

Graduate Professional Student Committee
February 11th 2019- Minutes of Meeting
Time: 12:30 pm - 1:55 pm
Location: SGA Conference Room

Attendees: Leila (Chair), Constance (Event Coordinator, Law senator), Jam (Finance committee Liaison), Mitra (GSAW coordinator), Teresa (A & S), Sean (GAB), Angel (Grad Secretary), Irene (UGS), [REDACTED] (guest speaker: name anonymized to protect confidentiality as the GPSC MoMs are publicly available)

- I. Approval of the last MoM
Approved unanimously
- II. Negotiations about the Stipend
 - Guest speaker: TAs at the economic department get together and prepared a letter in support of the GPSC negotiations with the UGS and Deans for an increase in the stipend amount
 - Guest speaker will share the copy of the letter with us; GPSC and GAB will draft a cover letter and share it with Deans of Grad School and SIPA
- III. Open position with the GPSC
 - Angel is currently the only applicant; if that remains the case by 12PM today, he can present at the senate and run for the open position unopposed;
- IV. GPSC Travel Fund
 - Teresa: we still have around \$ 5,400 allocated without post-docs
 - GPSC will prepare an email regarding post-travel docs (emphasize that post-travel docs should be sent to both GPSC and travel Liaisons in the departments); UGS will share the email with all grads;
 - Since the travel tutorial video has been uploaded to the application form, the committee voted (Yes:4) that A & S office can start rejecting incomplete applications; students with rejected travel fund applications can submit an appeal to GPSC; This should be communicated in an email to grad students: UGS will share the email with all grads;
 - Teresa: sometimes students wait until approval of their travel fund request to purchase ticket and by that time the ticket is more expensive than what it was at the time of application submission; the committee discussed the issue and voted (Yes:3; No:1) that the additional cost could not be cover and students should plan based on the submitted request;
 - Constance: 4 law students who are travelling to Jamaica to compete in a competition will submit travel fund request; further information will be shared later;
- V. Updates on GSAW2019
 - A. Scholarly forum
 - Drafted agenda approved unanimously;
 - Irene: it is better to annotate Group A,B, C, D, and E to clarify that these letters refer to schools; Mitra will revise the agenda to incorporate it;

- Irene: Drafted email to notify winners has a typo (Held not Help); Mitra will fix the typo before sending out the email;
- B. GSAW presentation workshop
 - Date, location, RSVP link, and preliminary plan approved unanimously; Following UGS feedback;
- C. Awards
 - Angel suggested one winner per session/group: approved unanimously;
- D. Giveaways
 - Same gray T-shirts
- E. GSAW Social
 - Sean: MANGO is too expensive; maybe SASC would be a better option
 - Sean: Theme of the event: being grad is sweet!

Meeting Adjourned 1:55 PM

Next Meeting: February 18th at 12:30 PM