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Who we are and what we do

WELCOME to the first ever offical website of the University of California Merced Graduate Student Association (GSA)!

The GSA represents the graduate student body of the University of California Merced (UCM). We work on graduate student issues and problems related to all aspects of student life at UCM. We establish communication and cooperation bridges between the administration and the graduate students at UCM.

Our members are the graduate students of UC Merced. Our officers are elected by the UC Merced graduate students every year in the early fall.

All officers serve on the GSA council voluntarily without any form of compensation.

We are independent from the UC Merced undergraduate government (Associated Students of University of California Merced ASUCM).

All current and prospective UC Merced graduate students are encouraged to participate in GSA affairs and event.

Contact us @ ucmercedgsa.at.gmail.com

***Check out the new GSA website and wiki page for the most recent updates on GSA matters: http://sites.google.com/site/ucmgsa/ and* http://nerdsinmerced.wikidot.com/

**The new grad life website: http://gradlife.ucmerced.edu/

** Scientists of Tomorrow Educational Partnership: http://gsa-step.ucmerced.edu/step-program

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ANNOUNCEMENT: GSA conference reimbursement travel award

Remember to apply for the GSA Conference Travel Award offered every semester. **Reimbursements** for meetings where **you presented** a poster/oral presentation **as a first author** will be provided by this award. Check your ucmerced.edu email box for announcements and updates on this matter from the GSA.

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Major Accomplishments of the UC Merced GSA since its establishment in 2005 till mid-2009

1. First GSA by-laws and constitution drafted, approved and amended.

2. First Graduate Student Conference Grant set-up with monetary contribution from all graduate students, from Chancellor Steve Kang and Vice-Chancellor Samuel J. Traina (reimbursement for conference travel expenses up to $400/student/semester)

3. First UC Merced GSA website, email and connection to UC Merced websites such as Office of Student Life and Graduate Division after successful requests.

4. Successful negotiation for operation of campus shuttles during periods without undergraduate classes. (In spite of all graduate students paying transportation fees just like the undergraduates every semester, the shuttles would initially not operate during winter, summer and spring break holidays, disregarding the needs of graduate students who have to work on campus throughout the year.)

5. Majority voting in favor of not raising certain mandatory student fees such as the transportation fee without proper consideration of graduate student concerns over these issues.

6. Establishment and recognition as a formal Association, instead of just a club, en par with the ASUCM, after several months of negotiations and behind-the scene dialogues to correct misconceptions regarding our scopes and mandates.

7. Co-sponsor of several events such as the first National Association of Chicano and Chicana Studies (NACCS) Northern California Regional conference at UC Merced, UC Merced Research Week, Community Pool graduate student party, official graduate student meetings and get-togethers and others.

8. Gradual increase of graduate student interests in GSA affairs and elections, as reflected by 40% voter participation in the 2008 elections.

9. Successful negotiations for campus wide representation of graduate students and placement of at least one graduate student representative in all University wide committees by mid-2009, through a formal democratic process of calls for nominations and selection based on qualifications and negotiating strengths.

10. An efficient system of communication between graduate students and the administration through the different graduate students nominated and selected to represent us on the above committees.

11. Successful negotiations to include a graduate student in both UC Merced Senate committees, after several rounds of communications and one meeting with the Senate in 2009. This privilege was denied earlier, with the placement of just one undergraduate student in the Senate committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation and the prohibition of grad student participation in 2008.

12. Active representation in University of California Student Association (UCSA) till mid-2009, after which UC Merced grad students voted to separate from it, owing to perceptions of disregard for graduate student needs and concerns compared to those of the undergrads during UCSA meetings.

13. Monthly meetings with the Chancellor and the Dean of the Graduate Division.

14. Establishment of graduate students' community prominence, in spite of smaller numbers compared to the undergraduate population.

*Please click on the link for the **'Past Communications and Outcomes'** page at the top to learn more about the accomplishments of the UC Merced GSA Councils before September 2009.*

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For updates from the new GSA officers, please follow the links below:

http://sites.google.com/site/ucmgsa/ and
http://nerdsinmerced.wikidot.com/

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