

AS OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

# STAFF MEETING 9/10

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10 September 2021 / 1:30pm / [Zoom Link](#)

## ATTENDEES:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Note:</b> absent (excused/not excused) arrived late (time) departed early (time) proxy (full name)	<b>Name</b>	<b>Note:</b> absent (excused/not excused) arrived late (time) departed early (time) proxy (full name)
Yuval Cohen	<b>present</b>	Ellie Livni	<b>present</b>
Gurleen Pabla	<b>present</b>	Tessa Veksler	<b>present</b>
Nathan Le	<b>present</b>	Adam Majcher	<b>present</b>
Catherine Flaherty	<b>present</b>	Kellen Beckett	<b>present</b>
Garrett Olsen	<b>present</b>	Granger Brenneman	<b>Arrived late (1:44)</b>
Andrew Vasquez	<b>present</b>	Michael Hewitt	<b>present</b>
Gabriel Cohen	<b>present</b>	Daniel Mitchell	<b>Excused</b>
Joshua Ng	<b>present</b>	Katrina Sacluti	<b>present</b>
Zack Brenner	<b>present</b>	Ehsan Varnous	<b>Arrived late (1:40)</b>

# AGENDA

## Icebreaker intros:

Something fun you did over the summer

## Core Staff Reports (10 Minutes)-

### ❖ President

- Trainings Update/AS ONE Leadership Summit
  - Sign up for the trainings! Monday morning for introductions -> after that you can go to whatever trainings you want to do.
- UCSB Return to Campus Survey
  - 4,700 responses
  - 66% of students have not stepped foot on campus. Majority of the responses were people who want to be on campus
  - 14% had no place to live, 15% maybe
  - Hybrid option for classes was suggested, but admin is adamant for in-person only
  - Granger: Big lectures should be made online while smaller sections and classes can be held in-person
- Overview of meetings with UCSB admin
  - How will the admin respond to outbreaks due to large classes?
    - Not much of an action plan, but it is on their list of items to talk and plan for

- Academic Senate has not set any policy. Most of the autonomy for classes will be left to the professor
- Catherine: IV Meeting happened -> There has to be standard procedure for those who get COVID-19 and are unable to attend lecture (i.e. online option)
- Yuval: There is a document for procedures, however it is somewhat unclear basically and does not address a lot of things. COVID-19 Survey is what admin is relying on to track students and COVID-19 on campus. More information hopefully soon. They are tracking Berkeley and Merced right now -> Doing okay...but different campus structures like ours will yield different obstacles and challenges
- Bike Shop
  - Started the bidding process for architects. Not sure when they will begin construction but it is moving forward.
- Basic Needs Vending Machine
  - Alison Sir (past president) initiated a plan for vending machines supplied with food from the food bank. COVID-19 and other issues halted a lot of progress but the vending machine will be in effect starting fall quarter. The Financial Crisis Team can be contacted as well if anyone is dealing with food insecurity among other things.
- How to Survive the Bike Lanes
  - ER visits go up because no one knows how the lanes. Jk

## ❖ Chief of Staff

### ➤ Housing Coalition

- Housing Crisis bad. They are slowly addressing the issue, but pace is slow. No online options unless you are in DSP or other “excusable” things.
- Over enrollment has been an issue for many years yet the amount of residential spots have not changed really. This year, some 3rd and 4th years were fucked because they didn't know if we would be in person. Transfers, 2nd, and 1st years have been guaranteed housing if they applied through the contract. Residential spaces are being negotiated with local hotels including shuttles to and from school. There is a chance the admin may change their minds and we are all back online. Little response and answers from leaders about these issues.
- Housing coalition's biggest issue is solving the absence of an online option. Biggest concern for students is what is going to happen with online options
- Zachary: Good Noozhawk Article about the housing crisis at UCSB
- UC System wide decision is to be in person. Other UC's like UCSD are also facing the same housing issue.
- Joshua Ng: Has efforts been made to find housing in IV? Yuval: Admin has contacted professors to house students and yada yada.

Students are not super inclined to live with people that they do not know.

- All in all, there is very poor/little communication between the administration and student leaders + students in general.

➤ Retreat

- Retreat very soon! Catherine and Gurleen will be planning it and will update y'all. It is looking like it will be held during week 0. We get food too and nice views like Yuval's beautiful face. Look out for texts!

❖ Deputy Chief of Staff

➤ Planning of Pearman Fellowship Program

- Will do this later

➤ Request for assistance from ASOP members

❖ Communications Director

➤ Rebranding: Sweatshirts/Merch

- CMU has been working with rebranding AS and the logos. Andrew will update you about any new updates lol

➤ Welcome to UCSB Post:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/15xNN1lxqDO6E-GxCDd-ER9OcmDPAV9wQ7B8OUh0fYds/edit?usp=sharing>

- Document that would be helpful to new students learn more about campus and get them more comfortable with where and how everything works

➤ Collect: Staff Pictures:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1W\\_MUumot7onAnyVrZWrOgsysFXhutI4N?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1W_MUumot7onAnyVrZWrOgsysFXhutI4N?usp=sharing)

- Upload staff photos to this google drive!
- Fill out your office hours as well!

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➤ Comms Request:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14Ga1fiOXRhJ0k9D3YynJpLCPG2aXKj\\_bJ4XS4w\\_gKrk/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14Ga1fiOXRhJ0k9D3YynJpLCPG2aXKj_bJ4XS4w_gKrk/edit)

**Other Updates:**

- ❖ Go around and share everyone's goals, things they have done to prepare this summer, events they want to plan, groups they may want to collaborate with, etc.
  - Catherine: i forgot lmao
  - Garrett: Making sure everyone knows what they're doing, being more active and proactive, filling any gaps and supporting everyone
  - Andrew: Personifying the president and streamlining communications
  - Gabriel: Get a clear vision of what looks like day to day of AS, getting more experience
  - Joshua: Learn more about the undocumented community, host events for the community, connected with the USS director and had a dream scholar resource meeting. Helped set up the priorities for the year.
  - Zachary: Making connections with the BCUs that I will be working with, want to host workshops about advocacy and environmental issues

- Ellie: Solidifying the game plan for this year and addressing the new issues brought by COVID, ideas include light therapy
- Tessa: Had the first mental health task force so that was cool, establish clear ways to get input from students, working on Mental Health town hall
- Adam: Facilitate something to help out clubs since a lot have not been on campus, overhauling the website/ making a club rush, making it easier for students to find things that they want to be involved in
- Kellen: Reached out to the interim director of Alumni and tapping into the Gaucho Alumni Network
- Granger: met with the Transfer student senator, created a 3 point plan to help better integrate transfer students to campus, will update the ASOP drive, and will update with more information, will get into contact TSA leadership but has been difficult to find current contacts
- Michael: Solidifying what this position does since there has been discrepancies in the past on the interpretation, short term wise: understanding the focusing the areas of high impact for students back on campus, making realistic timeline for maximum efficiency and effectiveness
- Katrina: Want to update and organize the continuing projects that have been ongoing, want to bring new ideas to the position and current issues students/staff are facing

- Ehsan: Want to assist in increasing engagement across social media, boosting sharing and information caching, more promotions for students to stay current with events, being more proactive and taking initiative
- Gurleen: In the future, for the first couple of meetings let's remind each other of our positions because we are still not too familiar with each other. There is a lot of overlap in job descriptions and goals for this year, so it would be great to get collaborations going!
- Yuval: I am always here for you! I am resource for all of you to succeed in your position
- Nathan: support Gurleen and make this fellowship amazing

### **Action Items for Staff Members:**

- ❖ Goal Writing Exercise (from the last meeting)
  - What two main things do I want to achieve within this role as \_\_\_\_\_?
- ❖ If you haven't already, make sure to reach out to your predecessor about transitioning (available in the doc)
  - This should have been done, but make sure you're ready to go by the start of the school year
- ❖ Goal Writing Exercise
  - Think of a project or goal you want to begin/continue as we begin the school year
  - Report back at the first official meeting of fall quarter



- ❖ Fall quarter is starting soon... projects should be starting as well

**Documents:**

- ❖ [2021-22 Transition Information](#)
- ❖ [staff roster](#)
- ❖ [Ongoing Staff Projects](#)

**Final Questions:**