

General Meeting Minutes
Meeting of Tuesday, September 19, 2023 | 7:00pm – 8:00pm
Graduate Student Council

Members Present:

Steve Flores (SES), Marclem Hernandez (SES), Oscar Guerrero (SAH)

Members Absent:

Vaishnavi Mansabdar (SCGH)

Guests:

Ana Casillas (Drucker), Kaitlin Breen (SAH), Reina Alvarez (SAH), Dhwaneel Doshi (CISAT), Pranav Mundada (IMS), Kylee Robinson (SAH), Katja Crusius (IMS), Paul Mamac (DBOS), Amanpreet Kaur (DBOS), Akhilesh Pr (SSSPE), Sara Jordan (SAH), Selena Vengco (Botany), Sebou Ourfalian (SAH), Zach Swanson (DBOS), Calvin Caskey (SAH), Ratna Kumari Akkidas (DBOS), Jannatul Maa (SAH), Edward Headington (SSSPE), Anthony Michael Ramirez (SAH), Jason Espinoza (Facilities)

Virtual Guests:

Christian Espinoza (SES), Rise Diamond (SAH), Alexa Edwards (ARMGT), Christina Kalias (SAH), Maribel Escobedo Perez, Tiffany Shao (DBOS), Jennifer Morales (SES), Gary Lowery (SES), Nazia Shah (DBOS-HRM)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Steve Flores and seconded by Vice President Marclem Hernandez.
2. Housekeeping items:
 - a. President Flores acknowledges the next meeting will be held in a larger room.
 - b. Treasurer Vaishnavi Mansabdar will be out through October 3rd
 - c. President Flores gives reminder that GSC office hours are open and encourages reaching out and connecting
3. 7:07 GSC Representatives clarification
 - a. Gratitude for everyone who signed up
 - b. If anyone would like to make changes to their nomination, please alert GSC Executive Committee
 - c. Going over schools
 - i. Representatives of each school are intended to advocate for their respective school
 - ii. DBOS and DPE are divisions within SSSPE
 - iii. Botany representative added to school list
 - d. Representatives and committee members receive voting privileges and work alongside Executive Committee to improve the lives of students
4. 7:11 Motion for deliberation on Representatives called by President Steve Flores
 - a. Seconded by Vice President Marclem Hernandez

- b. Opened to deliberations
 - c. Motion to close deliberations by President Steve Flores
 - d. Seconded by Vice President Marclem Hernandez
 - e. Deliberation of Representatives closes
5. 7:12 Going over committees
- a. Co-Chairs of committees have been designated to give students opportunities to lead
 - b. Ad-hoc committees allow students to serve on any other committees and new committees that pop up through the school year
 - c. Flexible to committee assignments; let Executive board know if you have any changes or questions
 - d. Budget committee is on hold until Treasurer returns
6. 7:17 President Flores motions for discussion of Committee Assignments
- a. Seconded by Vice President Hernandez
 - b. Overview Annual Projects committee
 - i. Responsible for running events
 - c. For those who are confused about Committees, [GSC website](#) is up to date with information
 - d. Main point of contact is Vice President Marclem Hernandez
7. 7:23 President Flores motions to close discussion of Committee Assignments
- a. Seconded by Vice President Hernandez
 - b. Discussion of Committee Assignments closed
8. 7:25 Remarks from guest, AVP of Facilities, Jason Espinoza
- a. Espinoza oversees nine departments: facilities, events management, environmental health and safety, risk management, real estate, community and government relations, mailing duplication, emergency management
 - b. Compliance involved agencies overseeing health, safety, risk
 - c. Events management: big scale events like Commencement, Ignite the Light
 - d. Contributes to GSC success and overall success of each student
 - e. Open to collaboration and finding space among CGU campus
9. 7:35 Reminder of Ignite the Light event, October 3rd, 5-9 pm
- a. In partnership with alumni association
 - b. Reach out to Executive Committee to volunteer
10. 7:37 Vice President Hernandez: Constitution revamp
- a. [Constitution](#) is a living document
 - i. Make sure constitution is up to date with student needs
 - b. Rename and rebrand Graduate Student Council
 - c. Constitution Committee will be chaired and meet with Vice President Hernandez
 - d. First time that Graduate Student Council is full in 4 or 5 years
 - e. Create a sustainable GSC that is open to creativity and leadership opportunities for all students
11. 7:42 President Flores announces new events with Alumni Association
- a. Fire-side Chats

- b. First event is Thursday, October 19th from 7:00 to 8:30 for SES Students about consulting
 - c. Second event is Thursday, November 16th from 7:00 to 8:30 for Drucker Students about commercial business
12. 7:45 President Flores motions to open new business
- a. Seconded by Vice President Hernandez
 - b. New business is opened
 - c. Question regarding minutes
 - i. Minutes will be recorded on the [General Meetings Page](#) of GSC Website
 - d. Calvin Caskey enters into public record business regarding student housing crisis at Oasis
 - i. Oasis has threatened to evict Caskey as Caskey still awaits financial aid funding to be deposited to pay for housing costs at Oasis
 - ii. Caskey expresses frustration and concern over Financial Aid Office being impotent in expediting funding to cover housing costs at Oasis
 - iii. Caskey shores up the disconnect between Oasis Property Manager and CGU as a designated official student housing entity, stating how CGU's failure to secure housing for Caskey, a new out-of-state student, is not inclusive, student-centered and not equitable
 - iv. President Flores and Jason Espinoza will connect with Caskey to see how to move forward with his issue and deliberate on how this problem does not happen to other students in the future
 - v. Reina Alvarez echoes Caskey's frustration, also adding the lack of customer service and understanding she has received from CGU administration
 - 1. Onus falls on student to figure out their own housing situation
 - vi. Jason Espinoza acknowledges how he has heard these complaints from students several times, and this problem has progressively gotten worse; he acknowledges how it's time to create a more functioning housing program for students
 - vii. Kylee Mock points out how Oasis should not be called student housing if it's not student housing
13. 7:59 President Flores motions to close new business
- a. Seconded by Vice President Hernandez
 - b. New business is closed
14. 7:59 President Flores motions to open old business
- a. Seconded by Vice President Hernandez

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on October 17, 2023.

For the record, the following nominations were confirmed subsequently after the General Meeting:

Ainsly Basic | Co-Chair of Budget Committee – Accepted
Christina Kolias | Representative of SAH – Accepted; Co-Chair of Constitution Committee – Declined
Tiffany Shao | Representative of SSSPE
Shengyu Zhang | Co-Chair of Student Affairs Committee – Accepted
Christian Espinoza | Representative of SES
Alexa Edwards | Co-Chair of Podcast Committee – Accepted
Akhilesh Pr | Co-Chair of Student Affairs Committee – Accepted
Maria Assumpta Komugabe | Representative of CISAT – Accepted
Ana Casillas | Representative of Drucker – Accepted
Paul Mamac | Representative of SSSPE – Accepted
Katja Crusius | Representative of CISAT – Accepted
Pranav Rajeev Mundada | Representative of Drucker – Accepted
Kylee Robinson | Representative of SAH – Accepted
Amanpreet Kaur | Co-Chair of Annual Projects Committee – Accepted
Reina Alvarez | Co-Chair of Annual Projects Committee – Accepted
Zach Swanson | Co-Chair of Podcast Committee – Accepted
Reighan Grandolfo | Representative of SCGH – Accepted

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Oscar Guerrero', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Oscar Guerrero