

Graduate Professional Student Committee

November 18th, 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	absent
Michelle Castro	mimcast@fiu.edu	absent
SGA Internal Affairs	SGAinternal@fiu.edu	absent
SGA Speaker	sgaspeaker@fiu.edu	absent
Galina Bogatova	gboga002@fiu.edu	absent
Huston Ochoa	huston8a@icloud.com	absent
Christian Perez	cmiperez@fiu.edu	absent

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 all grads
 - 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