

GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL

BY GRADUATE STUDENTS, FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

GENERAL MEETING, APRIL 4, 2023



APRIL MEETING OUTLINE

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Officer Reports
3. 2023-24 GSC Officer Elections!
4. General Announcements
5. Housekeeping

CSU LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Colorado State University acknowledges, with respect, that the land we are on today is the traditional and ancestral homelands of the Arapaho, Cheyenne, and Ute Nations and peoples. This was also a site of trade, gathering, and healing for numerous other Native tribes. We recognize the Indigenous peoples of this land and all the relatives within it. As these words of acknowledgment are spoken and heard, the ties Nations have to their traditional homelands are renewed and reaffirmed.

CSU is founded as a land-grant institution, and we accept that our mission must encompass access to education and inclusion. And, significantly, that our founding came at a dire cost to Native Nations and peoples whose land this University was built upon. This acknowledgment is the education and inclusion we must practice in recognizing our institutional history, responsibility, and commitment.

HOUSEKEEPING

1. Small reminder to use the mics for virtual folks.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

OFFICER REPORTS



Derek Newberger (he/him)
President

PRESIDENT UPDATES

1. Graduate Student Council for Registered Student Organization of the Year Nominee
2. Graduate student for the University Technology Fee Advisory Board for next academic year!

ADVOCACY UPDATES



- Attended events for:
 - Graduate Students of Color
 - Graduate QTs

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Brittany Lynner (she/her)
VP of Engagement

ENGAGEMENT UPDATES

- Juli Scamardo & I wrote a grant that resulted in GSC receiving **\$12,000 from UTFAB** to apply towards 2023-2024 Professional Development & Supply Grants!
 - WHO WANTS TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT LIKE JULI?!
- **Last PDS Grant of the academic year opens on Monday and is due Friday, 4/28.**
 - Fund surplus!
- **Next Wellness Wednesday, April 26th 5-7pm, Rec Sand Volleyball Courts**

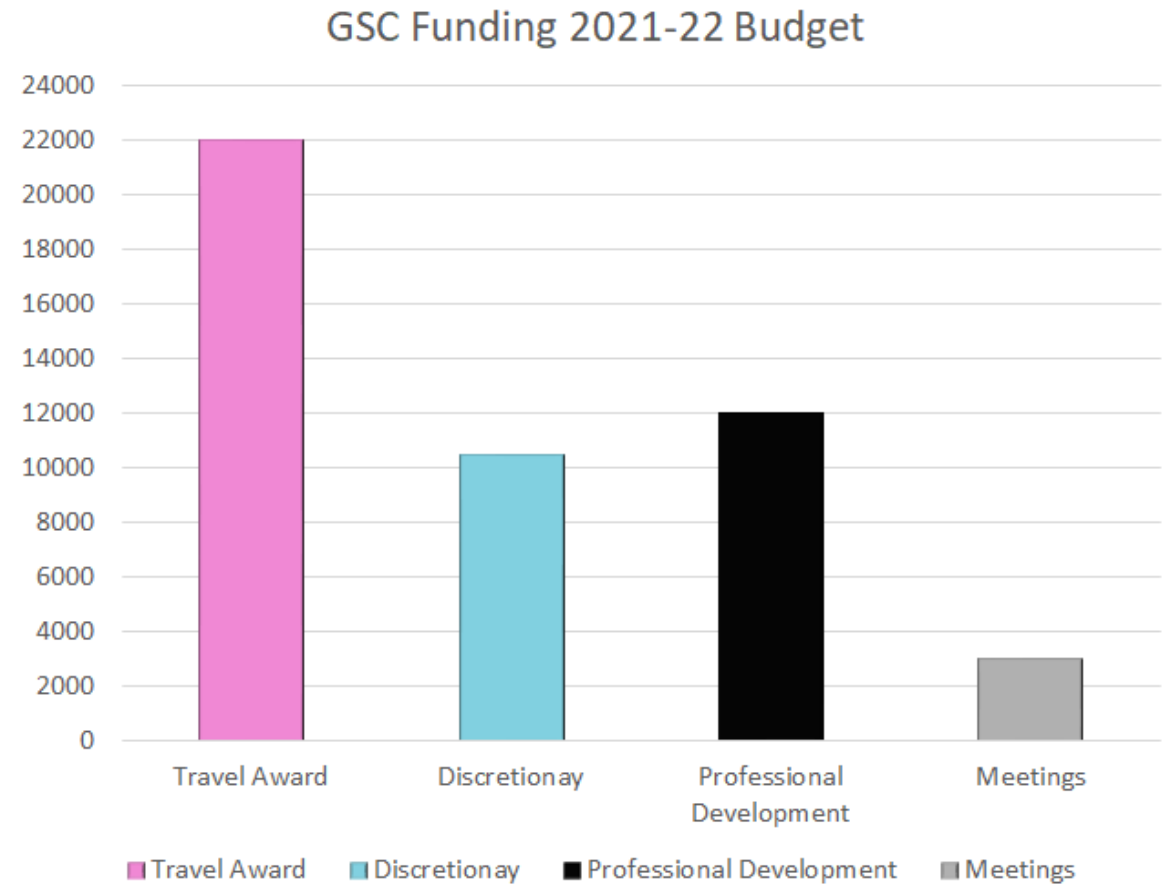
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Srishti Gupta (she/her)
VP of Finance

GSC Budget

- Four streams of funding are split across a variety of expenditures; travel grants, professional development, discretionary purposes such as events (for the GSC and other student organizations), and catering for GSC meetings.
- This money is utilized to support Graduate Students across the University.



- Will receive \$1000 more from this cycle year for discretionary.
- Looking for students to serve on SFRB board.
- Funds for organizations events will be given after budget allocation.

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Vigor Lam (he/him)
VP of Information

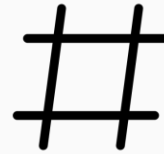
VP OF INFORMATION UPDATES

1. New website LAUNCHED!
2. As spring semester ends, I am hoping to work on transition materials and begin reconfirming committee and department representatives for the following academic year w/ VP of Engagement.
3. Want to highlight your program/department or events? Please let me know and we can get it tweeted/posted on our Instagram

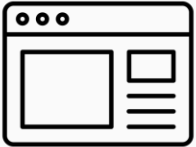
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Next Meeting
May 2, 2023



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4. Formalize systems to improve the mentor-mentee relationship and improve graduate student power

OFFICER ELECTIONS

1. Deliver a 1-2 minute pitch for how you would serve graduate students in the position you are running for.
2. Step out of the physical or virtual space for deliberations in the council
3. The council will vote! (via hand raising zoom feature if remote, hand raising if in-person)

TIME COMMITMENT FOR OFFICERS

- All Officers
 - Attend biweekly Officer meetings
 - Attend biweekly Faculty Advisor meetings
 - Attend monthly General Body meetings held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6pm
- Co-Presidents commit to an average of 10 hours/week
 - Stipend =
- VPs commit to an average of 5 hours/week
 - Stipend = \$2,000 for the academic year

ORDER OF ELECTIONS

1. VP for Finance
2. VP for Engagement
3. VP for Information
4. VP for Advocacy
5. VP for Grants
6. President(s)

ELECTIONS: VP OF FINANCE

- Manages GSC's budget of ~\$40,000-45,000 in collaboration with one of the Co-Presidents
- Chairs the Budget Committee and helps to fund graduate student initiatives at CSU
- Organizes food for general meetings

ELECTIONS: VP OF ENGAGEMENT

- Plans and implements social and wellness events
 - Serves as Chair of the Wellness Wednesday Planning Committee
- Recruits department representatives and committee members
- Serves as a liaison to department representatives and committee members
- Supports engagement programming and initiatives within the Graduate School (e.g., Graduate Student Appreciation Week)

ELECTIONS: VP OF INFORMATION

- Updates and maintains the GSC website
- Records meeting minutes/notes
- Announces GSC meetings and/or events through the GSC email, website, and social media
- Manages GSC social media accounts
- Updates and disseminates graduate student resources
- Ensures compliance with the constitution

ELECTIONS: VP OF ADVOCACY

- Plans, implements, and supports campus advocacy projects and wellness events
- Serves as a liaison to the Graduate Students of Color, Grad QTs, and the International Student Branch (ISB)
- Ensures graduate students are represented within faculty and university committees.

ELECTIONS: VP OF GRANTS

- New position for 2023-2024!
- Chairs the Grant Committee
- Oversees 4 Conference Travel Grant cycles and 4 Professional Development & Supply Grant cycles per academic year
 - Manages application, grading, and disbursement processes

ELECTIONS: CO-PRESIDENT(S)

- Organizes goals and initiatives of GSC
- Oversees GSC VP positions
- Maintains a strong relationship and collaborates with the Graduate School
- Participating in ASCSU Cabinet
- Facilitates monthly GSC General Meetings
- Monitors GSC finances
- Spearheads projects and initiatives outlined by the GSC and the Graduate School as needed