

Graduate Professional Student Committee

March 9, 2020 - Agenda

Time: 12:45 pm

Location: SGA Conference Room

Invitation sent to:

| Name | Email | Attendance |
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| Maryam Rafieifar | mrafi007@fiu.edu / gpscchair@fiu.edu | Present |
| Angel Algarin | aalga016@fiu.edu | Present |
| Shahnawaz Rafi | srafi004@fiu.edu | Present by phone |
| Michaela Mills | mmill185@med.fiu.edu | Present |
| Marko Nikitovic | sbasga@fiu.edu | Absent |
| Angelica Moncada | amonc002@fiu.edu | Present |
| Teresa Amador | tamador@fiu.edu | Absent |
| Michelle Castro | mimcast@fiu.edu | Absent |
| SGA Internal Affairs | SGAinternal@fiu.edu | Absent |
| SGA Speaker | sgaspeaker@fiu.edu | Present |
| Christian Perez | cmiperez@fiu.edu | Absent |

For this meeting we addressed the following points:

1. Town Hall / Pre-GSAW postponed
 - a. Cancelled Panera order by Teresa:
 - i. Teresa got a phone call from Panera headquarters and they will cancel the order (Olga Paez) and she will take care of the cancelation. If you have any questions or do you want to leave the order pending for a future day, you can call her at 954-854-4427 her name is Olga Paez.
 - b. Possible new date
 - c. Room reservation
 - i. MARC Pavilion:
 1. The cost is \$600 plus a separate charge for Facilities Management Dept. for the set up of chairs and tables
 2. Angelica emailed Vanessa Rey Perillo (305) 348-3758 / vreyperi@fiu.edu (CC'd Maryam) asking for costs
 - d. IT support - Teresa will cancel
 - e. Box, papers, pens for questions - Maryam got index cards and pens, we do not need a box
 - f. Let GAB volunteers know (4 of them confirmed) - Maryam told them it was postponed
 - g. Specific tasks for each member before/during the event (to be decided at a later time):
 - i. Rafi:
 - ii. Maryam:
 - iii. Angel: drinks from publix
 - iv. Angelica:
 - v. Marko:
 - vi. Michaela: NO longer part of GPSC after the 23rd
2. Funding applications appeals

a. Application #5493 Natalie Armenteros

Is requesting funding for the second time in a fiscal year. She prefers to use the GPSC funding now. This is probably the only time she needs funding twice in one year. It just so happened she has to present at two conferences this year, but it's not usually the case.

She finished her master's degree in January 2020 (Master program which does not follow UGS-protocol, it is done in house) and now in Spring semester she continues doing her PHD in the Psychology Department.

Vote

| Name | Email | Vote |
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| Maryam Rafieifar | mrafi007@fiu.edu / gpscchair@fiu.edu | N |
| Angel Algarin | aalga016@fiu.edu | N |
| Shahnawaz Rafi | srafi004@fiu.edu | N |
| Michaela Mills | mmill185@med.fiu.edu | N |
| Marko Nikitovic | sbasga@fiu.edu | N |
| Angelica Moncada | amonc002@fiu.edu | N |

Appeal rejected

Reject appeal reason:

Because SOP does not allow a student to apply twice in a year except in their last year of her program. A Masters-in-route does not count as “finishing a program” it is part of the original PhD program. The only reason for applying twice in a year only applies for the last year of PhD is to have the opportunity to look for jobs and/or network.

- b. Application # 5603 Justina S. Owusu (TRAVEL/CONFERENCE WAS CANCELED)
I submitted a delayed funding request on Feb 16, 2020 with for travel on March 15, 2020 and return on March 20, 2020. I am graduating from my program on April 26, 2020. This will be the last time I am attending any conference or research practicum as an FIU student and it will be a great place for me to represent FIU and network for career opportunities.
 - c. Teresa's email: "Applications #5490, 5505, 5568, 5542, 5570, 5609 are late applications for the same reason, late for one or two days. Should all appeal? Please let me know."
 - i. We will not tell these past applicants to appeal, however,
 - ii. Teresa: From now on, please include a message at the end of all the rejection email that lets them know that they have the right to appeal by sending an email to gpscchair@fiu.edu stating that they want to appeal including the details of the application. Once the email is revised, the GPSC will assign them a date when they can come in person or call-in to explain the reason of the appeal.
3. Teaching Assistant Orientation in August: fund the students' lunch and present GPSC?
(Ileana's email to Angel)
- We will fund it
4. GSAW
- a. Rafi needs to reserve the room for next year
 - b. Status on:
 - i. Tablets for judges?
 - 1. 2 or 3 tablets from SGA (Rafi tomorrow)
 - 2. Will contact library and other sources (Rafi tomorrow)
 - ii. How to stick the posters to the partitions (buy pins?) (Rafi tomorrow)
 - iii. Name tags - ordered by Angel, Michaela is designing them
 - 1. Rafi will go to RICO to see how to print these

- iv. How many volunteers are needed for each session?
 - 1. incentives are umbrella, bag, stickers
 - v. Division of tasks
 - 1. Rafi:
 - 2. Maryam:
 - 3. Angel: drinks from publix
 - 4. Angelica:
 - 5. Marko:
 - 6. Michaela: will not be there, her replacement will be starting her role
5. Angelica to reach out to the Faculty Senate to promote GPSC travel funding
- a. Next faculty senate is on March 24, 2020
 - b. Sent email to fsenate@fiu.edu (CC'd Maryam) on 3/5/2020
 - c. Angelica will call them

Other business:

- 1. Rafi asked Speaker Navia if SGA can provide funds for sound system for future meetings
- 2. The Medical representative will speak at the senate about the funding

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM