



GSS General Senate Minutes

Monday, November 17, 2025 | Hybrid: [Zoom Link](#) or UC 4th floor room 402/403 |

6:30 - 8:30pm PT

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** [6:30 pm-6:45 pm]
 - a. **Executive:** Kojo, Ana, Mrigank, Shivani, Alvin
 - b. **Senators:** Edvina, Valentina, Sophia, Jaylene
 - c. **Support Staff:** Richie, Miz, Mya
 - d. Introduction of Senators, share a highlight since our last GB meeting
2. **[Land Recognition Statement](#)** [6:45 pm]
3. **Approval of Agenda** [6:45 pm]
 - a. Senator Dede motioned to approve the agenda
 - i. Senator Paul seconded
 1. The agenda was approved unanimously
4. **Guest Speaker: Wendy Saccuzzo, Career Services Center** [6:45 pm - 7:10 pm]
 - a. Graduate Student Senate & USF Career Services
 - i. Wendy Saccuzzo presented on graduate career resources located on UC 5 (M-F, 9-5)
 - ii. Services & Programming:
 1. Workshops, class presentations, pop-ups, 1:1 appointments, “Ask a Recruiter” events
 2. Resume and cover letter support
 3. LinkedIn optimization

4. Interview preparation and mock interviews (including STAR method practice)
- iii. Key Guidance:
 1. Structure the “Tell me about yourself” response using Present-Past-Future.
 2. Resumes should use varied language and strong descriptions; generally one page per 10 years of experience.
 3. Maintain an original copy of your resume; be aware of AI-detection software employers may use.
 4. AI can be used to simplify dense resume language.
 5. Cover letters should include: global header, recipient address, and 2-3 short, clear paragraphs.
 6. LinkedIn networking strategies were shared from an official LinkedIn presentation.
- iv. Questions were raised regarding résumé/cover letter length, mock interview options, and collaboration between Law Career Services and general Career Services.

5. Senator Report

[7:10pm - 7:17pm]

a. College of Arts & Sciences

- i. Senator Valentina reported low attendance at her recent event and thanked attendees.
- ii. She noted student concerns regarding limited food options at Lone Mountain.

6. Committee Reports

[7:17pm - 7:30pm]

a. Finance Committee

- i. Final funding review scheduled for next week before winter break.
- ii. Senators were asked to remind clubs to submit requests for early-semester events.
- iii. Remaining funds:
 1. Conference funding: \$21,468.50
 2. Event funding: \$12,238.00
 3. Development funding: \$4,134.10
 4. Certificate funding: \$3,336.45

- b. Internal Affairs Committee
 - i. Interviewing a candidate for the School of Nursing.
 - ii. One final guest speaker scheduled for the last general meeting.
 - iii. Continued work on Constitution and Bylaw edits.
 - iv. Planning guest speakers for spring semester.
 - v. Organizing end-of-semester team bonding.
- c. External Affairs Committee
 - i. Developing content for the next newsletter.
 - ii. Working on marketing from the Fall Summit.
 - iii. Updating LinkedIn to improve engagement with other institutions.
- d. Mission Committee
 - i. A new resolution supporting students with disabilities is underway.
 - ii. Meeting with a student stakeholder tomorrow.
 - iii. VPM Mrigank invited interested senators to assist due to committee workload.

Break [7:30 pm -7:40 pm]

7. Approval [7:40 pm - 7:45 pm]

a. Approval of Vera Hammond as senator for School of Nursing and Health Professions

- i. Senator Satinderpalkaur motioned to vote
 - 1. Senator Paul seconded
 - a. After discussion, Vera Hammond was approved unanimously for the School of Nursing and Health Professions.

8. Advisor Remarks [7:45 pm - 7:53 pm]

- a. Chase Center game
 - i. SLE Support Staff Richie informed the Senate about Chase Center game tickets for senators and one guest each for the event on Wednesday, December 17 at 4 PM.
 - ii. GSS will not host a reception due to game timing. Funds may instead be used for additional tickets or concession gift cards.

9. Closing Announcements

- a. Nov. 18 International Day Potluck (SOE Senators)- will be postponed to the spring due to the weather.
 - b. GSS In-person team building - VPIA Ana will send out an email in regards to team availability for a team bonding event.
10. **Next meeting:** Monday, December 1, 6:30pm