



Graduate Student Association Spring 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, 14th of April 2020 – 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Via Zoom <https://SDSU.zoom.us/j/516641320>

I. Call to Order

President, Cassie Aaron, called the meeting to order at 5:45PM

II. Roll Call

A. Voting Members Present: Brenna Leon, Andres Elvira, Maggie Stack, Cassie Aaron, Ariana Huesias, Kelsey Bajet

B. Non-voting members: Jennifer Parker, Myles Watkins ('20-'21 elected President)

C. Voting Members Absent: Alma Valencia-Escobar, Cristina Rodriguez, Quincey Penn

III. Approval of Previous Minutes:

A. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rgRmBrgxXpQodgqWX1NmWj_JJBrMpmc6pNaLHCluG0/edit?usp=sharing

It was moved and seconded to approve the GSA board meeting minutes of 4/7/20.

B. LEON/HUESIAS

CARRIED

IV. Approval of Agenda:

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda for today's meeting.

A. STACK/LEON

CARRIED

V. Public Comment: None

VI. Presentations: None

VII. Old Business:

A. Bagels w/the Dean via Zoom

1. Wondering if any programs are checking in on students
2. Only 2 participants - board members
3. Change time to lunch hour?
4. Next board - Organize a check in over the summer
5. Money for travel funds - contact Ashley Rubio

VIII. New Business

A. Elections

1. Candidate application procedures
 - a) Interview Questions can be sent for review to Jen Parker by Thursday, April 16th at 9am
 - b) Watkins - What do you know about GSA?; How is COVID-19 changing your experience?; Why are you interested?
 - c) GSA Pres. can also be rep for University Council - will be separated for next year
 - d) Send names/contact info for '20-'21 Officer Board by Monday, April 27th at 10am
2. 3 interested candidates, Quincey would like to stay in current position
 - a) Aaron will email them more information
 - b) Incoming grad students eligible
 - c) Let grad coordinators know during the summer

B. Virtual events via Zoom

1. Over 50%; 30 votes
 - a) Painting: April 19th from 7-8pm
 - b) Community writing group: April 23rd from 4-6pm
 - c) 80s exercising: April 27th from 5-6pm

IX. Reports

A. President - Aaron

1. Welcome Myles

B. VP of Finance - Huesias

1. Awarded \$5000, waiting for response to use money by the end of the semester
2. Spent almost all of our budget this year
3. Next year budget will be \$15000
4. Travel - \$10,000 left over, checking for students who need to be refunded
5. Next FAC Meeting on Monday, April 20th

C. VP of University Affairs - Valencia-Escobar

D. VPs of Programming - Elvira

1. Creating Zoom links for the events
2. Meeting with Frankie - All orientations this summer will be online
 - a) Virtual Grad Student Orientation
 - b) Parker will schedule a meeting

E. VP of Public Relations - Leon & Rodriguez

1. Promoting VPR, DDI events
2. Will work on promoting new events
3. Share the Professors of Equity questions

F. VP of Social Change - Stack

1. Moving thesis due date to the end of June?

G. A.S. Representative -

H. Senate Representative - Penn

1. Next meeting in May

I. Social Media Correspondent - Rodriguez

J. Secretary - Bajet

1. GSA website updated

K. Grad Council Rep - Leon

1. Emergency policy changes will be put on Blackboard, shared in GSA drive under "Grad Council Rep"
2. Requests to change grading basis - letter to credit/no credit; Will keep letter grades, work with department on case-by-case basis for difficulties/accommodations
3. Thesis/dissertation deadline - extend beyond May 22nd to avoid summer reenrollment, proposed to extend to June 30th but not set in stone
4. Over 200 grad students responded to DDI survey - top responses based on coursework and emotional well-being
5. Proposal from College of Ed for teacher education program - opt-in to waive standardized testing requirements for all programs
6. Curriculum in College of Ed - BA + credential
7. Extending deadlines for admissions, program advisors will have list of conditional admits
8. Documents in Drive

X. Announcements:

A. None

XI. Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:37PM.

CARRIED