

Graduate Professional Student Committee

October 7th 2019- Agenda

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: SGA Conference Room

Invitation sent to:

Name	Email	Attendance
Maryam Rafieifar	mrafi007@fiu.edu	Present
Angel Algarin	aalga016@fiu.edu	Present
Shahnawaz Rafi	srafi004@fiu.edu	Present
Michaela Mills	mmill185@med.fiu.edu	Present
Marko Nikitovic	sbasga@fiu.edu	Present
Teresa Amador	tamador@fiu.edu	Present
Michelle Castro	mimcast@fiu.edu	Present
SGA Internal Affairs	SGAinternal@fiu.edu	Absent
SGA Speaker	sgaspeaker@fiu.edu	Absent
Galina Bogatova	gboga002@fiu.edu	Present
Huston Ochoa	huston8a@icloud.com	Absent

For this meeting we addressed the following points:

1. Gradskellar

- a. Date: Thursday, November 14, 5 PM - ~ 8 PM
- b. Location: at SGA office
- c. Marko's idea: informal, create a flashcard with all the resources (brochure) available for grad students
- d. Include culture shock for undergrads miami (cheap tickets for students)
- e. Marketing: email, IG, flyers, UGS, each of our schools
 - i. Michaela: email through medical student council
 - ii. We need 3 weeks for them to design and print flyers/brochure.
- f. Refreshments:
 - i. \$800 for food. Whatever is left will be used for the brochures. Brochures may cost around \$200
 - ii. We will all bring different types of food to feed 150 students. Gala wants to bring in veggie platter from Publix, Rafi wants to bring in Halal food.
 - iii. We will get a quote from the restaurants/groceries. Send it to Angel for the purchase request. An RSVP list is needed for the purchase request.
- g. **Everyone:** Look for discounts, services to students by departments, stuff to add to the brochure, what to give away, counseling services, food pantry.
 - i. Google doc will be created to add all of the resources by everyone to add to the brochure
- h. Have a space for chatting with attendants of what their main needs are
- i. Giveaways
 - i. FIU T-shirts. Make around 150. It needs to be designed by
 - ii. Stickers
 - iii. Think about other small things we can give away

Angelica: create two google docs. Ideas on giveaways and ideas on what to include in the brochure

Unfinished Business:

1. GSAW
 - a. Brainstorm about attracting undergrads and grads to the event
 - b. Date for social event:

2. Discuss if we want to change GPSC to include more graduate students
 - a. Did ideas arise in the previous meeting?

3. STEM classification- Shahnawaz (could you explain this?)

4. Discuss Galina's questions:
 - a. IRB website update:

The system they use for the protocols only works with certain internet servers and only older versions of those servers <http://research.fiu.edu/irb/topaz/>.

 - i. Do you think we can collectively address this issue and sign up a petition to our Review Board to change this situation?

 - b. Allocation of Funding for PIR weekly meetings:

Gala would like to support PIRGSO and use the available piece of the budget allocated to me as a Senator (\$150?) to contribute to these meetings (for example, to make snacks and drinks available for the participants).

Could you please, share with me your experience of the budget distribution? How can I extract those funds through GPSC if this is possible at all?

 - c. GAB memo for advisers' code of conduct

Grad student issues: most of the graduate students are not sure and secure as to what they can and should expect from their advisors. Students are sometimes not able to rely on healthy judgments about the quality, speed, and sufficiency of their work. Relations with advisors are not regulated and are not prescribed in any legitimate document available for grad students (as to my knowledge so far). These conditions cause a lot of mental health issues, anxiety and other problems that drag our grads from advancing to their best possible results. I recall the

members of GAB has also been considering the possibility to create a memo that would prescribe at least certain expectations that a graduate adviser is assumed to satisfy when working with a PhD student. Can we develop this topic and join the efforts of GAB to improve the situation? (Angelica seconds!)

d. Methodology laboratories and interdisciplinary exchange

Do you think there is a way to address the exchange of courses, facilities, and other resources among the schools and departments of FIU? More than anything, I would like to collect information as to any interdisciplinary initiatives existing for the students who are stuck with their methodological toolkit because they lack resources within their own department to study the topic of their dissertation properly.

5. Did anyone attend the SGA Retreat?

Items to be addressed next meeting:

1. Discuss what to do about the applications that would get rejected by Teresa.

Next Meeting: October 14, 2019