



General Meeting Agenda Graduate Student Senate

November, 19, 2023 | UC 402/403 and Zoom | 1:30-3 pm

Zoom Link: <https://usfca.zoom.us/j/3911497768>

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

- President - **Emmanuel Odum**
- GSS Advisor - **Richie Sanders**
- Student Government Assistant - **ET Teruya (Absent)**
- VP of IA - **Teresa Leyva**
- VP of EA - **Ela Gapeyeva**
- VP of Treasury - **Ajeet Singh Rajpurohit** (on Zoom)
- VP of Mission - **Andrew Hall**
- Senator - **Ruth Hernandez**
- Senator - **Ana De Castro Maquiz**
- Senator - **Kiah Combs**
- Senator - **Arshie Jain** (on Zoom)
- Senator - **Cinthiya Joseph**
- Senator - **Ololo Olorife**
- Senator - **Megan Wang** (Absent)
- Senator - **Bhavesh Ram**
- Senator - **Rajyalaxmi Kavuluru (Shivani)** - (Not cleared to work)
- Senator - **Alexandra Lindsay** - (Not cleared to work)
- Committee Member - **David Yohanna** (on Zoom)
- Committee Member - **Shewit Woldemichael**

1. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- a. Ruth made the motion
- Bhavesh seconded

2. Open Forum

- a. Anyone who would like to address GSS
- Emmanuel has thanked everyone for their support! SLE, especially Richie, has provided existential support for all of our events and for GSS. Thank you to our senators, and our executive team!
- School of Management will be providing an update regarding the vending machine
- SWAG items - the order has been put in.



3. Old Business

- a. Anyone who would like to address GSS
- b. SWAG items : Adjust Budget

Recommendation: cheaper tote bag for much lower cost if you want more giveaway items (quantity) especially if you do only one design (GSS logo or USF logo).

Ruth: Reducing the size of the logo

Ela: We could keep the tote bag as is, adjust the budget

Kiah: What is the difference?

Richie: There is a whole process needed to be done. It depends on what we decide. What do we want to decide?

Ela: Quality over quantity

Ruth: Everyone loves the T shirt logo, perhaps eliminating the GSS logo and the USF logo and putting the T shirt logo on the tote bag

Richie: \$1500 allocated to the budget for SWAG items. Instead of purchasing more t shirts, we have many.

Cinthiya: In terms of promoting GSS, the logo would be inconsistent.

Emmanuel: The t-shirt logo is new. This was created for the t shirts for promotional items.

Richie: Look, I just started this position a few months ago.

Ana: There is no clear association of USF and the GSS logo that only has GSS on it. Especially those who come from other campuses.

Teresa: The t shirt design also has the USF logo on the back.

Ruth: I motion for the t shirt logo ($\frac{1}{2}$), and ($\frac{1}{2}$) for the GSS standard logo with USF.

Arshie: This sounds like a good idea!

Richie: should we do $\frac{1}{2}$ of one this semester and $\frac{1}{2}$ of one the other semester?

Emmanuel: Keep the current promotional items'

Richie: Let's go ahead and vote.

4 senator member voted yes, the motion passes.

In the future we can discuss how we'd like to use the promotional items. Where we can hand out vs. giveaway. Raffle wheel board can have us utilize the rare promotional items.

Emmanuel: Digital raffle board available

People could use their laptop available, and the survey available. * Tabling planning for Dec 3

4. New Business

General Body Meetings



Do we want to change our meeting time for next semester?

If we were to obtain new people, then they would not be able to hold the duty if they are not able to make the general body meeting. This is a conversation we must have to really be able to support our next steps in the Spring. This does not need to be finalized today, but it will need to be finalized on Dec 3rd.

Ana: Can we obtain the class schedules for Spring?

Richie: I do not have access to this, but there were people who applied to GSS, but they could not make the Monday meeting.

Each senator can ask their respective deans in their next meetings.

Cinthiya: It is important to hold consistent meetings and having a commitment to a professional setting. This meeting is going and happening because we understand this commitment.

Richie: This conversation is to uphold commitments, finalize and consistent meetings. We understand that graduate school is different!

Dec 3rd, final meeting. Optional for senators.

- Please come with a clear understanding of what the class schedules look like
- Come with a understanding of the commitment you have decided to hold
- Come with ideas!

5. Advisor Report

- a. Richie Sanders, GSS Advisor
- Field trip to SLE
- 1 Pictures to come

Ela made a motion to extend the meeting to 3:10 pm. Ruth seconded the motion.

6. Executive Reports

- a. Emmanuel Abuenyi Odum, President
- b. Teresa Leyva, Vice President of Internal Affairs
- c. Ajeet Singh Rajpurohit, Vice President of Treasury
- d. Ela Gapeyeva, Vice President of External Affairs: Instagram - Addressing the issues of graduate students and providing a community for graduate students. Addressing the graduate students; voice for the people
- e. Andrew Hall, Vice President of Mission: Survey 88 responses, Transportation Fee - Possible free transportation for the Muni (Opinions)



7. Senator Reports

- a. Bhavesh Ram and Ololo Olorife, College of Arts and Sciences Representatives
 - They will hold an event at the Downtown campus and possibly collaborate with the School of Management. Board of Treasury: The school fee increase is coming up, there is difficulty coming to consensus.
- b. Ana De Castro Maquiz and Kiah Combs, School of Education Representatives
- c. Ruth Hernandez and R. Shivani Kavuluru, School of Law Representatives
- d. Arshie Jain and Cinthiya Joseph, School of Management Representatives
- e. Megan Wang and Alex Lindsay, School of Nursing and Health Professions Representatives
 - Trying to promote a general platform for Graduate Students. This will go into detail in February/Spring Semester
- f. *Vacant* (OC) and *Vacant* (Sacramento), Beyond the Hilltop Representatives

8. Announcements

GSS Apparel

- GSS quarter-zip sweatshirts are coming! Please be sure to add your size to the [GSS Merch Orders tab](#), and because we are unsure whether it will arrive by the meeting on 12/3, your shipping address to receive it in December (or let us know that you are able to pick up from Hilltop campus).
- GSS t-shirts will be available for distribution at the meeting 11/19

GSS Website

- Please check your profile on the [GSS website](#). If there are any corrections, let us know!
- If your picture is not on the website, please send a high quality picture for use (some of the ones shared earlier were too small to add).

GSS Newsletter & Survey

- The [GSS newsletter](#) was sent by email to all graduate students on 11/16! Please remind all of your constituents to [complete the GSS survey](#), and ask professors or Dean's if they can help to spread the word.
- Senators should also take the survey! However, since GSS is the sponsor of the survey, please note that GSS members are not eligible to win the sweatshirt raffle prize.



Chase Center Takeover due 11:59 pm

GSS Members/GSO Executives: [Please sign up by Sunday, Nov. 19](#)

Additional Tickets: [PURCHASE TICKETS HERE](#)

PLEASE SIGN UP BY SUNDAY, NOV 19 BY 11:59 PM

9. Adjournment

3:20pm