

AHSGSA Meeting Notes

October 7, 2026, 2:00PM

Graduate Research Center

Graciela Pacheco AHSGSA President

Present: Meagan, Graciela, Lindsay, Seth, Lorenzo, Jun Ho, Becky, Nikki, Abi, Nick

- Introductions, first meeting of the fall quarter
- Meetings held twice a quarter
- Desk assignments made (Graciela has assignment list)
 - Lorenzo, Seth, Nikki, Jun Ho, Hadley
- Meeting between Graciela and LeBlanc (graduate advisor)
 - Canvas site to reduce the amount of emails coming from Iselda?
 - Central place to find relevant dates, information, CFP, etc.
 - Access to the job board?
 - Would be done in addition to emails
 - Will be decided by Iselda and LeBlanc
 - Emphasizing importance of informal meetings to facilitate community and collegiality
 - Possibly: hosting an informal event in the department to speak about their experience(s) in the department
 - Keep activity between current students and alumni
 - If you are interested in having a mock presentation in preparation for a conference
 - Low-risk environment to receive feedback
 - Reach out if you have forthcoming conferences or presentations and would like to organize
- TAships
 - 25% to 50% appointment means you are eligible to get your tuition waived
 - Know your rights to tuition waivers, protections, etc.
 - Speak with Iselda about your background and she will try to send targeted emails to you catered to what you are interested in
 - Continue dialogue between MA and PhD students regarding TAships and funding
- Call for Fellowships and Grants (Gluck, travel)
 - Email sent by Iselda recently
 - Please look through and see if anything is relevant to you
 - If they are, please apply
- CFP: Getty Graduate Symposium
 - Mostly for PhD students
 - 1 student per department across 9 local schools
 - Email coming soon
- Lindsey: faculty liaison

- See email with attached notes for full minutes
- CHASS dean asked to step down over deficit
- Lost 2 faculty members
- No hiring this year; no additional TAs
- Interim dean (Steven Halfand): wants 300 more students in art history classes
 - Majority of department opposes this with no additional funding
- ACLS
 - Panel for future doctoral programs
 - Laxton & Dean to bring them onto campus
- Methods class is no longer a prerequisite for undergraduates
 - Possibly a requirement, but not a prerequisite
- 17 B and C and 12 are closed for revamping (Kohl and Neville)
- Research and teaching statements
 - Written by Kohl and Neville
- Graduate Studies report
 - 6 new students
 - Graduate panel has been decided for next year
- Fellowship nominations are forthcoming
- VRC
 - See Sonja's notes for full information
 - New students working
 - Rebecca Allen returning as honorary
 - Undergrad internship
 - Newsletter
 - Forthcoming
 - Send submissions of updates on what you are working on for this year's newsletter
- UCR ARTS
 - New curator: Liz Allen
 - Silveri collection
 - Campus liaison for faculty
 - Request for the collection to be used for undergraduate students
 - Fall reception: October 10, 6- 9 PM
- Graduate Positions
 - Graciela sent out a Google Form for nominations
 - Available positions:
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - GSA Representative

- Grad Research Center Manager
 - Nominations are open; you may nominate yourself or someone else
 - Deadlines: Nominations end Sunday at midnight. We will vote next week.
 - Look for emails from Graciela
- Please refrain from calling the Graduate Research Center the lounge outside
 - Language should reflect the work that occurs in the Center to ensure our continued tenancy
- File cabinets: for storing bluebooks from TAing
 - Graduate Research Center Manager manages file cabinets and the space at-large; please do not throw things away
- Decorum and work expectations in seminars and coursework
 - Get to know professors; attend office hours; gain an understanding of what your professors expect from you
 - Be aware that the workload for the MA can feel overwhelming
 - Communicate with your professor(s)
 - Use your fellow graduate students as resources when you have questions