



Student Government Association

Student Government Council – Modesto A. Maidique Campus

GPSC Committee

Meeting Date: January 11th, 2021

Start Time: 2:00 pm

- Welcome and Call to Order
- Roll Call

Chair: Shahnawaz Rafi

Shahnawaz Rafi	present
Christian Perez	present
Sandro Alvarez	present
Kamila Fernandez	present
Nitya Ramalingam	absent

DeMarcus Snipes	present
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- **Open Forum**

- David Riera memorial project reminder to set up a meeting with the speaker and cabinet of SGA.

- **Old Business**

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- **New Business**

1. GSAW

- Rafi raises the issue for kamila to share the abstract submission deadline for GSAW with the law school students so that they are aware of the abstract deadlines.
- Point of contact needs to be initiated with the law school and the medical school.
- A prescreened panel of judges will be selected from the five categories designated as graduate research symposium categories.
- All the abstract author names will be deleted and therefore will reduce the risk for bias.
- From the list of abstract submissions each member of GSAW will come up with a top 10 list based on each of the five categories.

- The reduction of bias will be implemented onto the judging of the research for each person.
- The minimum number of people that will be selected for graduate symposium presentations will be five.
- Dr. Kos will be selecting 15 judges to help with presentations.
- A google drive page will be selected and created for this event.
- It's possible to align the categories for each presentation and for each parallel session.
- Monetary award will be provided to 15 students and allotted according to the final placement following judgement.
- Rafi asks Teresa if it is possible to directly deposit the money to the bank accounts into the accounts of each of the students.
- Rafi will provide a list for each category that Teresa will process to payable.
- We will have to keep a form for the tabulations for students to have the money for people to be included in the list of people.
- Michelle will check if we can do the funding in that manner and try to see if there are any restrictions according to the budget.
- We are eyeing at the moment 3000 dollars given to the award winners.
- GSAW giveaways need to be bought in the coming days according to the timeline given.
- UGS suggested that we could possibly price them out for each person.
- Local vendors must confirm that the supplies must be below ten dollars.
- Goodie bag giveaways will be provided on the second day of GSAW titled: Graduate Appreciation Day.
- Cloud storage proposal Sandro isn't necessarily what many students can access.
- A list of local vendors that would be preferable for us to order the USB drives.
- Teresa is not sure if they require the exception request form approved before the purchase request.
- Sandro needs to create an exemption request first so that they can compare the quotes between different companies.
- Sandro needs access to submit the exception request.
- FIU needs to contact babyface for access to Panther Connect.
- Rafi will contact the students based on the giveaways we have for GPSC.

- The purpose of the community service award titled Above and Beyond award.
- Community Service award and the specific criteria for this award.
- GPSC and GAB will be selecting the award winner for this award.
- There will be a separate link for the above and beyond award.
- The amount must go through student affairs about the exact amount appropriate for the award.
- There will be an exception request form for each of the potential giveaways and awards by GPSC.
- A certificate of involvement will be sent to each abstract submission.

2. Gradskellar

- A potential date for gradskellar will be scheduled in March
- The event can be similar to the alumni series panel completed in the last semester.
- Two notions were discussed: one was to invite Jeannette Nunez lieutenant governor of Florida, and the other notion was to develop something similar to the last Gradskellar.
- The invitation to potential speakers would be better to be sent through UGS.
- The amount of work behind the virtual environment of GSAW makes it difficult to schedule a welcome Gradskellar for Spring.
- The main attraction for GSAW will be based on the gradskellar.
- Two meetings with the UGS dean will provide a stage to promote graduate interest in GSAW.
- A list of GSO's has been created by Rafi to help with outreach.

- Announcements

- The three minute thesis event will be held on January 28th and will be prerecorded to help promote graduate student involvement.

Adjournment

Meeting is adjourned at 3:09 PM

