

Graduate Organization of Physics Students

1 Constitution

All UC Davis Physics graduate students are automatically Grad OPS members whose interests are the interests of Grad OPS.

Grad OPS Members have:

- The right to propose amendments to the Grad OPS constitution.
- the right to run for council office.
- the right to vote in council elections.
- the right to propose a review for removal of council members in meetings (requiring a 2/3 council vote or a majority petition of members).
- the right to propose agenda items to be addressed during meetings.

The Grad OPS Council:

- will be formed of elected representatives who have specific and defined responsibilities.
- will serve terms of one year.
- is responsible for the transparency and coordination of all Grad OPS affairs.

Elections

- Elections shall be held annually in the Spring quarter.
- Elections shall be runoff style, where Grad OPS members will list their preferences and candidates must be elected by a majority vote.

- If a seat is not filled then it can be filled by appointment of a willing nominee by majority vote of the Grad OPS council or by petition by Grad OPS members.
- One person can only hold one officer position at a time.
- The period for application for candidacy will start no later than two weeks prior to the election.
- The council will meet at least once per month. Any Grad OPS member is allowed to attend and observe council meetings.

Amendments

- Amendments must be proposed at least two weeks prior to their ratification vote.
- Amendments must be passed by 2/3 council vote with approval of 2/3 of OPS members present at the meeting.
- Creation and annihilation of council seats requires a constitutional amendment.

2 Policy and Procedures

Expenditures of more than \$75 or any recurring costs must be approved by the Grad OPS council.

There shall be one meeting at the end of the winter quarter where constitution is re-ratified each year.

Meeting Agendas

- Meeting include the opportunity for members to propose motions.
- Each meeting shall include a review of account and budget will occur every meeting.
- In each meeting, the next meeting shall be scheduled.

3 Council Positions

3.1 ArXivist

This individual is responsible for maintaining and making available, resources associated with information that should be available to all graduate students. This shall include but is not limited to an up to date website, a course book archive, the preliminary exam website, and a means for the graduate student body to provide suggestions to OPS. They are responsible for reserving rooms and creating agendas for meetings, and leading meeting discussions. They are responsible for taking minutes at meetings and for disseminating meeting minutes to the graduate student body.

3.2 Community Representative

Responsible for organizing social events, community programs, and social meetings. Responsible for coordinating between physics social groups. Up to two Community representatives can be elected at one time. The community representative is on the community committee.

3.3 Commissioner

Sits on the curriculum commission and is responsible for coordinating student supported change in the curriculum, and promoting this change to the administration.

Sits on the colloquium commission where they design and implement an effective colloquium program with broad interests, especially for graduate students. Recommend to the Chair resources needed for such programs.

Responsible for being an interface with the Physics faculty and administration and for informing the organization of of the viewpoints of the faculty. Responsible for negotiations with faculty.

This individual is responsible for being on the graduate recruitment committee and therefore must have advanced to candidacy.

3.4 Diversity Representative

Responsible for representing the views of traditionally disenfranchised, underrepresented, or minority groups among the voting council. Responsible for organizing diversity outreach programs and events. The Diversity Representative will be required to attend at least one DIP meeting per month.

3.5 External Affairs Officer

Responsible for coordinating affairs outside the physics department. This individual would be the OPS' connection to UAW. They could keep us updated on union activities and help graduate students get involved with the union.

3.6 Graduate Liaison

Responsible for taking in input from the graduate student body and for informing the graduate students of happenings within the department and issues that pertain to them. This officer would be in charge of maintaining a Physics Graduate peer mentorship program.

3.7 Treasurer

In charge of signing off on all expenditures and managing the budget. Responsible for negotiating budget concerns between all council members.

The Treasurer may hold an additional council position, excluding Arxivist