



GSS General Senate Agenda

Monday, October 20, 2025 | Hybrid: [Zoom Link](#) or UC 4th floor room 402/403 |

6:30 - 8:30pm PT

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
 - a. **Executive:** Kojo, Ana, Mrigank, Shivani, Alvin
 - b. **Senators:** Paul, Jaylene, Satinderpal, Maria, Valentina, Wyatt, Dede, Sophia, Nyssa, Mahdi, Edvina
 - c. **Support Staff:** Richie, Miz, Mya
 - d. Introduction of Senators [6:30 pm-6:40 pm]
2. **[Land Recognition Statement](#)** [6:40 pm]
3. **Approval of Agenda** [6:40 pm]
 - a. Senator Dede motioned to approve the agenda
 - i. Senator Nyssa seconded
 1. Agenda was approved unanimously
4. **Guest Speaker: Marcella DeProto, Assistant Vice Provost** [6:40 pm - 7:05 pm]
 - a. Email: mjdeproto@usfca.edu
 - b. International population: 105 different countries
 - c. Isss Advisors Provide the following support:
 - i. Visa and immigration advising
 - ii. Work authorization and employment
 - iii. Personal and Cross-cultural Adjustment Support
 - iv. Intercultural Programming
 - d. Belonging and Connection (Current Programs and Communication):

- i. Whats App/Ig
 - ii. ISSS Newsletter
 - iii. Annual Report
 - iv. International Student Support Page
 - v. Programming _IEW/GMAC/ISA/Cafe international
 - vi. International Student Retreat
 - vii. Student Feedback
- e. Career Support:
- i. CPT/OPT/Academic training
 - ii. H1B and other Visa workshops
 - iii. Self petition Pr Status workshop
 - iv. Career panel & job success strategies
 - v. Community partnerships
 - vi. Alumni Networking -NetowrkUSF
 - vii. CPT/OPT Employers at USF Career events
- f. What do we Hear From Students (student Feedback):
- i. Financial Challenges
 - ii. Housing
 - iii. Career Support
 - iv. Creating Connections
 - v. Visa concerns
- g. Q&A session**
- i. SLE Support Staff Miz: I get a lot of international students from around where is the base of operations to send them for resources
 - 1. Our website is a good place to start and if they need more support they can come to our front desk during office hours where a student is trained to help with any questions
 - ii. Senator Valentina: How can we as students support international students? New and older students? What documents should students take when they decide to travel outside the US?
 - 1. Open to any ideas and would love help with the whats app especially over the summer so they can help answer any questions they might have before coming or thinking of coming

to USF. Participating in our events would really help as well. In regards to documentation ISSS website has a list of these documents you should bring and if you have more questions speak to our advisers.

- iii. President Kojo: what are ways GSS can help in regards to initiatives around international students
 - 1. Creating those spaces for belonging and support
 - 2. we want student feedback
 - 3. really want people to advocate for things that international students need

5. Senator Report

[7:05pm - 7:24pm]

a. School of Law

- i. Senator Nyssa has sent out a survey to the school of law. She hasn't gotten a lot of responses but is working with other orgs to get more student feedback
- ii. Students feel disconnected because they are on different timelines compared to other schools.
- iii. Students also want some spirit gear
- iv. More networking events specific to their areas or career paths
- v. Profession development
- vi. Would love access to microsoft
- vii. Working on a transit pass since many are commuters- this resolution is in progress but they are faced with many issues they are trying to figure out. Could range from 80-100 per semester, push back they might receive is who is the staff member that will be running the passes

b. College of Arts & Sciences

- i. Meet with the dean of arts and sciences and getting to know him and the expectations he has from us as senators
- ii. They want to create space for intergroup events with other schools
- iii. Alumni panels for students
- iv. Dean wants student feedback
- v. They made a survey and will be sending it tomorrow: will be asking about their experiences and what they want to change

- vi. In two weeks they will be having a graduate meet up during dead hour on thursday

6. **Break** [7:24 pm -7:34 pm]

7. **Committee Reports** [7:34pm - 7:50pm]

a. Finance Committee

i. [Mid-Semester Financial Update](#)

1. Allocated

- a. Conferences: \$5,049
- b. Certificate: \$1,063.55
- c. Event: \$6,221
- d. Development: \$1,237

2. Left

- a. Conferences: \$24,951
- b. Certificate: \$3,936.45
- c. Event: \$18,779
- d. Development: \$2,170

- 3. Senators were told to inform their schools of these numbers and encourage them to apply for this funding

b. Internal Affairs Committee

- i. VPIA Ana reminded senators that she is here for them for support and will be planning an event for everyone soon.

ii. Recruitment for Senators for

1. Sacramento Campus

2. School of Nursing and Health Professions

- a. These are the only two positions left available
- b. There will be a recruitment flyer going out soon to these schools and campuses

c. External Affairs Committee

- i. Flyers have been put out via emails and social media
- ii. Senators were asked to circulate the flyers to fellow students and professors.
- iii. ISS and career services will be tabling for fall summit

- iv. We are missing three schools who are missing alumni (school of law, management, and education) so senators in these schools please reach out to alumni so they have someone on the panel.

d. Mission Committee

- i. VPIA Ana informed senators to contact Mrigank if they have any resolutions they would like to tackle this year.
- ii. He is willing to hear everyone's ideas and encourages people to reach out

8. Fall Summit - Monday, November 3

[7:50 pm - 7:52 pm]

a. Update

- i. Invitation tracker will be used to see who is inviting who so there is no overlap.
- ii. VPIE Shvani urged senators to email Alumni for the panel
- iii. Everyone should [RSVP](#) to the fall summit

9. Advisor Remarks

[7:52 pm - 7:55 pm]

- a. For the muni pass resolution Advisor Richie encourages others to help out and to make it for all graduating students, since he believes this will be an easier task.
- b. Keep up to date via Whatsapp
- c. Please keep in contact with the executive members and reach out if you need any support or help

10. Closing Announcements

a. Fall Summitt

- i. November 3rd 6:30-8:30, in-person, at McLaren 251-252

11. Next meeting: Monday, November 17, 6:30pm