



## General Meeting Agenda Graduate Student Senate

Monday, August 28, 2023 | UC 402/403 and Zoom | 6:30-8:00 pm

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** [6:30]
  - a. President - **Emmanuel Odum**
  - b. VP of Mission - **Andrew Hall**
  - c. GSS Advisor - **Richie Sanders**
  - d. SLE Director - **Marci Nunez**
  - e. Vice President, Student Life- **Julie Orio** (*Guest Speaker*)
  - f. Student Government Assistant - **ET Teruya**
  - g. Senator - **Kiah Combs**
  - h. VP of IA - **Teresa Leyva** (*online via zoom*)
  - i. VP of EA - **Marina Scomazzon** (*online via zoom*)
  - j. VP of Treasury - **Ajeet Singh Rajpurohit** (*absent will receive recording*)
  - k. Committee Member - **Bhavesh Ram** (*online via zoom*)
  - l. Committee Member - **Ela Gapeyeva** (*online via zoom*)
  - m. Senator - **Ruth Hernandez** (*online via zoom*)
  - n. Senator - **Ana De Castro Maquiz** (*online via zoom*)
  - o. Senator - **Arshie Jain** (*absent will receive recording*)
  - p. Senator - **Cinthiya Joseph** (*absent will receive recording*)
  - q. Senator - **Sarah Cronin** (*absent will receive recording*)
  - r. Senator - **Ololo Olorife** (*absent will receive recording*)
  - s. Senator - **Megan Wang** (*absent will receive recording*)
  - t. Committee Member - **David Yohanna** (*absent will receive recording*)
  
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes** [6:30-6:35]
  - a. There will be no approval of the minutes as this is the first meeting of the academic year.
  - b. Teresa motions to approve the agenda
    - i. Three ayes, zero abstentions
      1. The agenda was approved
  
3. **Open Forum** [6:35-6:40]
  - a. Anyone who would like to address GSS
  - b. Presentation Item: Welcome & Introductions (Ice Breaker)  
By: Teresa Leyva, GSS VP of Internal Affairs

[6:40-7:10]

  - a. Presentation Item: Student Life at USF  
By: Julie Orio, Vice President of Student Life
    - i. Structure of Administration Workshop



1. Academic Affairs
  - a. Contain all the Deans of Schools & Colleges
- i. Great connections for collaboration
- ii. Student Success, Inclusive Excellence, Curricular Innovation
  1. Connect with Associate Vice Provost for Educational Effectiveness, Deborah L. Panter, JD for information about outreach to other campuses
  2. To create connections with other campuses, start with the directors of campuses!
- iii. Development: Lindsey McClenahan
  1. Connect for questions about alumni retention
- iv. Marketing Communications
  1. If you want to send an email to all graduate students contact Vice President of Marketing Communications, Ellen Ryder
- v. Student Development Unit Programs and Services
  1. Food pantry
  2. Grad housing
- vi. Public Safety?
  1. Associate Director- Department of Public Safety, Stephanie Heim
- vii. Residential Living?
  1. Graduate student housing struggles
    - a. Distance
    - b. Price
    - c. Scarcity & Scams
      - i. Contact Senior Director for Student Housing, Torry Brouillard-Bruce and Off-campus Housing Director, Andrea Rocha
      - ii. Create more resources and support for graduate students to find reliable housing

#### 4. Old Business

- a. GSS Retreat Debrief
  - i. Suggestions:
    1. Increase retreat to allow for more training and bonding
    - 2.
- b. Graduate Student Meet & Greet Debrief
  - i. Organized, create a friendly environment for bonding and communication
  - ii. Create a space to gather afterwards for bonding or change the environment
    1. ex. Park
    2. Create an informal Meet & Greet - New Business (?)

**Break**

[7:25-7:30]



## 5. **New Business**

- a. Basics of Robert's Rules and/or overview of the general meeting process?
  - i. Motion to have Richie link Basics to this document & return in the next meeting
    1. Motion passed
  - ii. [Robert's Rules Cheat Sheet](#)
- b. Committee Appointments - Teresa will share via email (*If anyone prefers another committee reach out*)
  - i. Internal Affairs
    1. Chairperson: Teresa Leyva
    2. Ana De Castro Maquiz
    3. Kiah Combs
  - ii. External Affairs
    1. Chairperson: Marina Scomazzon
    2. Sarah Cronin
    3. Ololo Olorife
    4. David Yohanna
  - iii. Finance
    1. Chairperson: Ajeet Singh Rajpurohit
    2. Cinthiya Joseph
    3. Arshie Jain
    4. Bhavesh Ram
  - iv. Mission
    1. Chairperson: Andrew Hall
    2. Megan Wang
    3. Ruth Hernandez
    4. Ela Gapeyeva
- c. Proposal of budget change?
- d. Mode of Communication
- e. Incentive/Compensation

## 6. **Executive Reports**

[7:40-7:50]

- a. Emmanuel Abuenyi Odum, President
- b. Teresa Leyva, Vice President of Internal Affairs
- c. Ajeet Singh Rajpurohit, Vice President of Treasury (*absent will receive recording*)
- d. Marina Scomazzon, Vice President of External Affairs
  - i. **Social media**
    1. Connecting with various entities and organizations on campus for "Instagram Take-overs" - Marina will be holding these via instagram
    2. Senators & Executives - Emmanuel & Richie will be reaching out to collaborate
- e. Andrew Hall, Vice President of Mission



7. **Senator Reports** [7:50-7:55]
  - a. **Sarah Cronin and Ololo Olorife**, College of Arts and Sciences Representatives
    - i. *(absent will receive recording, Exec pair & Teresa will check-in)*
  - b. **Ana De Castro Maquiz and Kiah Combs**, School of Education Representatives
  - c. **Ruth Hernandez** and *Vacant*, School of Law Representatives
  - d. **Arshie Jain and Cinthiya Joseph**, School of Management Representatives
    - i. *(absent will receive recording, Teresa will check-in)*
  - e. **Megan Wang** and *Vacant*, School of Nursing and Health Professions Representatives
    - i. *(absent will receive recording & Exec pair will check-in)*
  - f. *Vacant* (OC) and *Vacant* (Sacramento), Beyond the Hilltop Representatives
    - i. *Vacant positions*
  
8. **Advisor Report** [7:55-7:57]
  - a. Richie Sanders, GSS Advisor
  
9. **Announcements** [7:57-8:00]
  - a. Downtown Dons Fest: Thursday, August 31 at 4-6 pm in Agora (Downtown Campus)
  - b. Introduction to CliftonStrengths: Register by Monday, September 4 for the workshop which will be held on Monday, September 11
  
10. **Adjournment** [8:00 PM]
  - a. Ana motions to adjourn the meeting
    - i. Teresa seconds
      1. Motion passed