Student Government Association

Student Government Council – Modesto A. Maidique Campus

GPSC Committee

Meeting Date: January 25th, 2021

Start Time: 2:00 pm

- Welcome and Call to Order  
  Chair: Shahnawaz Rafi
- Roll Call

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<td>Sandro Alvarez</td>
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<td>Nitya Ramalingam</td>
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• **Open Forum**
  - Exception form contact with Teresa and Sandro still pending
  - Form can be found online at FIU resources
  - All SGA council members have access to the purchase request forms, and any person in student government can submit the purchase request
  - Sandro raises the question if the purchase request can be submitted through GPSC portal?
  - All GPSC members require access to the panther connect page for GPSC
  - All GPSC questions will be addressed to Larissa in terms of administrative issues
  - Activity account updates are made by Teresa
  - GSAW event will encompass 3 days split according to different activities and purpose
  - Funds and purchase request forms need to be submitted due to COVID budget restraints
  - Some requests have been approved and some request have been denied
  - The benefits to the student body need to be explained in the purchase request form
  - We need to make a list of our detailed expenses so that we submit one request and include the agenda for the event
  - Larissa will bring it up to Michelle and send us links regarding the forms
  - Matilda G. is the last yay or nay in terms of the request
  - Processing and approval normally takes a few days once submitted
  - Sandro asks if this form is different from the exemption request form? We need to submit this form first prior to the purchase request. Under the ASBO forms section at their site.
  - We will receive a PDF confirming the approval form and the submission is vetted.
  - It would be best to list all items requiring purchase under one list in the form
  - Vendors should be consistent with over a 1000 vendors

• **Old Business**
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• **New Business**

1. **Above and Beyond Award Proposal Finalization**
   - Proposal for the idea for above and beyond award proposal needs to be sent to Larissa and Kamila
   - The award will be presented on day 3
   - The award will be between 300-500 dollars
   - Top participants will receive a monetary award for their community service.
   - Graduate and professional students will be allowed to receive the award

2. **GSAW Division of Responsibility**

   - Each individual of the committee will have a certain responsibility to help achieve the goal of planning all of GSAW
   - Nitya, Sandro, Rafi will both be at MMC along with members from GAB
   - Demarcus recommends a contact liaison where we can have the items sponsored
   - Donations and collaborations can be done
   - Rafi and Christian will be at BBC along with members from GAB
     - It will be delegated according to each individual's time and responsibility
     - Day 2 will require career counseling webinars, mental health workshops
     - Career and talent development will be contacted for day 2 workshop
     - What is the specific item we would like to collaborate with career and talent development
     - Resume building is a good topic for us to focus on in day 2
     - Cover letters and resumes/CV building will be most beneficial
     - Linkedin learning can be a helpful resource for students to use
     - Provides badges and awareness to student body
     - The giveaway portion of GSAW will require each member of GPSC and coordination with parking & transportation
- A time and date must be decided for POT
- Tents and signage will be used for the event
- Registration process is required for in person events due to contact tracing requirements
- Ideally we ask for full name, Panther ID, and email address
- Can be from google forms or from Panther Connect forms
- Giveaway event will occur at both MMC and BBC
- Sanitation for giveaways will be required for us to take (hand sanitizers, masks, etc.)
- Cloth masks and hand sanitizers will be made available in giveaway bags
- Teresa recommends that we decide what exactly were looking to buy
- Teresa saw in the vendor magazine the appropriate items to buy and use for GSAW
- A catalogue of giveaways and items can be garnered from the magazine
- We will send an email to Teresa to let her know when we can see the magazine and the inventory
- We will stop by on Friday at 10 AM and we will check the inventory of the items to make sure we have enough to fill out the bags

3. Rubric for Abstract Prescreen
   - Some of the projects may be qualitative in nature

4. GAB Meeting Update
   - GAB members wanted to know how many students applied for travel funds in the FALL and how many were awarded
   - 14 applications were made with 2 rejections in the Fall
   - So far for spring 19 applications have been made with 4 rejections due to professional development funding cancellation
   - Requirement is to present at conference
   - Teresa will send us the latest excel spreadsheet for allocation approval
   - Request to UGS for Jeannette Nunez has begun
   - Update will be made by the 2nd of February, also trying to reach senator rick scott and senator marco rubio
- Mitra Naseh may be a potential speaker as well for gradskellar
- Additional funds for research and data collection was isolated for each student for each student who may apply for the grants
- Will be announced next week for sure

5. GSAW Flyer Preparation
   - Request for the flyer was submitted to publications with a report given next week.

6. Giveaways Selection
   - Rafi asks if Sandro has a particular plan for the giveaway selection
   - We need to see what specific giveaways we have in the office
   - We need to make a specific list of items and follow through with the purchase request forms
   - We have umbrellas, shirts, and stickers for laptop cameras.
   - The specific number of inventory items in the SGA office will be provided by Larissa.
   - Sandro will investigate the prices for USBS and mouses for student giveaways
   - Laser pointers will also be investigated for their price range

● Announcements
   - The speaker handles appointments of new graduate senators and is a matter of preference
   - If we are interested in the graduate application process we will need to speak with Janelle
   - Ask for the applications for graduate senator for the question part of the application that will help choose a quality candidate

Adjournment

Meeting is adjourned at 3:10 PM