centers and college provosts.
How much?
$1500 would be great, for speaker fee.

Sheeva: When would it be?

March 20? or April 19?, Poetry reading and discussion, workshop/seminar, informal gathering.

Meghan: Is the workshop just for grads?

Nadia: Yes, doesn’t specify for main event. Makes sense to make the main event open to everyone.

SA: Time of day is something important to consider, as with Mia Mingus.

Sheeva: Was M.Mingus funded by solidarity committee and GSA?

Nadia: That committee was created at that time. The proposal was fully funded by GSA if event organizers also raised money. The money in that budget is from the fundraising.

Miten: There was a stipulation around making that budget for speakers. That is my impression.

Rora: Is the solidarity committee interested in supporting this speaker?

Sheeva: How does the solidarity committee budget work? Do the committee members do that?

SA: only 66% of people attended the last meeting, so I didn’t raise it. Jess wrote in the request that the solidarity committee help in organizing and advertising the event. This year, the solidarity committee has tried to focus internally on the campus climate and community, and have not reached out to a speaker. So far as I am concerned, it would be ok to defer that amount. The solidarity committee is the GSA.

Nadia: Good point. Jess did say to work collaboratively on this event.

Meghan: Solidarity committee... I feel uncomfortable opting to help plan this without their being here.

SA: You can just offer to help. The solidarity officer is supposed to help people like this. It’s labor, but it’s not. I have no problem emailing resource centers, they know me. I think there’s a separate question on how the labor is distributed.

Miten: Can we do a straw poll?

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Closed funding discussion
Miten: Motion to use solidarity budget to fund the speaker.
SA: Second
Approved.

Committee reports

International Student Committee: meeting with associate dean and Gina Ippolito ISS director to discuss ideas and admission tips. Make more information and assistance to current and incoming students. Can make these docs available to everyone. Events for international grad students, build international community. Ippolito had questions for GSA: Good idea to provide 1-year guaranteed housing for incoming grad students, including international students. Is it worth investigating this possibility?

Whitney: At current prices?

Rora: Affordable and dignified!

Whitney: They think grads aren’t interested in on-campus housing, which isn’t true, but grads can’t afford it. People can’t pay $1000 a month when they make $1800 a month. Sue Carter is a good person to talk to. Dignified and affordable. It’s important for international students no matter how much it costs, to have a place to land.

SA:

Travel Grants:
Did everyone get the email? It’s a work in progress. Try to reach more people. The committee agreed to spread out the days and have a shorter meeting. 3 meetings on M, R, F. Just an hour, but need to bring the form. Will have a copy of the blank application. Possibility to use copying budget to print. gsatrave@ucsc.edu.

Solidarity Committee:
Trying to work internally so it’s not just external people talking about privilege. Grad body, UCSC community, ideas from Power and Privilege training. Implementing the Friday Forum for Grad Research, for Hum, SS and Arts students. More intelligible than people from sciences, shuttling across divisions. Discussion with Cat about mirroring this in other divisions. Sustainable colloquium series. Workshop series. Plug ourselves into other work being done on campus. AB540, undocumented students. People in the sciences, reach out to Cat or me to find out what days work, so people can come. Solidarity@ucsc.edu. Even if you aren’t in the solidarity committee.
Edher: Met with head of EOP department. AB540, internships, didn’t get financial aid in the past, don’t know what to do after graduation. How to conduct outreach in high schools. Hosted in the summer to get college life.

Eboard reports

President Report


Envision critiques.

Health care changes, don’t affect grads. Have a meeting with Ty Miller, email if you have additions. Eboard elections will happen in spring, solidarity officer outreach. Bring more underrepresented groups to the GSA, departments not as involved. Ways to do that.

How are grads feeling about Health insurance/Health care?

Whitney: Would be good to have way to report anonymously

Nadia: Galloway wants to know how grads feel about insurance.

Jo Fawna: UCSHIP thinking of tiered system of coverage
Nadia: Blue Cross/Shield are now separate, faculty insurance is changing.

Sheeva: Some things changed this year from last.

Nadia: Whatever we have is staying the same. Faculty has 2 different types, higher ups have better insurance. We’re Blue Cross.
Whitney: All the specialists are through Palo Alto, Corporate entity was unwilling to continue contract.
Nadia: It doesn’t affect us. It’s not even definitely happening.

Internal VP

About to do outreach to underrepresented departments, open committees. If you know anyone interested in being involved.

Instituting written committee reports. Can look up recurring issues.
CPB: Galloway had an African American and Carribean Student meeting, “sobering” that the campus climate is bad for students of color. Faculty of color burdened with extra duties, no one in mental health center for students of color. New discrimination and harassment center. Should have a GSR. The committee heard this report, I want to write a letter in response, that the GSA demands resources be put into these issues. It’s terrible.

Haggling with enrollment over nonresident students. Silicon valley. Disasterous. UCOP budget is a disappointment. Nothing is guaranteed.

Rora: Pass a resolution? Present it to SUA, discuss with campus paper.

Nadia: Didn’t have time to discuss this. Glad to have more info. The resolution sounds great. Should contact her, we should have a GSR. She always claims to be making a diversity office.

Whitney: Our perspective gets lost. Have someone in the office.

Nadia: Fay d training when these things happen between grads and undergrads. Galloway said only incoming students need sensitivity training.

Whitney: Power and Privilege training. Said they don’t want to force more training. One of the major asks was for faculty to be trained.

EVP report

Treasurer

Every year we offer free tax seminar for grads. Set 2 days, March 10 and 12. International Students and non-International Students. 4:30, let your departments know. Setting guidelines for funding. Set of questions we want people to respond to. Did the process work out, do we need guidelines?

Jo Fawna: Guidelines.
Meghan: Guidelines.

We’ll come up with a proposal and come back to you.
Whitney: I like guidelines, but I also really like the idea of questions, all the things we care about, because they clearly didn’t speak our language.

Sheeva: Will help us make decisions

Jo Fawna: This will help in a screening process when we advertise.
Appendix

Additional info on global game jam:

With generous support from Michael Mateas and the Center for Games and Playable Media, the jam encourages UCSC students to get more involved in making games. UCSC consistently ranks among the top graduate programs in the world for game design, and this event is a great way to showcase our talent. Games produced during this event have typically represented UCSC well, ranging from entertainment to highlighting serious social issues through an accessible entertainment medium.

Additional info on proposal to bring Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha to speak on campus:

Description: Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha will perform from her new book of poetry *Bodymaps*. Leah’s work explores the intersections of disability, queer of color, femme of color, and South Asian diaspora using the themes of transformative love, survivorship, healing, and transformative justice. After her performance, Leah will hold a Q & A session with the audience. Leah will lead a separate workshop on healing and transformative justice. The workshop will provide participants with the ability to envision processes of accountability that foreground healing from violence linked to broader community transformations. Alternative visions of justice are crucial in light of recent national events that point to the collusion of institutional structures with the violence done to people of color in the US. Also during her visit, Leah will attend a reception held in her honor, open to students, faculty and staff. Or, based on interest, Leah will attend a dinner with students who have signed up in advance, with the opportunity for those students to discuss more in depth issues that came up in Leah’s performance.

More detail on the speaker: Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha is a queer disabled femme Burgher/Tamil Sri Lankan/Roma/ Irish writer, performance artist, freedom dreamer, intuitive healer and organizer. She is the author of the 2012 Lambda Award winning Love Cake and Consensual Genocide and the co editor of The Revolution Starts At Home: Confronting Intimate Violence in Activist Communities, and her writings on queer femme of color lives, survivorhood, healing, disability and transformative justice have been widely anthologized, including work in ear Sister, Letters Lived, Undoing Border Imperialism, Stay Solid, Persistence: Still Butch and Femme, Yes Means Yes, Visible: A Femmethology, Homelands, Colonize This, We Don’t Need Another Wave, Bitchfest, Without a Net, Dangerous Families, Brazen Femme, Femme and A Girl’s Guide to Taking Over The World.

With Cherry Galette, she cofounded Mangos With Chili, North America's performance incubator for Two Spirit, queer and trans people of color performance artists, and is a lead artist with Sins Invalid. In 2010 she was named one of the Feminist Press’ “40 Feminists Under 40 Who Are Shaping the Future" and she is one of the the 2013 Autostraddle Alternative Hot 105. She has taught, performed and lectured across North America, Sri Lanka and Australia and cofounded Toronto’s Asian Arts Freedom School.. Her third book of poetry, Bodymap, will be published by TSAR in 2015; her first memoir, Dirty River, is forthcoming from Arsenal Pulp in winter 2015. brownstargirl.org

Potential dates: March 10-20, April 13-19

Events:

Poetry reading and discussion
Healing and transformative justice workshop
Open student, faculty and staff reception OR Dinner with students requiring advance sign up

Proposed Budget:
Speaker’s Fee $2000*
Travel (mileage reimb  150 miles) 84
Hotel (2 nights) 286
Per diem 50
Publicity 50
Reception 300
Total $2770

*At least $1500 for all three events, but I’d like to offer her more.

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Toni Gomez, would like to do a campus visit to present last year's Jobs! campaign and its recommendations on Professional Development for grad students, and to possibly discuss this year's GraDE campaign on Graduate Democracy in Education. Reps want to hear about? How long of the meeting time do they want to take?