



## General Meeting Minutes

### Graduate Student Senate

Sunday, 9/24/2023 | Zoom | 1:30 - 3 pm

Zoom: <https://usfca.zoom.us/j/85122845955>

#### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

[1:30]

- President - **Emmanuel Odum**
- GSS Advisor - **Richie Sanders**
- Student Government Assistant - **ET Teruya**
- VP of IA - **Teresa Leyva**
- VP of Treasury - **Ajeet Singh Rajpurohit**
- VP of Mission - **Andrew Hall**
- Senator - **Ruth Hernandez**
- Senator - **Ana De Castro Maquiz**
- Senator - **Kiah Combs**
- Senator - **Arshie Jain**
- Senator - **Cinthiya Joseph**
- Senator - **Ololo Olorife**
- Senator - **Megan Wang**
- Committee Member - **David Yohanna**
- Committee Member - **Bhavesh Ram**
- Committee Member - **Ela Gapeyeva**

#### 2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

[1:30-1:35]

#### 3. Open Forum

- a. Anyone who would like to address GSS
  - i. Executive Andrew Hall addresses GSS to highlight support and involvement of senators
- b. Presentation Item: **Highs & Lows: What is one high and one low of your week?**  
By: Emmanuel Odum, GSS President
  - i. Discussions of highs and lows of this week
    1. Resignations of positions
    2. Outreach and tabling at various Graduate events

#### 4. Old Business

- a. Anyone who would like to address GSS
- b. Review of: [Basics of Robert's Rules](#)



## 5. New Business

- Our VP of External Affairs and one of our Senators for the College of Arts & Sciences has resigned. The IA Committee will be holding interviews for these positions as well as for vacant senator positions, and Committee Members (Nursing & Health Professions, School of Law)
  - Interviews are currently being scheduled
  - Discussion:
    - Need to review bylaws to ensure proper guidelines are followed
    - Discussion of position transitions from a Senator role to Executive role
    - Expectations of President to lead EA committee
    - Discussion of Senator hour commitment being 4 hours and request to increase hour commitment
      - Interest to increase hours of senators to do VPEA role for specific school/college instead of appointing new VPEA for the semester
      - Discussion of possibly changing bylaws to allow increase of hourly expectation
    - Motion to amend bylaws Article V Section 1 to include committee members in the appointment process for VPEA. Seconded by Bhavesh.
      - Discussion of deciding between internal appointment between committee members and senators, versus distributing VPEA work expectations amongst current senators for their specific school/college
      - Discussion of temporary change to bylaws
      - Discussion about changing constitution Article VII Section 2 to remove October 1st deadline
      - Discussion of pros and cons to hire internally or externally
      - Vote: Yes: 6 No: 1
    - Motion to amend Constitution Article VII Section 2 to remove October 1st deadline to make room for external candidates for vacant positions. Seconded.
      - Discussion of history for October 1st deadline and the necessity of having a deadline in the Constitution.
      - Discussion to extend deadline for appointment to October 15th
      - Motion to amend the deadline for appointment to October 15th in case of emergency or sudden vacancy of role before that date, otherwise maintain October 1st deadline. Seconded by Andrew.
        - Discussion about hypothetical vacancies after 15th



- Vote: 7 Yes (Unanimous)
- Proposal of inclusion of Committee Member Stipend  
By: Teresa Leyva & Emmanuel Odum
  - Discussion in Executive Meeting to include stipend for committee members.
  - Need to consider impact on budget and for VP of Treasury to review.
  - More information on details will be shared at the next senate meeting.
  - Motion to table discussion to next meeting by Ruth. Second to Kiah.
    - Vote: Unanimous yes
- Proposal of ISR Sponsorship for Event
  - Email from University Ministries to organize an International Student Event and requesting GSS partnership.
  - Assist with promotion and event involvement. UM requested financial support of \$700.
  - Motion to approve \$700 from GSS to support funding of International Student Event by UM by Emmanuel. Seconded by Cynthia.
    - Discussion about purpose and details of event - Networking and celebration event.
    - Discussion to have VPT discuss with SLE about financial process.
    - Vote: 7 Yes 1 No
- Motion to Skip break, adjust times, and still adjourn at 3:00pm. Seconded by Cynthia. Approved.

**Break**

[Removed]

## 6. Executive Reports

[2:53-2:55]

- a. **Emmanuel Abuenyi Odum**, President
  - i. Compiled Deans of various schools
- b. **Teresa Leyva**, Vice President of Internal Affairs
  - i. Will assist senators to connect with their Deans
- c. **Ajeet Singh Rajpurohit**, Vice President of Treasury
  - *Request Process for Senators*
    - *Quick walkthrough*
  - Provided current updates on approved amounts of Conference, Internal Development, and Event funding
  - Discussion on Senator Initiative Fund
    - Will discuss with Caitlyn Rei to provide more details
    - \$2,000 for each school
- d. **Andrew Hall**, Vice President of Mission
  - i. Working with Committee members to compile discussion points and questions to include in a school climate survey.



7. **Senator Reports** [2:55-2:59]
  - a. **Ololo Olorife**, College of Arts and Sciences Representative
    - Event this Friday and working with VPM Andrew to assist in communication/outreach
  - b. **Ana De Castro Maquiz and Kiah Combs**, School of Education Representatives
    - Meet the Reps Event on 10/7 from 11 am - 1 pm
      - Food will be provided\*
  - c. **Ruth Hernandez**, School of Law Representatives
    - Working on Survey regarding recent SoL event. Event went well
  - d. **Arshie Jain and Cinthiya Joseph**, School of Management Representatives
    - Meet the Reps Event on 10/7 from 11 am - 1 pm
      - Food will be provided\*
  - e. **Megan Wang**, School of Nursing and Health Professions Representatives
    - Andrew spoke on behalf: Meet the rep event and Holiday event for school/college
8. **Advisor Report** [2:59]
  - a. Richie Sanders, GSS Advisor
9. **Announcements** [2:59-3:00]
  - Has a quizlet. Motion to review quizlet information and participation via email after this meeting. Seconded. Approved.
10. **Adjournment** [3:02]
  - Motion to adjourn by Bhavesh. Seconded by Arshie. Approved.