



# Graduate Student Council Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, December 4, 2024, 7:00-9:00 pm

**Zoom ONLY Meeting:** <https://ucr.zoom.us/j/92401421419>

**Meeting ID:** 924 0142 1419

## AGENDA

1. **Land Acknowledgement:** “In honor of Rupert and Jeanette Costo’s founding relationship to our campus, we would like to respectfully acknowledge and recognize our responsibility to the original and current caretakers of this land, fire, water, and air: Íviatem (Cahuilla), Máara'yam (Serrano), Tóngva, and Payómkawichum (Luiseño) peoples, and all of their descendants past, present, and future. Today, this meeting place is home to many Indigenous peoples from all over the world, including UCR faculty, students, and staff. We are grateful to have the opportunity to live and work in these homelands.”
2. Consent Calendar: Approve Agenda and Meeting Minutes
  - a. **Agenda - Vote:**
  - b. **October GSC Minutes - Vote:**
3. Attendance
  - a. Zoom: A link will be provided in the chat during the meeting
  - b. How to fill out the sign-in sheet? Based on the organization of information on our website. Who we are: <https://gsa.ucr.edu/who-we-are/>
4. GradSuccess - Updates
  - a. <https://padlet.com/ucrgradsuccess>
5. UAW - Updates
  - a. ASE Contract Extension Ratification Vote (Now until Friday, December 6th at 5pm)

- b. Ballot should be in your email from [vote@simplyvoting.com](mailto:vote@simplyvoting.com). The subject line: “UAW 4811 ASE Contract Extension Ratification Vote 2024”
- c. If you did not receive a ballot, request it [here](#) by Friday, December 6th at 2pm.
- d. Tentative Agreement with the UC extends the life of the current contract by 7 months and guarantees a 4% raise (greater than the current rate of inflation) for October 2025. Current contract is set to expire May 31st 2025 and this agreement means it would expire at the end of 2025 allowing us more time to organize and prepare for bargaining.
- e. The agreement also includes transitional funding which is for GSRs who find themselves in an abusive lab environment and provides them with funding for one quart
- f. /er while they transition to a new lab.
- g. Full Tentative Agreement can be found [here](#).

## 6. President - Updates

- a. Many meetings...:
  - i. Chancellor and UCR Leadership Meeting
    - 1. Shared updates about grad students and GSA
      - a. GSA website data
      - b. GSA Bylaws will undergo thorough edits
      - c. Working to ambitiously register all graduate programs with the Office of Student Life as departmental GSAs
      - d. Leadership expressed interest and eagerness to attend GradSuccess Coffee Socials
      - e. Microsoft Office Updates - likely will not have a solution for guaranteed Office 365 applications; can either purchase the student subscription (\$2.99 per month) or seek support on an individual basis from advisor/college/lab
  - ii. UCOP Meeting with President Drake
    - 1. UCs asked President Drake to provide a clearer outline of the climate initiatives in place across campuses, especially concerning inclusivity and anti-discrimination efforts. Additionally, we request that students have a direct line of input into campus climate policies and programs.
    - 2. Mainly discussed Time, Place, and Manner (TPM) Policy. UCs asked that the UC system revise the time, place, and manner policies with direct student input to ensure they fairly balance campus regulations with students’ right to advocacy and expression.

- a. President Drake commented that there currently if no singular TPM system-wide policy
  - 3. O4All Initiative (Work-Study, Job Opportunities on Campus, and Discretionary Funding [Experiential Learning]). Requested a comprehensive review of work-study programs, on-campus job availability, and experiential learning funds across campuses, ensuring equitable access and sufficient funding for students seeking professional growth and financial stability.
    - a. President Drake commented that UCOP has \$5 million; distribution of this lump of funds depends on the size of the programs at each of the campuses
  - iii. Library and Scholarly Communication Committee meeting
    - 1. Major damage due to leaking roof in Orbach; going to cost a lot of money to repair.
    - 2. Undergraduates looking to expand operating hours to 24hrs
- b. Organized a Grad Student Happy Hour at the Getaway Cafe for the first Tuesday of every month from 5-7pm
  - i. Upcoming Happy Hour is next week, Tuesday 12/3!!
- c. Serving as the graduate student representative to the UCOP's UCR Chancellor Search Committee
  - i. Please feel free to reach out to me directly if you have any information, ideas, or inquiries you would like me to propose to the committee during this search time

## 7. VPEA - Update

- a. Grad Summit 2024
  - i. Types of stress:
    - 1. Acute: short-lived peaks of stress
    - 2. Chronic: Long term
  - ii. "We are Grad students and our basic needs are not always met"
  - iii. UC President Search
    - 1. President Drake is stepping down at the end of the academic year.
    - 2. Looking for someone who won't halt all work that's been made so far
    - 3. Asks of candidates: submit a vision statement outlining plans to make the UC system a world leader in rapid institutional decarbonization.
  - iv. Housing Problems: Stephanie, UCSC VPEA, gave a presentation on on-campus housing.

1. Being honest and showing gratitude while reflecting on family campus housing experience.
2. Gratitude: pantry, meal support, CalFresh, childcare/Daycare
3. Honesty:
  - a. Childcare starts at 11 months. What to do before that?
  - b. Severe mold problem = lead to breathing problems
  - c. Fragile fences on hills where kids play. Big drop behind fences.
  - d. 1/3 of housing empty while there are many people on waitlist
  - e. Fire alarms not working
- b. Grad Summit 2025 in UCR??

#### 8. Break

#### 9. VPIA - Updates

- a. Bylaws Committee to meet next week
  - i. Aim to present to GSC once back from break
- b. Need Election Committee members
  - i. Election materials will need to start before Winter Quarter ends

#### 10. VPAA - Updates

- a. Some committees still need to be filled:
  - i. 2 minimum for BIPOC-Affirming Space Committee
  - ii. 3 minimum for Diversity and Inclusion Student Advisory Committee
  - iii. A few would be good for elections committee
  - iv. 1 for sustainability committee
- b. If you are a registered departmental GSA - NetIDs and departmental GSA form
- c. Hoping to register - by third week of Winter quarter

#### 11. VPPR - Updates

- a. Grad Bash happening tomorrow at The Barn from 5:00pm to 7:30pm.

#### 12. Finance and Grant Writing Officer - Updates

- a. The Student Services Fee Budget review process for fiscal year 2025-2026 will be in Winter Quarter 2025.

#### 13. GSHIP Officer - Updates

- a. We are planning to send a survey to understand how after hour care can be helpful for grad students. It will be everyday/weekly/biweekly.
- b. Next EOB meeting is on Dec 17 in Oakland.

#### 14. International Affairs Officer - Updates

- a. Calfresh does not apply for internationals
- b. Survey included in the Newsletter- please reply!
  - i. Have you attended any of our events?
  - ii. Rate our events on a scale of 1 to 5
  - iii. Suggest what kind of events would interest you
  - iv. What specific areas do you believe we could improve to make our events better?
  - v. Lastly, where did you fill this form?

They didn't ask about timings, which is important!

- c. Travel reminders - remember you need an updated travel signature on your I-20!
- d. Cookie decorating, music, and warm drinks today 3-5pm
- e. MEScafé Tuesdays starting 11am Costco Hall 111
- f. Finals Week Refuel- Wednesday, December 11 1:30-4 PM at SRC South Cooking Well Kitchen
  
- g. No event during break, just information
- h. Not skill exchange section
- i. Lunar New Year Event: January 30th 2-4pm

#### 15. Public Comments or Additional Comments

- a. CTG

#### 16. Adjournment

- a. **Vote:**

