

Graduate Professional Student Committee

October 14th 2019- Agenda

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: SGA Conference Room

Invitation sent to:

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For this meeting we will address the following points:

1. Advance details for gradSkeller

- a. Marko attended CAPS - needs to go to their admin office to
- b. Culture shock not cooperating
- c. Added another company that gives away - Movie tickets
- d. Publix: get plates, utensils, etc
- e. Galina added her estimate on the google doc
- f. Discuss ideas from google docs
 - i. Brochures: Marko will finalize the format and send it for comments

2. 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. Website will be modified (Dr. Kos told Maryam)

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?

- I. Angel: Funds can be used by Galina as long as it is not an organization.
Create a budget and present it to senate for approval

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?

- I. Make the guidelines for advisors made by GAB a resolution to be passed by the senate.
- II. Angel: Draft up a resolution on this with GAB. Idea: yearly evaluation for students can be a good opportunity for it.
- III. Galina: has a draft made by GAB. Share the document with GPSC

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.

- I. Galina: create a table that includes courses, contact info, location, outcomes, applicability. Circulate the table around school.

3. Dr. Gil's responses to Angel's email on research funding.

a. Creating a registry of faculty with their name:

- i. **Response: This is doable. The Research Office routinely engage faculty to review grant applications, so we can use that process. However, the simplest approach may be to use the same reviewers we use for DYFs, etc.**

b. How to split the award among the colleges? 1. At least one per college, 2. Not by college, by quality, 3. Qualitative/ Quantitative, 4. By research method

- i. **Response: I don't think there are wrong answers here. I may prefer by quality or college better than Qualitative/Quantitative or by Research Method.**

4. ORC audit

a. 9,700 not in a line item

- i. Added \$1,000 to GSAW
- ii. \$500 to each GradSkeller
- iii. Split 6,700 between fall and spring travel budget
- iv. Joint Event for partnering with GAB

Vote to keep budget the way it is:

Name	Vote
Maryam Rafieifar	Y
Angel Algarin	Y
Shahnawaz Rafi	Y
Michaela Mills	Abstain - absent
Marko Nikitovic	Y
Angelica Moncada	Y

5. Unfinished Business

a. GAB - Maryam's attendance

i. issues raised by UGS:

- 1. Mental health issues for graduate students in the form of workshops, programs, etc. (Business School has a meditation program initiated and run by students)
- 2. Maternity leave for GA and RA students
- 3. Ways to better communicate with graduate students
- 4. GSAW (An idea of GSAW pre-party was raised by the students to better market for GSAW and was welcomed by UGS. They asked whether we can have a social event a week prior to GSAW to publicize the GSAW)

6. GSAW
 - a. Date of the event:
 - b. Brainstorm about attracting undergrads and grads to the event
7. Discuss if we want to change GPSC to include more graduate students
8. Open discussion

Next Meeting: October 21, 2019