



**Graduate Student Association Fall 2019 Board Meeting Agenda**  
**Tuesday, 29th of October 2019 – 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm**  
**Student Union, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Presidential Suite**

- I. Call to Order**  
President, Cassie Aaron, called the meeting to order at 5:41 PM.
- II. Roll Call**
  - A. Voting Members Present:** Alma Valencia-Escobar, Maggie Stack, Cassie Aaron, Andres Elvira, Cristina Rodriguez, Diane Gaskin, Brenna Leon, Jennifer Parker
  - B. Voting Members Absent:** Ariana Huesias, Fernando Ansaldo-Sanchez, Maricruz Carrillo
- III. Approval of Previous Minutes:**
  - A.** <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AcBHeUv2Uvw4uLKf1FpHFC2gezphIUkEMXkG6x8Mlow/edit?usp=sharing>
  - B.** It was moved and seconded to approve the GSA board meeting minutes of 10/15/19.
  - C. Valencia-escobar, Leon** **CARRIED**
- IV. Approval of Agenda:**  
It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda for today's meeting.
  - A. Leon/Valencia-Escobar** **CARRIED**
- V. Public Comment: None**
- VI. Presentations: None**
- VII. Old Business:**
  - A. Halloween Social at Scripps Cottage**
    1. Event check-ins don't reflect actual number of attendees - 15 initially, maybe 30 people
    2. Very festive decorations, good socializing, good food
    3. Potential attendance issues include grad students finding Scripps Cottage and Monday classes
- VIII. New Business**
  - A. Friendsgiving on Nov 21st from 6-8pm at 3rd Floor Terrace in Student Union**

1. Submitted space request but need to figure out food order
2. Will get Thanksgiving decorations
3. Thanksgiving Tree: get paper from SLL
4. Participate in Detainee Allies Letters: Stack will reach out to organization

**B. Public Fee Forum**

1. Nov 14th in Council Chambers - open to all students but focusing on grad students; need to promote
2. Could bring GSA snacks

**C. Bylaws amendments are due by Friday, November 8th at 4pm.**

1. Review GSA bylaws and see if we need to change anything
2. Aaron will send a reminder to check bylaws on Monday

**D. Learning Support Center, EOP - Planning for Graduate School, Grad Panel,**

1. Wednesday, November 6th from 12-1pm in SSE-2109 Ethnic Affairs department
2. Leon will email Jeff to see if they need more people

**IX. Reports**

**A. President - Aaron**

1. Grad Council looking for Doc student - Leon will ask a student
2. Met with Grad affairs - healthcare insurance option for grad students (not covered by guardians) would be an opt-out fee only if you have insurance. Some grad students aren't covered in the summer when not taking class. Sometimes still have to pay at Calpulli for eye/dental.
3. T-shirt order was placed

**B. VP of Finance - Huesias (Absent)**

**C. VP of University Affairs - Valencia-Escobar**

1. Education - busy working on their own activities, may need to speak to them personally
2. Need clarification on who to talk to to find representatives
3. Waiting for responses before taking other actions

**D. VPs of Programming - Ansaldo-Sanchez & Elvira**

1. GSA Graduation Celebration in the spring
  - a) Jen will check on possibility of event
  - b) GSA stoles for exec members, rent stoles for those who don't walk in graduation, give away useful graduation gifts
  - c) Need to have RSVP enforced for this event
  - d) Possibly at Scripps early in the day, hire photographer for 2 hours for professional photos, headshots
  - e) Date: March/April? Friday, April 17th from 5-7pm?
2. Homecoming Tailgate on November 9th at 5:30-7pm
  - a) Jen will ask about logistics
  - b) Elvira will ask for reservation space for tailgating

c) Food: ideally tacos, snacks & sandwiches if can't get tacos

**E. VP of Public Relations - Leon & Rodriguez**

1. Newsletter - will send revised newsletter to Jen tonight
2. Added pictures from past two events
3. Sent Jen flyer request for Friendsgiving

**F. VP of Social Change - Stack**

1. Aztecs Rock Hunger until Nov 10th
  - a) Venmo @AztecsRockHunger2019
  - b) Put "Grad Student Association" in comments
  - c) Promote on Social Media

**G. A.S. Representative - Carrillo**

1. Donuts with the Dean - good idea for grad students? Yes
2. Aaron will ask VP Welter and Ed
3. Aztecs Rock Hunger present at GSA event or GBM
4. Promote Your Voice Matters on Social Media
5. Send out events on Blackboard

**H. Senate Representative - Gaskin**

1. Still waiting for a time-certain
2. Waiting to meet with Senate Chair to go over counter-arguments
3. Promote the meeting to other grad students to show support

**I. Social Media Correspondent - Rodriguez**

1. Promoting Tailgate, Public Fee Forum, Aztecs Rock Hunger
2. Facebook message from incoming grad student asking about grad school > let her know about EOP event and check IG live video from event
3. Promoting t-shirts and grad student rep and Your Voice Matters

**J. Secretary - Bajet**

1. Working on cleaning the GSA Office, let workers know what to take out
2. Leave a few snacks out instead of all the snacks: Keep inventory
3. Have a sign-in for the GSA Office
4. Make a sign for Grad Students for the Office

**K. Grad Council Rep - Leon**

1. Council Meeting next week, no agenda yet
2. Want to start thinking about Grad Student Orientation

**X. Announcements**

- A. Maricruz Carrillo announced Aztecs Rock Hunger through November 10th (see email from Dustin)
- B. Jen Parker announced Dia de Los Muertos Event at SDSU Imperial Valley, Friday, Nov 1st from 5-8pm

**XI. Adjournment**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 PM.

Stack/Rodriguez

**CARRIED**