



Graduate Student Association Fall 2019 Board Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, 19th of November 2019 – 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Student Union, 3rd 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:** Fernando Ansaldo-Sanchez, Maggie Stack, Brenna Leon, Cassie Aaron, Cristina Rodriguez, Maricruz Carrillo, Ariana Huesias, Alma Valencia-Escobar, Kelsey Bajet
 - B. Non-voting Members Present:** Christina Brown Exec Director of AS
 - C. Voting Members Absent:** Diane Gaskin, Andres Elvira
- III. Approval of Previous Minutes:**
 - A.** <https://docs.google.com/document/d/11P3F0Bt7ykGvAXYy0UA7sEwiSpl1Q95SbaSkiupioWo/edit?usp=sharing>
 - B.** It was moved and seconded to approve the GSA board meeting minutes of 11/05/19.
 - C. Leon/Stack** **CARRIED**
- IV. Approval of Agenda:**
It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda for today's meeting.
 - A. Ansaldo-Sanchez/Stack** **CARRIED**
- V. Public Comment: None**
- VI. Presentations: None**
- VII. Old Business:**
 - A. Homecoming Tailgate**
 1. Event planning moving forward Ansaldo-Sanchez
 - a) Solidify what we want to do ahead of time
 - b) Needed seating/music
 - c) Food was taken care of, can't overlook minor details
 - d) Need to have details settled at least a week in advance
 - e) \$800 for Taco Vendor
 - B. Public Forum**
 1. Turnout for grad students was low

2. Carrillo asked to list all funding avenues before moving to student fee - receive state funding and tuition money: can get some money but not sustainably; 1 person dedicated to diversity and inclusion but not bringing enough \$ for the centers,
3. 3% return for those who can't pay fees - only for 2000 people: how do they determine who gets it? Through ECRT, criteria not determined yet
4. Extended hours? Not posted online but said they do have them
5. Legislature to have mandatory ratio of 1:1500, might create more funding from the state, if passed, will revise student fees
6. Tracking visits for grad students, create more of a graduate presence at the centers

VIII. New Business

A. Grad Student Travel Fund - SSF/ARP

1. \$35000 for student funds, same requirements
2. Need to attend 1 meeting about the award
3. \$1000/student, For Spring travel
4. Put in newsletter
5. https://grad.sdsu.edu/funding/travel_fund
6. Christina Brown will work with Briana Dallo to update information
7. Grad student orgs can ask for \$700 per year for travel

B. Grad Student Orientation

1. Meeting hasn't happened yet, rescheduled December 5th from 2:30-3:30pm in Randy Timm's office, SSW-2640
2. Open to board members: Let Cassie know

C. Study Sessions in Templo Mayor and Scripps Cottage

1. December 3rd from 6-10pm in Templo Mayor: Stack, Rodriguez, Valencia-Escobar, Bajet
2. December 4th from 6-9:30pm in Templo Mayor: Ansaldo-Sanchez-7pm on, Aaron, Elvira, Leon after 7, Carrillo
3. December 5th from 6-10pm in Scripps Cottage: Stack, Leon, Aaron, Rodriguez
4. Need snacks and coffee; base decision off of budget
5. Starbucks - hot tea, 2 coffees, pastries, \$134 for about 30 people; can order from different Starbucks
6. Board Members go to at least 2 sessions
7. Flyers on digital display boards

D. Spring Event Planning

1. How much money do we have?
2. Need to finalize spring budget
 - a) Welcome back event & retreat - Jan
 - b) RSVP recognition for graduating students
 - c) Paddle boarding in April
 - d) Self-care event

- e) Eureka?
- f) Ideas for Spring? Contact VPs of Programming
- g) Need more funding > financial affairs committee
- 3. Next board meeting Finalize events and plan funding request at January, December 2nd meeting too late

E. Expectations

IX. Reports

A. President - Aaron

- 1. Goodfriend Lounge Proposal - pilot space for a semester, meeting w/Christian on Monday, then presented to Aztec Student Union board - Stack can help
- 2. Donuts w/ Dean starts in Dec -
- 3. VP Research Search begins Thursday 11/21 - Kelsey and Cassie

B. VP of Finance - Huesias

- 1. See budget worksheet

C. VP of University Affairs - Valencia-Escobar

- 1. Asst Dean Engineering -10am Friday meeting (Maricruz)
- 2. Business - meetings coming up to find rep
- 3. Spring stoles - communicate with Huesias for budget

D. VPs of Programming - Ansaldo-Sanchez & Elvira

- 1. Friendsgiving; Fernando has to work DDI 5-8.
- 2. Fernando will be using SDSU email for correspondence
- 3. Students are invited to get food downstairs and then come upstairs for coffee and pastries from starbucks
- 4. Friendsgiving in courtyard 5-7 catered from Aztec Shops, ordered extra for GSA on the terrace, ordered coffee and pastries from Starbucks: ready at 5:45pm - Elvira and Stack, back up in Legacy Suite
- 5. Letter writing activity and bingo mixer/icebreaker (Cassie will make)
- 6. Will redirect grad students to the terrace
- 7. Biweekly - rewriting mission meetings

E. VP of Public Relations - Leon & Rodriguez

- 1. December newsletter in the drive, recaps of past events, please upload pictures to the drive
- 2. Need locations for study session
- 3. Scholarship and funding section will be included as well
- 4. Estimated date to schedule for Quentin - by the end of the week
- 5. Use mailchimp to advertise/promote events
- 6. Send on Blackboard? - Ask Andy for Newsletter
- 7. Ask to put Friendsgiving Flyer on digital boards

F. VP of Social Change - Stack

- 1. Followed up with Detainee Allies - Allies to End Detention - about having someone there for Friendsgiving on November 21
- 2. Time certain at 6:30 for Rep to speak for 3 minutes

3. Waiting to hear back if we need to provide materials for letters
4. Buy stamps for the cards and pens - ask Huesias

G. A.S. Representative - Carrillo

1. UC Meeting tomorrow

H. Senate Representative - Gaskin (Absent)

I. Social Media Correspondent - Rodriguez

1. Advertising for Friendsgiving, will update flyers
2. Use mailchimp to advertise as well
3. Advertise shirt winner, study sessions
4. Update old study session flyers

J. Secretary - Bajet

1. Updated GSA website with meeting minutes
2. Consult with Ariana for snack order
3. Send doodle poll for retreat and board meetings

K. Grad Council Rep - Leon

1. Partial tuition remission - VP Welter requestion \$1million/year for 3 years, goal to increase to \$3million for 3rd year, trying to do for Spring - who is this for?? More for TAs
2. Meeting with Research Council - proposing research funding priorities for 2020-2021
3. Program for accounting - waiving GRE, waiving GRE for underrepresented students for some programs
4. Most Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, need GSA representative to review nominations from each grad program with TAs - not inclusive to graduate assistants :(, 1 meeting to discuss, 1 meeting to review
5. Found doctoral student to be on Grad Council, Quincy in joint PhD in education with Claremont

X. Announcements:

A. Food & Housing Assistance Fair: Nov. 20th (Wed.)

1. Learn about food and housing assistance programs. Meet with CalFresh workers to see if you qualify for free groceries. Free pizza (vegan options) and \$250 gift card raffle.
2. 10am-2pm Aztec Student Union Courtyard
3. Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/p/B426zGvF3aq/>
4. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1150243095169521/>

B. CalFresh Day: Nov. 20th (Wed.)

1. Meet with CalFresh workers to see if you qualify for free monthly groceries. Free Oggi's pizza and \$250 gift card raffle.
2. 10am-2pm Aztec Student Union Courtyard
3. Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/p/B42_qqVF2BI/
4. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1238979266289081/>

C. ECRT Ambassador Training: Nov. 22nd (Fri.)

1. Learn about food and housing insecurity affecting SDSU students, resources available, and ways you can help.
 2. 10am-12pm Calpulli Center 3rd Floor Conference Room 3
 3. RSVP: <http://bit.ly/ecrttraining>
 4. Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/p/B456-oYIXIb/>
 5. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/465853520713983/>
- D. 11:30-12 Trans Day of Remembrance
E. Pronouns 101 workshop at CIR 12-1:30pm
F. Dinner from 3-5

XI. Adjournment at 6:57

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 PM.

Bajet/Stack

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