



## GSS General Senate Agenda

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Monday, August 26, 2024 | MH 129 | 6:30 - 8pm PT

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
  - a. Ana, Paul, Sri, Kidd, Shewit, Alex, Aayushi, Clayton
  - b. Rose and Thorns [6:30 pm-6:39 pm]
2. [Land Recognition Statement](#)
3. **Approval of Agenda & Minutes** [6:39 pm - 6:40 pm]
4. **Ground Rules** [6:40 pm - 6:53 pm]
  - a. Whatsapp and email (response in 48 hrs or less)
  - b. Google calendar
  - c. 48 hr notice for all resolutions and suggestions for agenda (Friday 5pm before meeting)
5. **Committee Assignments** [6:50 pm - 7:00 pm]
  - a. 2 senators per committee
6. **Guest Speakers** [7:00 pm - 7:35 pm]
  - a. Shannon Gary, Dean of Students
    - Persistence program examples: BASE, Muscat scholars, crisis prevention and response

- These programs currently don't exist for grad students since the needs are different and unique for grad students
- [sgary@usfca.edu](mailto:sgary@usfca.edu)
- Although these programs currently don't exist, they are not opposed to finding or starting programs.
- On campus housing would have been very helpful since it is a crisis in the city. It isn't practical but a solution could be to have someone on campus that has 5 or six international students to check in with them.
- This student liaison job could be an on campus job.
- Creating graduate student lounge will take at least 2 and a half years because of blood bank construction
- It is possible to reserve space on campus for students (richie will help)

**7. Discussion:** [7:35 pm - 7:55 pm]

**a. How do we connect with people?**

- Whatsapp group for students and reach out to grad orgs
- Four orgs per senator based on their school. It is hard to join orgs for schools you aren't in (specifically management) (by first official committee meeting)
- Reach out to students through Green and Gold connect

**8. Discussion:** [7:45 pm - 7:55 pm]

**a. What problems do we anticipate?**

- Engagement, participation from students. A solution could be doing signature and casual events with incentives that will get people interested in GSS
- Have two different times to cater to students who may have schedule conflicts
- Different senator in charge of each event to cater to different audiences

**9. Closing Announcements** [7:55 pm - 8:00 pm]

- a. Informal Social Outing
- b. Food for future meetings