**Graduate Professional Student Committee**

November 18th, 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 - lessons learned
   - We need to plan better for timing: Food pick-up, setup, advertising, etc.
   - Clear instructions on how food is paid for
   - Assign member responsibilities clearly
   - Hide food items so people are more considerate
   - Make a document for future events with instructions from Teresa
   - We should change the location to target that particular college
   - Positives:
     i. CAPS attendance
     ii. Student interactions
     iii. Input from grad students (see sticky notes)
     iv. Ask someone from UGS to be present (Dr. Kos)
     v. Next GradSkeller should be a Townhall (Marko)

2. GSAW
   - Suggestion to change the format of GSAW so that it can be more inclusive and more “appreciative” for allgrads
     i. Pre-social - ice-cream
     ii. More social events - One large social event (we need to book the venue)
     iii. Movie night
     iv. Comedian
     v. Invite a speaker
   - GAB - suggested to create a “flash talk” for those who are not candidates since the 3MDissertation is limited doctoral candidates.
   - Have very nice giveaways:
     i. GPSC phone pop-socket
     ii. Raffle
     iii. Spin the wheel
     iv. Airpods
   - Request to meet with Dr Kos
     i. did not reply to Maryam
ii. Focused on mental health
   ○ Social event to be done
     i. Date: Can be done on 03-30, 04-01, or 04-02
     ii. Venue: reservations.fiu.edu
     iii. Refreshments:
       ○ Attracting undergrads and grads to the event
         i. How we advertise it
         ii. Advertise all the topics so people are more interested in attending the poster
            1. Once we get all the abstracts, extract the topics

Unfinished business:
3. Changes in the Graduate School policies (Valentina’s question to Angel)

4. Dr. Thiru’s (the chair of the Academic Policies and Personnel Committee (APPC) at FIU) email to Teresa about proposed cell phone policy
   ○ Invitation to attend the meeting of the Committee on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, from 4:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. in GL 835 (MMC) or HL 210 (BBC).
   ○ The committee will start discussing the need for a campus wide policy regarding the use of cell phones for non-academic purposes during class time. The discussion regarding the policy will most likely start around 4:20 p.m.
   ○ Please send a representative of your association to attend the meeting to let us know what graduate students think about such a policy.
   ○ Angelica: to attend meeting

5. Comments on GAB meeting on Nov 14 attended by Maryam

6. Discuss if we want to change GPSC to include more graduate students

7. Offering funding to GAB for an event. Email them?

8. Open discussion
Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm
Next Meeting: Nov 25, 2019