

Graduate Professional Student Committee

October 21st 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	Absent
Michaela Mills	mmill185@med.fiu.edu	Present
Marko Nikitovic	sbasga@fiu.edu	Present
Angelica Moncada	amonc002@fiu.edu	Present
Teresa Amador	tamador@fiu.edu	Present
Michelle Castro	mimcast@fiu.edu	Absent
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
Christian Perez	cmiperez@fiu.edu	Absent

For this meeting we will address the following points:

1. GradSkeller

- a. Marko gave publications the brochure. \$30 for 50 brochures
- b. Get CAPS confirmed
- c. Schedule massage chairs
- d. Gradskeller needs to get published on Panther Connect
- e. Food:
 - i. Formal purchase order from Shahnawaz is needed by Angel
 - ii. Final food options:
 - 1. Shahnawaz: 1 large tray and a small one of halal chicken biryani
 - 2. Publix: 2 tray of veggie platter, 2 trays of fruit, 3 sandwich platters, Pepsi, water, cutlery,
 - 3. Costco: napkins, plates, cups
 - iii. Giveaways:
 - 1. Reusable bags, phone wallet, stickers
 - 2. Teresa will get back to us on the company for the reusable bags

2. Special request for appeal from medical students:

- a. Appeal: increasing the funding approved for travel to the AAP National Conference there has been an exponential increase in the prices since the time of submission
- b. New Orleans conference
- c. Each of them needs a different amount to be allocated
- d. Angelica will email them with the decision. CC Teresa, Michaela, Michelle
- e. Motion to allocate \$300 to increase the funding necessary for their new flight prices:

Name	Email	Vote
Maryam Rafieifar	mrafi007@fiu.edu	Y
Angel Algarin	aalga016@fiu.edu	Y
Shahnawaz Rafi	srafi004@fiu.edu	Absent

Michaela Mills	mmill185@med.fiu.edu	Abstain
Marko Nikitovic	sbasga@fiu.edu	Y
Angelica Moncada	amonc002@fiu.edu	Y

Motion Passed

Unfinished business:

3. GSAW
 - a. Discuss and decide on dates for the call for abstract submission and the deadlines
 - b. Date of the event: week of March 30, 2020
 - c. Attracting undergrads and grads to the event
4. Office of Admissions event to promote all Master's programs (Maryam's email)
 - a. event on January 30th from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in GC
 - b. Need five to six graduate students that would be interested in being part of a student Q&A panel about their experience as an FIU grad school student
 - c. Two students that would like to be interviewed on their experience as a part of the promotional materials that we will be sending out to students (Quick interview, 4 to 5 questions on your program and academic experience with a photo. Preferably a humanities student and a STEM student to get differing perspectives)
5. Co-sponsoring Angel's proposed bill supporting increased availability of free feminine products
6. GAB - Maryam's attendance
 - a. issues raised by UGS:
 - i. Mental health issues for graduate students in the form of workshops, programs, etc. (Business School has a meditation program initiated and run by students)
 - ii. Maternity leave for GA and RA students
 - iii. Ways to better communicate with graduate students

- iv. 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)
- 7. Feedback for Galina's proposed ideas (email on 10/19)
 - a. draft of the resolution that would legitimize mutual expectations between the graduate adviser and advisee
 - b. suggestions to facilitate methodological training of graduate students who are thinking to pursue interdisciplinary studies
- 8. Discuss if we want to change GPSC to include more graduate students
- 9. Open discussion

Meeting adjourned at 2:01

Next Meeting: October 21, 2019