

**Graduate Professional Student Committee**

**January 7th 2019- Minutes of the Meeting**

**Time: 1:00 pm**

**Start Time: 1:10 pm**

**Location: SGA conference room**

**Invitation sent to:** Mitra (GPSC Chair), Nada (GPSC Vice Chair), Leila (GPSC GSAW Coordinator), Constance (GPSC Event Coordinator), Dianelis (GPSC PR Coordinator), Jam (GPSC Finance Committee Liaison), Michelle (Supervisor), Silvana (A&S), Teresa (A & S), Sean (GAB), Angel (Cabinet), Irene (UGS)

***Attendees: Mitra, Nada, Angel, Sean, Jam, Constance, Leila, Dianelis, Michelle***

For this meeting we will be addressing the following points:

- I. **Approval of last MoM**
  - **Approved unanimously by GPSC committee**
- II. **Changes in the Statutes**
  - A. **General changes**
    - **Mitra shares again her proposed changes to the statutes that were emailed and submitted for feedback from the committee, and with no additional proposed edits were then added to the changes that will be voted on at senate.**
    - **The changes are projected to be voted on this coming senate.**
    - **Angel had a question about “senate two meeting prior to the validation of the final ballot”**
    - **Mitra clarifies that that this change is in regard to something Rules and Leg. added in order to make the election process more clear.**
  - B. **Changes related to GPSC**
    - **The changes Mitra proposed were mostly gramatical, adding to the GPSC section so it reflected how things are run at the current moment within the committee, and adding the accomodation to the statutes.**
- III. **GPSC Travel Fund**
  - A. **Tutorial Video**
    - **Brandie finished the video and Mitra sent it out in an email to the rest of the committee members, Sean, and Angel for review.**
    - **Angel gave feedback to the category denominated “research” the discussion took place in order to try and better define/ clarify what travel for research means. This was explained by Mitra and Nada as being a travel benefit to the research on**

the dissertation, and Mitra will confirm with Brandie about making an edit to clarify.

- The video is mandatory for the students filling out the travel fund application to watch, and GPSC is working with David to add this to the form. Mitra proposed to invite David to the next meeting, the committee agreed.

**B. Updated SOP**

- The travel fund has been officially increased since January 1st this year.
- In the summer GPSC plans to move forward with adding the allocation for accomodation at the committee's discretion.

**C. Updated PPT**

- There is a required powerpoint on the GPSC page that students must watch before completing the form to request travel fund.
- Mitra proposes deleting that powerpoint and replacing it with the new video.
- The committee agrees. Mitra will submit a request to Michelle to be forwarded to JP to update the website
- Angel asked about the students who had not submitted their documentation to claim the money they requested from the travel fund. Since Teresa is on leave for now, we can check with her, however the response to reminding the students seemed positive for now.

**IV. Updates on GSAW2019**

**A. Meeting with the SGA of Florida State Universities**

- Mitra will be traveling with Sabrina to Tallahassee this weekend to meet with other SGA presidents and get information on their GPSC style committees

**B. Reminder email for call for abstracts**

- Mitra proposes to send Irene a message so Irene can send a reminder that abstracts are due soon

**C. Flyer**

- JP has not sent an update as of yet so we will continue to use Mitra's flyer for the time being.

**V. GPSC Report**

- Mitra put together a report that can serve as a template for future GPSC members
- A lot of information can be accessed including the gender base, the
- Deadline for comments on the Report is January 15th
- Michelle mentions that with the names and panther ID of students we can request a report with different data points from the division.

**VI. Possible changes in the committee**

- Mitra mentions that she is considering running for the position of Speaker Protemp, and that would mean that GPSC would need a new Chair, however this is only theoretical if she runs and gets the position. This is to consider just in case the situation arises of need for a new Chair.
- VII. **Possible changes in the senate**
  - The senate will be voting on the new speaker, new speaker protemp, and comptroller.
- VIII. **GPSC Instagram**
  - Constance suggests different important points she wants to promote
    - Tips to apply
    - Announce SGA meetings
    - Announce dates of meetings
    - Follow other FIU graduate accounts, SGA, the FIU President Instagram and FIU instagram
    - Asking Melania to shout out the GPSC social media
    - Mitra will connect Constance with Melania for this
    - The committee votes that this is a good initiative
  - Nada proposes that we use the GPSC social media have some kind of posting schedule, having occasional and intentional posts, promoting events from other graduate organizations.
  - The committee agrees.
  - Nada is waiting for a response from Twitter since the GPSC account was suspended with no explanation
  - The committee will request a new circular logo from JP.
- IX. **Upcoming Gradskellar**
  - A. **CASE**
    - Nada will be heading this event.
    - This event is projected for some time in March.
  - B. **SIPA**
    - Leila will be heading this event.
    - This event is projected for some time in February.
- X. **GPSC meetings in Spring**
  - The time frame that works best for the whole committee is between 11am-2pm.
  - The committee proposes 1-2pm for meetings and will await Constance's confirmation.
- XI. **Supervisor update**
  - Michelle had to leave the meeting but did not mention updates.
- XII. **Grad Secretary update**
  - Angel will be going into his meeting with a preliminary questionnaire draft where he will choose the questions and wait for the feedback from them.

**XIII. GAB update**

- Sean asks for feedback about the 3MT competitions at the school to select candidates for GSAW, but there are a lot of departments and programs that have not been notified.
- Sean gives a reminder that there is a GAB meeting this coming Thursday at 2pm
- The concerns of the graduate students participating in GSAW is that printing the posters is expensive
  - Angel proposes collaborating with Ricoh's, and Sean proposes to collaborate with the departments to print the posters with them, Mitra proposes to contact UGS to see if they will cover that cost of printing and make collaborating departments possible GSAW sponsors.
- Mitra asks Sean to follow up concerning the GSAW survey for symposium.

**XIV. General Updates**

- Senate attendance updates
  - Constance can make the senate meetings this semester
  - Nada needs to leave early some Mondays because of class
  - Jam has class and will have to leave early
- Mitra and Sean attended a meeting with the wellness committee who conducted an interesting survey about mental health on graduate students in their department. Mitra wants to propose to do this at a university level, logistics would need to be discussed.

**Meeting End Time: 2:15 pm**

**Next Meeting: 1/21 @ 1pm (tentative time) in the SGA conference room**