

General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 23, 2024 | 7:00pm – 8:00pm | Virtual Zoom Meeting
Graduate Student Council

Members Present:

Steve Flores (SES), Marclem Hernandez (SES), Oscar Guerrero (SAH), Vaishnavi Mansabdar (SCGH), Kaite Breen (SAH), Paul Mamac (SSSPE), Ana Casillas (Drucker), Christina Koliass (SAH), Yone Rodriguez (SES), Diana Zhou (SAH), Rebecca Schaneck (SCGH), Christian Espinoza (SES), Nazia Shah (SSSPE), Roman Fernandez (SCGH), Reighan Grandolfo (SCGH), Hanan Abed (SSSPE)

1. 7:03 Meeting called to order by President Flores
 - a. Seconded by VP Hernandez
2. Agenda items
 - a. Elections coming up later this semester
 - b. Shifting to a weekly meeting schedule
 - c. Student Commencement Speaker search
 - i. Find information on [webpage](#)
 - d. Changes to constitution
 - e. Pass the torch
3. Constitution revamp
 - i. Point Person: VP Hernandez
 - ii. Rename Graduate Student Council (GSC) to something simple and recognizable
 1. Ideas so far: “Senate”, “Associated Students”
 - iii. Bring back old positions and have descriptions revised
 - iv. Changes will overlap between outgoing and incoming Executive Board members
4. Pass the Torch
 - a. Event at the end of the semester to commemorate transition from old GSC to new GSC
 - b. Date and time: April 16th from 5 to 7 pm
5. Alumni Fireside Chats
 - a. February 22nd and March 28th
6. Travel and Material Awards
 - a. Seeking Representatives to aid in this semester’s application review process
7. Committees and Representatives
 - a. VP Hernandez will reach out to see if Reps and Committee Chairs are still interested in continuing their roles
8. Updates from Representatives

- a. Concern from member Paul Mamac: Last semester there was little communication between committee members, how will this be addressed this semester?
 - i. In-person working meetings will be devoted for committee work
 - b. Concern from Representative Ana Casillas: Was the housing issue from meeting on September 19 resolved?
 - i. Yes! Facilities were mobilized to come up with a solution to injured party
 - c. Proposal from member Christian Espinoza: Be more inclusive of Dreamers by allowing them to work on campus
 - i. Writing a letter to administration officials
 - 1. President Flores will serve as point of connection with administration and will follow up with Member Espinoza
9. 7:48 Motion to open New Business by President Flores
- a. Seconded by Vice President Hernandez
 - b. New Business
 - i. Yoné Rodriguez is representing DoctorXHood: student organization for Doctorate BIPOC students in SES
 - 1. General Meeting held on Wednesday, January 31, 2024
 - 2. Planned writing retreats coming up, anyone welcome
10. 7:50 Motion to close New Business by President Flores
- a. Seconded by Vice President Hernandez
11. 7:51 Motion to open Old Business by President Flores
- a. Seconded by Vice President Hernandez
 - b. Concern from Secretary Guerrero: Check in with Sodexo about expanded menu options for CGU community members, particularly vegan and veggie options
 - i. Chef Reuben has been unrolling more options this semester
 - c. Proposal from Member Paul Mamac: Can GSC become connected to other student governments from the 5Cs
 - i. VP Hernandez: A potential project for incoming GSC
 - d. Secretary Guerrero is representing Museum Studies Network: student organization for students interested in museums and museum studies
 - i. First meeting to be held Thursday, January 25
 - e. Proposal from Member Paul Mamac: Can GSC members receive certificates?
 - i. President Flores: Stoles will be given during commencement to commemorate GSC leadership and participation
 - ii. Member Christina Koliass: Previous iterations of GSC have awarded Meritorious Service Awards
 - 1. Treasurer Mansabdar will check the budget.
 - f. Concern from Representative Ana Casillas: Do representatives receive mentorship from respective Deans of their schools?
 - i. VP Hernandez encourages representatives to reach out to their dean and facilitate those connections
 - 1. Open to doing introductions between representatives and deans

12. General meeting motioned to close at 8:06 by President Flores
 - a. Seconded by VP Hernandez

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 and the next General Meeting will be held on February 6, at 7:00 p.m. over [Zoom](#).

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Oscar Guerrero', with a large loop at the start and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Secretary Oscar Guerrero