



## GSS General Senate Minutes

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Monday, September 8, 2025 | **Hybrid** | 6:30 - 8:30pm PT

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** [6:36 pm-6:43 pm]
  - i. **Exectives**: Kojo, Ana, Mrigank, Shivani, Alvin
  - ii. **Senators**: Paul, Jaylene, Satinderpal, Maria
  - iii. **Support Staff**: Richie, Miz,
  - b. Introductions
    - i. Share a word that describes how you are entering this space.
2. **Land Recognition Statement** [6:43 pm - 6:45 pm]
  - a. Senator Jaylene read the Land Recognition Statement with added parts from the Orange County Land Recognition Statement.
3. **Approval of Agenda** [6:45 pm - 6:47 pm]
  - a. Senator Paul motioned to approve the agenda
    - i. Senator Dede seconded
      1. The agenda was approved unanimously
4. **Senator Report (SOE)** [6:47 pm - 7:04pm]
  - a. Senators Paul and Dede presented their report for the School of Education
    - i. International Panel and writing workshops were discussed as opportunities for collaboration with other organizations to support students.
    - ii. Senator Paul showcased the SOE GSS rolling planning calendar.

- iii. Senator Dede is developing a graduate campus climate survey for international students, intending to share results with university chairs and create a solution-building panel.
- iv. Senators Paul and Dede expanded on the structure and function of what next steps are after survey data collection.

**5. Committee Reports** [7:05 pm - 7:59 pm]

**+ GSS Exec.Meetings with Committees Update**

- a. Finance Committee [7:05 pm - 7:11 pm]
  - i. VPF Alvin provided updates on event and club funding. Some funds have already been released.
  - ii. VPF Alvin and Richie responded to questions from the senate team.
- b. Internal Committee [7:11 pm - 7:13 pm]
  - i. VPIA Ana reported on progress with appointment interviews.
- c. External Committee [7:13 pm - 7:16 pm]
  - i. VPEA Shivani discussed GSS promotions via social media and newsletters.
- d. Mission Committee [7:16 pm - 7:20 pm]
  - i. VPM Mrigank discussed comment box strategies, outreach, and collaborations with other organizations.
  - ii. Updates included Parent Student Housing and Graduate Student resolutions.

**6. Approval of Appointed Senators** [7:20 pm - 7:33 pm]

- a. College of Arts and Sciences
  - i. IA committee strongly recommends Wyatt del Valle and Valentina Ocampo Beltran.
    - 1. Senator Santinderpal motioned to open the vote
      - a. Senator Paul seconded
        - i. After discussion, Valentia was approved unanimously for the College of Arts and Sciences Representative.
      - b. Senator Santinderpal motioned to open vote
        - i. Senator Pual seconded

1. After discussion, Wyatt was approved unanimously for the College of Arts and Sciences Representative.
  - b. School of Law
    - i. Nyssa Newman is highly recommended by the IA committee.
      1. Senator Santinderpal motioned to open vote
        - a. Senator Dede seconded
          - i. After discussion, Nyssa Newman was approved unanimously for the School of Law Representative.
  - c. School of Management
    - i. Sophia Scipi is highly recommended by the IA Committee
      1. Senator Jaylene motioned to open vote
        - a. Senator Dede seconded
          - i. After discussion, Sophia Scipi was approved unanimously for the School of Management Representative.
7. Break [7:33 pm - 7:43 pm]
  - a. The Senate team took a 10 minute break.
8. **Fall Summitt** [7:43 pm - 8:07 pm]
  - a. Event scheduled for **Monday, November 3, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM, McLaren 251/252.**
  - b. Advisor Richie provided background and emphasized the importance of full participation.
  - c. Senator Dede highlighted the importance of addressing mental health, work-life balance, and inclusion of international students.
  - d. Suggestions included inviting panelists from first-generation, international, and alumni communities, as well as faculty with diverse identities.
  - e. Event structure and responsibilities will be divided among committees following VPEA Shivani's next update.
9. **Closing Announcements** [8:08 pm - 8:18 pm]
  - a. Tuesday Nov 4 is a special election. VPIA Ana has encouraged us to vote and get the word out as smaller elections will be held across California.

- b. Maria asked about how to create a statement of solidarity with respect to immigration-related matters that have been occurring in the nation. Reaching out to Dr. Genevive Negron-Gonzales is a great first step to begin writing the resolution.
- c. Labor Day holiday offset our timelines, however, the SLE Senate staff remains committed to assisting senators for the rest of the semester.