

**University of California, Los Angeles**  
**Graduate Student Association Forum #3, Spring Quarter**  
**Wednesday, May 29, 2019, 5:30pm**

---

Forum minutes taken by Jackie D'Almeida, Director of Communications

**CALL TO ORDER – No quorum, meeting is unofficial.**

**Consent Calendar:**

1. Approval of Minutes – No approval due to lack of quorum
2. Approval of Agenda – No approval due to lack of quorum

**Executive Officer Reports**

Michael Skiles GSA President

- The presenters for the Graduate Student Orientation aren't able to make it tonight so they will send their information via email
- I have been working to facilitate the transition to the new officers.
- The administration has said that they have begun to look for an additional daycare site, because there is not enough space in the current daycare facilities. They are looking for additional sites in the southern part of Westwood.
- It has been my honor and privilege to serve with all of you.

Eric Hu, GSA Vice President for Internal Affairs

Not present.

Michelle Viorato, Vice President of External Affairs

- As a recap of the Sacramento trip my office took: we took nine graduate students on a lobbying trip and talked about issues important to graduate students. We advocated on behalf of Title IX protections, housing legislation and other items.
- Several students weren't able to go due to the date selected, so for next year I recommend the incoming officer work to choose a day that is better for PhD students.
- We ordered more pronoun buttons.
- My Community Relations Director has been working on a project that revitalizes space that is under-utilized. Next week we will be holding an event called Places for the People. It will be on Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup>, please join us.
- The Mothers of Color in Academia is launching a book, which is an anthology of all of the advocacy they've done.
- I've learned a lot from the colleagues I've been able to work with.

Ashley Wright, Vice President for Academic Affairs

- I've been working with the new officer on the transition.
- One thing I worked on this year was changing the application process for the graduate student reps. A lot of people were disqualifying themselves due to the way that the application was worded.

- This has been a really great opportunity for me, thank you.

### **UCLA Police Department Presentation**

Kevin Kilgore, UCPD

- Looking forward to working with the new officers next year.

### **Presentation of 2019-20 GSA Budget**

Michael Skiles, GSA President

- Cannot be passed due to lack of forum.

### **Swearing in of New GSA Officers and Remarks**

Zakary Fisher, J.P. Santos, Paul Nesterenko, and Shrinidhi Balasubramanian, GSA Officers for 2019-20

“I do hereby solemnly pledge to uphold the duties and responsibilities of my position as an officer within the Graduate Student Association at the University of California, Los Angeles. I also faithfully affirm my dedication as a member of GSA to uphold my duties as a GSA officer over those in any other student organizations and promise to adhere to the issues and concerns of all graduate and professional students at UCLA. I will also represent to the best of my ability, the credibility and integrity of all members of GSA to all other organizations, entities, and other individuals. This oath I have taken of soul, body, and mind.”

J. P. Santos

- I would like to thank Michelle for all her help with the transition.
- The University faces many internal issues and I felt like I had to do something.
- I met many students who are committed to making changes.
- I intend to increase awareness and communications with the student body.
- I intend to fight for lower housing costs, and increases in student pay.

Zakary Fisher

- I want to thank the outgoing officers for their service.
- We will work together to lower rent, increase access to childcare, and ensure student fees are handled in an equitable manner.
- We will ensure that students have employment protections.
- Together we can, together we will.

**ADJOURNMENT 6:45 pm**