Graduate Professional Student Committee
October 21st 2019- Agenda
Time: 1:00 pm
Location: SGA Conference Room

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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:

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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