

**Graduate Professional Student Committee**

**November 5th 2018- Agenda**

**Time: 11:00 am**

**Start Time: 11:05 am**

**Location: SGA conference room**

**Invitation sent to:** Mitra, Nada, Leila, Constance, Dianelis, Jam, Teresa, Michelle, Sean  
***Attendees: Mitra, Nada, Leila, Jam ( was sick and could not attend) , Michelle, Constance, Dianelis, Peter (Will probably come to other meetings)***

For this meeting we will be addressing the following points:

- I. **Approval of last MoM**
  - **Approved**
- II. **GPSC Budget Increase Points for the SGA Executive Board**
  - A. Mitra will be asking for an increase from SGA for the following reasons:
    1. The GSAW awards have has to have been decreased because of lack of budget.
    2. The SOP has been updated for January with an increase and the new lodging allocation will be a lot more money being provided by GPSC.
    3. The Gradskellars are monthly events and an important aspect of outreach to our students
    4. UGS has suggested they can review their budget in order to match any research money that GPSC can provide, if we receive an increase in out funds
  - B. Cabinet Graduate Position Interviews/Graduate Secretary Proposal
    - Peter briefs GPSC on what the process is going to look like for this position confirmation.
    - At the senate meeting on 11/19 the candidate(s) will have a chance to speak and then be confirmed. GPSC will be meeting with the candidate(s) at the GPSC meeting before senate in order to conduct an interview
    - Sabrina will be opening the application and will include this position in her executive order
    - Mitra has made a suggestion of Angel Algerin
  - C. Impeachment of Comptroller
    - Mitra's update: Carolina resigned at the Friday leadership meeting
- III. **Meeting with Graduate School Deans**
  - A. Letters: Stipend discussion and feedback
    - The Dean at EC believed that the stipends are \$27.5k when they are not.

- Mitra has e-mailed to have a follow up meeting, and also tried to confirm meetings with other Deans. This is currently pending since we haven't received any replies.
- Three proposals from UGS:
  - UGS has said that there are some possible reallocations of budget that they can work with when considering how to help increase the stipends. For instance, UGS proposed that they will take the money they have left over from the Dissertation Year Fellowships (DYF) and Doctoral Evidence Acquisition Fellowship (DEA) students that did not meet the requirements for this scholarship/grant allocation towards stipends, or reduce # of awarded DYFs and DEAs to cover the increase in stipend amount.
  - There will be a raise in the amount of stipends, and they can consider looking into reducing the amount of fees the graduate students will need to pay if they have one.
  - Stipend amount may increase after PhD students reach candidacy as an incentive to expedite graduation rate
  - Peter says he will talk to Sabrina so that she can bring up the issue of the stipend amounts when she meets to talk to Dr. Bejar

#### **IV. GSAW 2019**

- A. Abstract submission
- B. Awards
  - Mitra proposed to increase the amount to \$500 for the first place, \$400 for the second place, and \$300 for the third place and the committee approved unanimously.
- C. Possible workshop
  - Mitra attended a meeting on how to present and believes it's a good idea for a week before Panther Alumni Week (can be a Gradskellar) for participants in GSAW. We will further discuss with UGS and GAB
  - The presenter's fee is \$600, however she is supposed to be one of the people writing Rosenberg's speeches
  - Limiting # of attendees with RSVP OR big room and two sessions
  - The committee approved and agreed to have it as one of our Gradskellars in Spring before the GSAW
- D. Meeting with UGS 11/7/18 @ 11am
  - GSAW is one of the most important activity for GPSC
  - GSAW will be the first week of April
  - Law and Med do not receive the emails and UGS said it is based on the policy of these two colleges. Irene will reach out

in order to see how we can have our communication be more efficient

- \$19,000 is what we have for the GSAW Budget
- The abstract judging will be a long process
  - We will need both judges and reviewers
  - The form for proposals will open at the end of November
  - Review committee will have 20 days- 1 month to review
  - The Submission form from last year may need some edits
  - November 30th and January 18th @ 5pm are the proposed times for abstract submissions
  - The colleges will host equal competitions
  - Mitra will be in communication and UGS will send a follow up email to the deans of the different schools on the 3MT competitions and nominating winners for GSAW
  - SASC multipurpose room and GC243 for events
- The statewide competition will be held at FIU this year
  - This will take place on the last week of April
  - Accommodations for students coming could be a challenge, but UGS wants to work closely with GPSC and GAB for this

## V. **Gradskellar**

### A. Upcoming Gradskellar at EC

1. What else do we need
2. Event logistics and assistance
  - The committee discussed and was considering November 30th for this event
  - Jam and the undergraduate senators for engineering will take the lead
  - GPSC will submit an appropriation for it
  - Mitra emailed the Engineering Council to request for \$ 800-1000 for the Gradskellar at EC

### B. Future Gradskellars

1. Education, Computer Science, Medical
  - Tabled
  - Tentative Education Gradskellar in January?

## VI. **Discussion about our new Social Media**

### A. @GPSCFIU (Finalized)

### B. Responsibilities

- Constance, Dianelis, Nada
- Nada to send the info about the GPSC Instagram in the GroupMe for GPSC members

- More discussion for next meeting
- VII. Updates on Travel Fund video**
- A. Communication with Brandie
    - Brandie has spoken with Mitra saying she will have a response after Nov. 12
- VIII. Committee Updates**
- A. Mitra, Nada, Leila, Jam, Constance, Danelis
    - Nada: Sean will be attending the GPSC meetings when he can
    - Constance: expressed current concerns at the Law School. She has a question about about GSAW/UGS and adding Law to the UGS list serv which is being looked over by Irene.
- IX. Advisor & ASBO Updates**
- A. Michelle
  - B. Teresa (Not here)
    - Michelle had no update
- X. GAB Meeting Updates**
- A. What was discussed
    - Sean says that there has been a lack of communication between GPSC and GAB in the past, which will hopefully be remedied by a representative of each attending the other's meetings. The GAB members are also concerned about the stipends and have spoken to the members of their respective colleges to send more feedback to GPSC
  - B. Who will attend from now on
    - Nada will be attending all the GAB meetings for now on

**Next meeting: November 19th @11am**

**Meeting adjourned: 12:35pm**