



## GSS General Senate Minutes

Monday, September 22, 2025 | Hybrid: [Zoom Link](#) or UC 4th floor room 402/403 | 6:30 - 8:30pm PT

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** [6:30 pm-6:45 pm]
  - a. **Executive:** Kojo, Ana, Mrigank, Shivani, Alvin
  - b. **Senators:** Paul, Jaylene, Satinderpal, Maria, Valentina, Wyatt, Dede, Sophia, Nyssa
  - c. **Support Staff:** Richie, Miz, Mya
  - d. What is your favorite thing on your desk (work area) and why?
2. **[Land Recognition Statement](#)** [6:45 pm - 6:50 pm]
3. **Approval of Agenda** [6:50 pm]
  - a. Senator Dede motioned to approve the agenda.
    - i. Senator Wyatt seconded
      1. The agenda was approved unanimously
4. **Senator Report (Orange County)** [7:00pm - 7:10pm]
  - a. Senator Jaylene reported that she visited each class and asked fellow students to fill out a survey about more things they would like to see on their campus. Many students asked for more cohort events, merch, and snacks. Students reported wanting the campus to feel more like a campus, so Jaylene plans on developing the student lounge they have. Working on a tote bag design for orange county specifically, also creating nap stations, also improving their coffee station by providing more selections of milk, sugar, and coffee.

b. President Kojo: asked what the budget might look like for the tote bags, how many they plan to order.

i. Senator Jaylene can range from \$150-\$250 depending on what type of tote bag they get and the design they decide to put on it.

5. **Senator Support - [Running Slide Deck](#)**

[7:10pm - 7:15pm]

a. Senator Paul and Dede (SOE)

i. Senator Paul and Dede presented their running deck that showcased what they are doing and who they are, as well as upcoming events that will be coming up. Additionally, they were able to post qr codes around the education building so students have constant access to what they are planning and so it is a one stop shop.

ii. President Kojo just reminded senators to communicate with all executive members, this might look like cc them in an email or messaging them directly. As well as the executive team can add it to the calendar so other members know.

iii. VPIA Ana recommended that other schools create something similar to this so other students can be up to date with what they are doing in their school.

6. **Committee Reports**

[7:15 - 7:35pm]

a. Finance Committee

i. Have processed a lot funding 3 conference 3 certificate 1 event

ii. Definition of events will be redone and shared with GSO

iii. Those who place their application first get money allocated first.

iv. In total 3,000 for conference funding, 913 for certification funding,

v. In the process of creating some type of presentation or slide show that has updated members so people know what budget is left.

b. Internal Affairs Committee

i. Discussed the possibility of moving senators around to different committees.

ii. Also working on having guest speakers, should have one by the next meeting.

iii. If you are looking for support please reach out to VPIA Ana.

c. External Affairs Committee

- i. Discussed how to get everyone bios and headshot for the website and the instagram. They have received almost everyone's information
    - ii. By the end of this week they will have everyone posted on social media.
    - iii. They are going to start promoting for fall summit
    - iv. Collaborating with ASUSF, choosing a different color theme to make the instagram pop. How to put less content in the newspaper so more students read it. They can always reach out to each other.
  - d. Mission Committee
    - i. Reviewing the purpose of resolutions within the committee
    - ii. Meeting with students to discuss resolutions they have in mind
    - iii. Want to create a form to get students feedback about what they want to change and fix within the school
    - iv. Open to any new ideas anyone has
    - v. Two resolutions on their plate-muni passes for graduate students they want to make this different form undergraduate students, student parent resolutions need help with housing since many graduate student are parents

**Break**

[7:35 pm -7:45 pm]

**7. Approval of Appointed Senators**

[7:45 pm - 7:50pm]

- a. School of Law
  - i. Mahdi Fugfugosh
    - 1. Senator Santinaderpual motioned to open the vote
      - a. Senator Nyssa seconded
        - i. After discussion, Mahdi Fugfugosh was approved unanimously to be the second School of Law representative.

**8. Fall Summit - Monday, November 3**

[7:50 pm - 8: 21pm]

- a. Support from Senators
  - i. Guest Speakers/Panelist Invitation
    - 1. Graduate Program Coordinator
    - 2. First-Gen Graduate Students (experience sharing) 2-3
    - 3. Fall Summit
      - a. International Student Alumni 1-2

- b. Alumni panel from each school (networking focus) total of 6-10
- c. International Student Panel (I-20 → OPT pathway, challenges, and Q&A)
- d. They decided on a diverse panel that represents the whole population of the graduate students and then there would be one main speaker to guide us through
- e. A welcoming to the ceremony to set the tone of the event
- f. Senators from each school to reach out to people from their school to see who can attend on November 3rd (alumni)
- g. VPEI will create a template to send out to people to invite them to the fall submit
- h. Invite organization to table during the event

b. Day of Support

i. GSS Team

1. Please all attend
2. Who is available at 4:30 pm to help set up day of: Sophia, Nyssa, Satinderpal will be on registration desk
3. A google sheet will be created with roles and responsibilities for the event and day of

9. **Closing Announcements**

[8:25 pm - 8:30 pm]

- a. Celebrate USF, October 16-19, 2025
- b. **Next meeting:** Monday, Oct 6, 2025 6:30pm