

The Graduate Assembly Delegates Digest



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Greetings Graduate and Professional Students! Read on to learn about upcoming events, important announcements, and information about campus resources. Stay up to date and receive future Delegates Digests by joining the [GA Communications mailing list](#). To view this newsletter as a web-published Google doc, visit [this link](#).

Oct Delegate Assembly Meeting

Thank you all for joining the October 2nd Delegate Assembly meeting! We appreciate your energy and thoughtful participation. During the meeting, the delegate body approved GRSO funding, the 2025 Advocacy Agenda, [Resolution #2509C](#) (in Support of Emergency Funding for Bay Area Public Transit), and [Resolution #2509D](#) (to Combine the November and December Funding Rounds).

[Resolution #2509E](#) (in Support of Sustainable Food Systems) has been sent to all internal committees, with the exception of the External Affairs Committee. As a reminder, if you are a voting member of the Delegate Assembly, you are welcome to review all resolutions on your own and share comments or suggestions. All delegates are also encouraged to write and introduce new resolutions, your voice and ideas truly make a difference! The [resolution folder](#) can be found in the shared [GA Google drive](#).

Please know that I'm always here if you need help navigating the inner workings of the GA or have any questions about how things operate. Don't hesitate to reach out anytime to internal-ga@berkeley.edu.

Delegates Digest Redesign:

Help us design the new delegates digest!

We are working on redesigning the delegates' digest to give it a lighter and more fun spirit, making it more engaging and less formal.

We wanted to allow you to show some personality by helping us redesign the header into a fun fall-winter-spring theme (according to the month) or even ones like a Halloween theme for holidays. If you are interested in this opportunity, please let us know by emailing execassist-ga@berkeley.edu AND internal-ga@berkeley.edu.

Upcoming Events

1. Headlands **On Campus** is now open—a **new beer garden and gathering space** right in Lower Sproul Plaza. Come by, say hello, and stay awhile to enjoy good company, good vibes, and great beer.

Looking for a more relaxed spot to meet, catch up, or host your office hours? GSIs, we've got you covered—with special discounts and offers coming soon just for you.

📍 Find us at: 2465 Bancroft Way, Suite 140

🕒 Hours:

Wed–Thu: 12 PM – 10 PM

Fri–Sat: 12 PM – 11 PM

Sun: 12 PM – 10 PM

Questions or event inquiries?

✉️: mimi@headlandsbrewing.com



Outreach

1. **Apply for the Judicial Council!**

The Judicial Council (the “JC”) acts as the judicial branch of the Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC). Today, the JC exists to resolve issues otherwise unsolvable through diplomacy, oversee the fairness of ASUC Elections and adherence to ASUC Elections procedure, and perform ceremonious functions (e.g. swearing in of officers, certification of the ASUC Elections, etc.). For more information reach out to Tanya Bertone,

Internal-ga@berkeley.edu AND Daniel Dolan, legal@asuc.org

Join the Graduate Student Association board of directors!

This is a low time commitment but it is a meaningful contribution to the GA. The GSA is a non-profit organization that will eventually replace the work of the GA. We are calling on Delegates and students not associated with formal GA positions. If you need more information please reach out to president-ga@berkeley.edu and/ or rules-ga@berkeley.edu.

Join the funding Committee!

Like spreadsheets? Like helping people? Like helping people with spreadsheets? Join Funding Committee and help allocate GRSO funding across the whole university! We're a friendly, low-workload group and a great place to start if you're new to the GA. Internal-ga@berkeley.edu or funding-ga@berkeley.edu

Join the Internal Affairs Committee!

We keep the gears turning, make sure delegates have what they need, and help shape how information flows across the Assembly. If you like strategy, problem-solving, or event organizing this is the committee for you. For more information reach out to Tanya at Internal-ga@berkeley.edu

Join the Task Force on Student Safety and Faculty Accountability!

Do you value student safety, well-being, belonging, and free expression? Do you feel that certain UC Berkeley Faculty and Administrator conduct can harm such values? Do you feel as though UC Berkeley can do better in holding Faculty and Administrators accountable for such conduct? Click [here](#) for a full description of the Task Force's work this year, and apply [here](#)!

2. **Want to get connected with the Queer and Trans graduate community at Berkeley?** The Graduate Assembly has two Projects that specialize in advocacy and community-building for our communities -- the Sexual Orientation and Gender Advocacy Project (SOGA) and the Trans and Gender-Diverse Advocacy Chair (TGDAC). [Take this quick survey](#) to sign up for our listserv and to help us plan our programming for the year!

3. **Paid Research Study on Graduate Student Work Experiences**

Are you a PhD student at UC Berkeley - or a graduate student working as a GSI or GSR this semester? We (Oded Ritov, PhD candidate, and Prof. Dacher Keltner) at the Department of Psychology are conducting an independent study on how graduate student workers feel about their campus jobs.

Your perspective can help us understand the experiences of academic student employees in higher education.

Study Details

- Four short surveys spaced across the semester
- Total time commitment: under 40 minutes
- Your responses are confidential and will never be shared with supervisors or university administrators

Compensation

- **The first 150 students to sign up will receive a \$25 gift card (Amazon or Bookshop.org) upon completing all surveys**
- All participants to sign up after will be entered into a raffle for 5 additional \$25 gift cards

Sign up now and complete the first survey (under 12 minutes) here:

https://berkeley.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0Dm8iIUV4MwFDYG

4. **The GA Mutual Aid Fund is here for you - all graduate and professional students!** Whether you're facing an unexpected expense or need a little support to get through the semester, this fund exists to uplift graduate students when it matters most. Built on solidarity, not charity, because no one should navigate challenges alone.

5.  **Join the Graduate Assembly Lobby Corps!**

The GA is recruiting members for the new **Lobby Corps** — a collective of graduate students organizing to **advocate for Graduate Student issues in Sacramento and beyond**. Members will receive training in legislative advocacy, public speaking, and policy strategy, then join hundreds of students in meetings with lawmakers this spring.

Interested in shaping state policy and representing graduate student priorities?

👉 **Sign up using [the Lobby Corps Interest Form](#)** to get involved and receive training updates. If you need more information please reach out to EAVP Legislative Director, Norris Davis, eavp-leg-ga@berkeley.edu.

6. Apply to be a [StAR](#). Graduate and professional students can be involved in system-wide decision-making spaces: participating as a StAR, being involved in committees as a student observer, or making a public comment.

Application due for November Regents Meeting @ UCLA: [Application Form](#)

[Join UC Systemwide Committees](#)

As the official voice of the UC graduate and professional students, UCGPC will nominate students to sit on UC systemwide committees. Systemwide committees confront issues in admissions policy, budget prioritization, and technology investments. Graduate and professional students must be represented in these committees.

[APPLICATION LINK](#)

The following committees are open for nominations:

- Academic Planning Council Workgroup on Systemwide Academic Calendar
- National Advisory Board – UC National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement
- University Committee on Educational Policy (UCEP)
- UC Code of Conduct for Trademark Licensees (UC Code [formerly CCTL])
- University Committee on Preparatory Education (UCOPE)
- UC Student Advisory Group for Systemwide Surveys (5 spaces available for nomination)

Get Connected!

- Submit to the Delegates Digest by emailing gacommunications@ga.berkeley.edu
- Learn more about GA [projects](#), [resources](#), and [funding](#) opportunities for graduate students.

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