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GPSA 2024-25 Council Meeting #9 (Virtual)

Date: February 24, 2025

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm

[Zoom](#)

Location: Zoom Only

Last Meeting: February 10, 2025

Next Meeting: March 10, 2025

Helpful Links:

- [Robert's Rules Cheat Sheet](#)

Agenda Item	Schedule	Time (min)	Action
Call To Order, Land Acknowledgement, & Labor Acknowledgment	6:00 pm	2	
Roll Call Attendance Sanika Chaudari, <i>Chief of Staff, GPSA</i>	6:02 pm	8	Informational
Approval of Agenda	6:10 pm	2	Decision
Review & Approve Minutes ☰ GPSA Council Meeting #8 Agenda (2024-2025)	6:12 pm	3	Decision
Public Comment & General Announcements	6:15 pm	5	Informational
Review and Approval of Finance Bills (Appendix A)	6:20 pm	5	Decision
Review and Approval of Appointments (Appendix B)	6:25 pm	5	Decision
The Guardian Follow-Up Presentation	6:30 pm	10	Informational
The Guardian Referendum Approval Vote	6:40 pm	10	Decision
Grad Week Appreciation Discussion	6:50 pm	10	Informational
UCGPC Newsletter Review and Updates	7:00 pm	15	Informational
Senate-Student Workgroup on Culture of Care in Academics Proposal ☰ Academic Senate and GPSA Culture of Care Work..	7:15 pm	15	Informational



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NIH Funding / Federal Landscape Updates Discussion and Call for Questions W Sign-On Letter - Researchers.docx	7:30 pm	10	Informational
Open Floor	7:40 pm	10	Informational
Call for agenda items	7:50 pm	5	Informational
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Appendix A Finance funding requests

[x PDF-ready Funding Bills: Fall 2024-2025.xlsx](#)

Appendix B Officers & Committee Appointments

Elections Committee

Ashlyn Murphy

Zaida Rodriguez

Jordan Griffin



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Graduate & Professional Student Association

Council Meeting 02/24

24 February 2025 / 6 PM / The Forum

Meeting Minutes

- **6:07PM** Call to Order
- **6:08PM** Land Acknowledgement
- **6:08PM** Labor Acknowledgement
- **6:09PM** Approve of Agenda
- **6:09PM** Approve of Last Minute Meeting Minutes
 -  GPSA Council Meeting #8 Agenda (2024-2025)
- **6:10PM** Public Comment & General Announcements
- **6:11PM** Review and Approval of Finance Bills (Appendix A)
 - Stacy Khaing, *VP of Finance, GPSA*
 - 6:18PM Slate for GRF#24-25 has been created and approved.
 -  PDF-ready Funding Bills: Fall 2024-2025.xlsx
 - “All requests should primarily be of interest and/or benefit to graduate or professional students. If graduate or professional students are not the overwhelming majority of the beneficiaries, then external sources must contribute funding in direct proportion to the number of other individuals estimated to attend the event.”
- **6:19PM** Review and Approval of Appointments (Appendix B)
 - Jai’lyn Richardson, *President, GPSA*
 - 6:19PM Slate for Election Committee Members has been created and approved.
- **6:20PM** The Guardian Follow-Up Presentation
 - Vivian Dueker
 - Proposal includes a \$3.50 proposed fee to aid in the activities and running of The Guardian. Return to Aid is at 29%. Career Staffing is at about 1.5%. The rest of the revenue is allocated to student operations such as pre-professional programming, training and development, investigations, equipment and materials, and enrichment.
 - Current voting is to ensure that the referendum is added to the Spring ballot. This referendum wouldn't be allocating any of GPSA's funds. It would be an allocation of funds from student fees.



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- The Guardian is a student department. Every student is welcome to apply and we accept as many students as we can. Editors are all elected.
- **6:37PM** The Guardian Referendum Approval Vote
 - With a vote of 17 yes or 8 abstain the vote to place the guardian referendum passes for the spring election.
- **6:45PM** Grad Week Appreciation Discussion
 - The theater department does the New Play Festival every year. Ticket giveaways could be done for those shows.
 - Discounted SeaWorld admission tickets have also been brought up.
- **6:49PM** UCGPC Newsletters Review and Updates
 - The Police Accountability Board President wrote a statement against Trump's executive order, which is included in the UCGPC Newsletter. Information regarding federal funding and political matters as the team met with President Drake. The UCGPC March board meeting will be virtual on March 1st. You can also apply to be a graduate star at the May regents meeting, which means you will be in attendance at the Regent's Meeting.
- **6:52PM** Senate-Student Workgroup on Culture of Care in Academics Proposal
 - [📄 Academic Senate and GPSA Culture of Care Workgroup Overview](#)
 - The proposal outlines the creation of a Senate-Student Workgroup on Culture of Care in Academics designed to integrate wellness into the academic environment. The group will collaborate with faculty and students to define a "culture of care" through listening tours, workshops, and surveys, conduct department-specific assessments, develop training modules for faculty to recognize and support student distress, and establish flexible support protocols such as mental health days and deadline extensions. The initiative is scheduled to begin membership formation in March 2025, with work spanning April to August 2025, progress and final reports due by October 2025, followed by further discussions and reviews into early 2026, and includes representatives from the Academic Senate, GPSA, and AS.
- **6:57PM** NIH Funding/Federal Landscape Updates
 - [📄 Sign-On Letter - Researchers.docx](#)
 - There is currently a hiring freeze in some departments due to this executive order. Additionally, some grants have stopped being funded as well.
- **7:03PM** Open Floor
 - On Wednesday, February 26th until Friday, February 28th, a limited number of unionized employees at UC San Diego Health will be on strike. This strike action is related to contract negotiations between the unions representing healthcare technical, professional, and service personnel and the entire University of California system. It affects all the UC health systems, including us. The Student Health Services and



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Triton Corps will all still be open and if there are any changes or time changes, they'll send that information out and we can get it over to you.

- The chancellor had mentioned that our EDI efforts were going to continue on campus and that in part we are protected by Proposition 209 in California. There is no formal language that is stating we must comply according to our language and website.
- **7:07PM** Call for Agenda Items
- **7:07PM** Adjourn