

General Meeting Minutes
Meeting of Tuesday, September 5, 2023 | 7:00pm – 8:00pm
Graduate Student Council

Members Present:

Steve Flores (SES), Marclem Hernandez (SES), Vaishnavi Mansabdar (SCGH), Oscar Guerrero (SAH)

Guests:

Wei Liu (DBOS), Cameron Parker (DPE), Ana Casillas (Drucker), Kaitlin Breen (SAH), Reina Alvarez (SAH), Fel McCoy (SAH), Nazia Shah (DBOS-HRM), Meeheer Patel (CISAT), Dhwaneel Doshi (CISAT), Diana Correa (SAH), Sana Jain (DBOS), Pranav Mundada (IMS), Kylee Mock (SAH), Jordan Freed (SAH), Katja Crusius (IMS)

Virtual Guests:

Nicole Blue (SAH), Yone Rodriguez (SES), Kareem Powell (IMS), Christian Espinoza (SES), Paul Mamac (SSSPE)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Steve Flores and seconded by Vice President Marclem Hernandez.
2. Guests were encouraged to sign up to become GSC Representatives.
3. Guests were introduced to GSC Executive Board.
 - a. Steve Flores is President and a PhD student in SES, works full-time at Career Planning Office at Scripps College and part-time at CLSA and USC.
 - b. Marclem Hernandez is Vice President and a PhD student in SES, works full-time in Admissions at CGU.
 - c. Oscar Guerrero is Secretary and an MA student in Cultural Studies, works at the Honnold Mudd Library in Special Collections and is tasked with organizing GSC.
 - d. Vaishnavi Mansabdar is Treasurer and an international PhD student in SCGH, making sure we're on budget in GSC with goals to engage community coming back to campus and to listen to students.
4. Steve Flores gave opening remarks at 7:07 p.m. sharing GSC goals of bringing back vibrant student life and community engagement from before COVID era.
5. Steve Flores shared announcements at 7:08 p.m.
 - a. GSC is planning the Ignite the Light event, a kickoff to the school year, which will be in partnership with the Alumni Association to provide students with networking opportunities.
 - i. Community building event with food, games and music.
 - ii. We are seeking volunteers for the event.
 - b. GSC is seeking representatives from each school to advocate on behalf of each school.
 - i. School Representatives: Partnering with Schools, Deans, Student engagement with respective schools.

- ii. Self-nominations are welcomed and encouraged.
 - c. GSC is also seeking committee appointments for various GSC committees.
 - i. Student Affairs Committee which works with student engagement, student life and Dean of Students.
 - ii. Constitution Committee helps to rewrite Student Constitution.
 - 1. Will be leader in rebranding of GSC and reimagining roles and duties of GSC Constitution.
 - iii. Annual Projects Committee looks at event planning.
 - iv. Elections Committee spearheads GSC elections in the spring semester.
 - v. Budget Committee works with Treasurer to make sure we're within budget and be good stewards of money management for GSC.
 - 1. Goal is to double the amount of money in scholarships.
 - a. \$10,000 new student funds in partnership with Alumni Association.
 - vi. Commencement Committee helps plan and find speakers for commencement.
 - vii. Podcast Committee is headed by Vaishnavi Mansabdar and will highlight students working on research projects.
 - d. GSC has a new office location is the GSC Office Lobby in McManus, right next to McManus Conference Room.
 - i. GSC Office Lobby office hours will launch at GSC Office Open House event which will be held Thursday, September 14 from 11:00 am-2:00 pm.
 - ii. GSC Office Lobby will be an open resource to students with games, a computer and a printer.
6. Steve Flores and Vaishnavi Mansabdar talked about the Travel and Material Awards at 7:23 p.m.
- a. Help offset cost of travel for research and conferences.
 - b. Request to please submit all applications materials with the form to be considered for award.
 - c. GSC is currently working on an initiative to grow more money into awards to help offset the cost of books.
7. At 7:25 p.m. there was no Executive Board Report to report since we just started the school year.
8. Marclem Hernandez as Vice President oversees Representatives and acknowledges GSC's commitment to be accessible for all students.
9. Oscar Guerrero, Vaishnavi Mansabdar and Marclem Hernandez speak about the opportunities for community engagement, networking and professionalism that GSC offers.
10. Guests are given time to introduce themselves at 7:32 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 19, 2023.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Oscar Guerrero', written in a cursive style.

Oscar Guerrero