

Graduate Professional Student Committee

October 8th 2018- Agenda

Time: 1:00 pm

Start Time: 1:05 pm

Location: SGA conference room

Invitation sent to: Mitra, Nada, Leila, Constance, Dianelis, Teresa, Michelle, Sean
Attendees: Mitra, Nada, Leila, Sean, Michelle, Constance

For this meeting we will be addressing the following points:

I. Approval of last MoM

- Approved

II. Guest: Sean O'Melia from GAB

- GAB GSAW meeting this Thursday at 2pm
- Making sure budget is approved and that we are all on the same page
- Meet people for stipend discussion
- Will create form to ask for feedback about stipends

III. Meeting with the GPSC applicants

A. Jam Aleem Nawaz Khan confirmed

- Angel Algarin- also present
- Engineering Master's student and Public Health PhD student respectively
- Asked about why they applied for Graduate Senator/ GPSC
- What are their goals

IV. Discussion about GPSC open position

- Open position has three interested candidates
- Others dropped out or have not responded
- Discussion at Senate/ voting

----- Other Business (Due to time restraints these will be addressed if we have time)-----

V. Briefing on the meeting with the UGS

A. Travel fund - considering accommodation: discussion with the UGS

- Tabled for next meeting

B. Proposal: funding for research

- Mitra is preparing a proposal

C. Proposal: research fair

- Mitra is working with Chaz

- To work with Start Up FIU and Career Center
- Research investment
- [McNair undergraduate Fair collaboration proposed by Angel] Will not work/ different purpose

D. Stipend discussion and feedback

- Mitra and Nada have received various email complaints
- Stipends are not the same
- Must be set by the Deans
- Writing letters for October Dean meeting

VI. Updates on Travel Fund video

A. Diego (\$750 - 3 weeks)

- Said that we did not book. Once we get a booking will be 3 weeks
- Going an alternative route
- Following up with Irene and meeting with Michelle about alternative

VII. Law Liaison for Competition Team

A. Discussion about Special Cases and SOP

- Tabled for next meeting

B. Finalize amount

- ASBO is okay with \$400 per student
- Will have more feedback

VIII. Gradskellar

A. Overview of the Gradskellar at Law School

- Was successful
- Need to account for better layout of sign in table
- Need to account for at least 200 people in the future
- Probably only having a Gradskellar bi-monthly unless we can budget better
- Giving name stickers and GPSC having name badges for better identification

B. Upcoming Gradskellar at Stemple (150 serving - 1 hour: final confirmation)

- Tablecloth
- Looking at having a GPSC banner for more presence

IX. Discussion about our new Social Media

A. Responsibilities

- Tabled for next meeting/ group chat

B. Creation

- Nada will follow up with CSO on what the guidelines are when using FIU in the handle
- Nada will meet with Teresa to create it

X. GPSC name tags

- Will order soon with Teresa once new seat is filled.

XI. Discuss other Meeting Times (October, November, Etc.)

- Tabled

XII. Advisor Updates

- None

❖ Notes:

- Some concerns of graduate students as discussed with candidates during interviews:
 - Up to date post-doc opportunities and communication of them
 - International Student concerns
 - Wellness and Recreation
 - Barriers present when attempting to fill out applications, feedback form, or get information
 - Research funding
 - Lack of surveillance to know the problems/needs of students
 - Interactions with Faculty.

Next meeting: October 22nd @ 11:30 am

Meeting adjourned: 2:15pm