

Graduate Professional Student Committee

November 4th, 2019 - Agenda

Time: 1:04 pm

Location: SGA Conference Room

Invitation sent to:

Name	Email	Attendance
Maryam Rafieifar	mrafi007@fiu.edu	Present
Angel Algarin	aalga016@fiu.edu	Absent
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	Present
SGA Internal Affairs	SGAinternal@fiu.edu	Absent
SGA Speaker	sgaspeaker@fiu.edu	Present at 1:30pm
Galina Bogatova	gboga002@fiu.edu	Absent
Huston Ochoa	huston8a@icloud.com	Absent
Christian Perez	cmiperez@fiu.edu	Present

For this meeting we will address the following points:

1. GradSkeller on Nov 14
 - a. Last details
 - b. Flyers: Marko is still missing their approval
 - c. Responsibilities during the event
 - i. Rafi will pick up the indian food
 - ii. Marko will pick up the Publix food
 - iii. Need to purchase tablecloths. Include this in the PO
 - iv. Check the available giveaways. Check with Michelle
 - v. Marko, Angelica, Christian, and Maryam will be present
 1. Michaela present first hour of event
 - vi. Offer sticky notes so they can give feedback and their interests from GPSC. Use the whiteboards to collect them
 - vii. Senators should walk around talking with students and introducing them to GPSC
 - viii. Teresa will create a flyer with travel details
2. Discuss the travel approval process
 - a. Teresa: please explain the process of reimbursement and students paying for tickets out-of-pocket.
 - b. Email sent by Inez Stokes to Michaela - students should not pay for their travel
 - i. Michelle: not all students have "support" from an office with a university credit card.
 - ii. Differs by department
 - c. Funding for an assistant (possibility)
 - i. Silvana or ask U-wide
 - ii. Teresa said she doesn't think it is necessary
 - d. Discussed a case
 - i. \$387 was approved
3. GSAW
 - a. Poster presentations:
 - i. Date: March 30th
 - ii. Venue: booked - GC ballroom

- iii. Getting judges for posters is UGS' task
 - iv. Maryam will email Dr Kos to request meeting
 - b. Social event to be discussed
 - i. Date:
 - ii. Venue:
 - iii. Refreshments:
 - c. Request meeting with UGS
 - d. Attracting undergrads and grads to the event
- 4. Co-sponsoring Angel's proposed bill supporting increased availability of free feminine products
- 5. Rafi's email about the GAB meeting on October 31st
 - a. Mental health issues and management of stress for graduate school was discussed. Some suggestions was like to organize a General Event on mental health awareness. An exit event type survey may be administered to learn feedback from the event. To reach out to graduate students a decision was considered to talk to the FIU IT to link these events, resources in various FIU related websites. An idea of using the notice board of different computer labs, department were also discussed.
 - b. 3MT competition procedure were also discussed. Not similar but a kind idea called lighting talk was talked about to see if that can be included in next GSAW (just a possibility)
 - c. The update of GSAW preparation of GPSC was asked in the meeting. I shared our idea, then Dr. Kos I believe told me that Angel told her next GSAW is only about poster presentation. They don't have a list of judges at the moment. The post-docs were very cooperative last year working as judge and there were limited faculty presentation. Next GSAW Dr. Kos was skeptical about finding judges.
- 6. Discuss if we want to change GPSC to include more graduate students
- 7. Open discussion

- a. Angelica: Survey Earth and Environment grad students about their experience and what would have helped them feel more productive and/or comfortable

Survey link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc39WsMNV-pDRCsTmgxWtcD3H-hcmg4RxPm7GjXyS7GN6KQzg/viewform?usp=sf_link

- i. Do we have a current way of surveying our constituents' needs?
- ii. How feasible is it and what would be the steps to take for GPSC or SGA to pay for software (e.g.: qualtrics) to create personalized surveys that can be sent to students through email or embedded in social media to understand the needs of our constituents
- iii. Marko: Your voice in action
- iv. Michaela: some of these questions are not applicable to med or law students
- v. Christian: Do you think you have enough resources for your research?
- vi. Michelle: we cannot give A&S money for research
- vii. Use free qualtrics by FIU, share it with Michelle
- viii. Maryam will share the social service opportunity with Michaela

Meeting adjourned at 1:56 PM

Next Meeting: Nov 18, 2019