



Student Government Association

Student Government Council – Modesto A. Maidique Campus

GPSC Committee

Meeting Date: October 26th, 2020

Start Time: 2:45 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

- **Open Forum**

- Sandro discusses the finance meeting today and mentions how they did vote for auditing processes according to auditing.
- Auditing is for student organizations that are A & S funded.

- **Old Business**

1. Deans Meeting Update

- Based on the graduate survey with Dr. Kos and Dean Gil are currently reviewing the questions.
- They had suggested a focus group discussion.
- Meeting was a successful meeting, we are still trying to hear back from them regarding GAB updates and finalization of the survey.
- Sandro discusses the resolution for the dean's list and how this will be based on a whole UWIDE scenario.
- Sandro will share the changes with the committee.

- **New Business**

1. Gradskellar Preparation

- The committee has fixed a date for November 10th at 6 PM for the gradskellar event.
- Kamilla begins her presentation regarding the event.
 - A. Presents a microsoft word document representing the itinerary of the graduate skellar.
 - B. Suggests that one of us reach out to the alumni to get a bio regarding each speaker.
 - C. Suggests that the alumni introduce themselves and to ask how their experience was while at FIU.
 - D. Also, what you would look for in terms of trying new employees from the FIU graduate community.
 - E. Kamila suggests that breakout rooms would be ideal for the meeting because each alumni represents a certain employee sector.

- F. Also, in terms of the breakout room it may be more practical to give 10 to 15 minutes per each question or panelist.
- G. There are certain factors that would help with the formatting of the panel.
- H. We can use the Zoom raised hand option and other facets of the Zoom platform to help with participation of attendees.
- I. The moderator format would be great along with sending the speakers ahead of time a list of questions so they can be prepared.
- J. It would be wise to give the questions ahead of time and prepare ahead of time.
- K. Also, recommend that the meeting is recorded to the cloud so that it can be put up in the student life and development page.
- L. If you do RSVP it may be best to control for all the possible attendees.
- M. The allocation of the money for GPSC could go towards events.
- N. Send relevant questions to each of the panelists.
- O. A more general approach would be wise for the panelists questions.
- P. The flyer was sent to the CSO for all graduate student organizations.

2. Gradskellar Drive Thru Giveaways

- Rafi discusses the possibilities and prospects of a drive thru giveaway.
- Christian says he's willing to do the drive thru giveaway.
- Kamila states that she's also willing to participate but doesn't believe that many students would show up on campus.
- Sandro states that he doesn't think that this is viable enough at the moment.
- Damarcus explains that undergraduate students may be more willing to participate in such an event but for graduate students it will be more difficult.
- Michelle explains that for similar events that have been conducted for this semester each event required details to be finalized and it took two/three weeks to complete.

- Sandro asks that there are leftover giveaways, and questions what sort of giveaways are there?
- Rafi says that there all camera covers, bags, tubes for presentations, etc.
- Rafi asks about the t-shirts that Angel ordered from last year and Michelle says that they are still in the office.
- Kamila believes in the Spring it would be more ideal to hold an event such as this one.
- Based on what we're hearing it would be wise to push this event for Spring.

3. Budget Update

- Discussed by Michelle, currently funding is only available for virtual events where registration can be paid for.

4. GSAW calls for paper & abstracts

- Damarcus explains that GSAW normally has a scholarly forum where abstracts and proposals are submitted to the committee.
- This entails a poster presentation, a social event, and awards.
- He believes that providing assistance to graduate/undergraduate students and questions regarding their applications.
- He also mentions a lunch & learn over IG live where we can participate on our social media platforms speaking with students & alumni.
- Also believes in a diversity of students ranging from STEM, professional, graduate school students.
- Believes in the innovation of the virtual environment.
- In the committee, he believes we can send a letter to all the graduate students thanking them for their participation.
- Rafi states that he is interested in two GSAW plans where one considers GSAW in person and one virtually.
- Damarcus believes it would be prudent to plan for the virtual setting or at least an in person setting considering social distancing guidelines.
- Also consider a hybrid abstract submission process where we allow two deadlines.
- Historically, GSAW has had three deadlines.
- Sandro asks which one of the three deadlines typically had the most submissions.
- GSAW last year we had to look at the abstract and judge the abstract for acceptance to present at GSAW scholarly forum.

- Damarcus will need some assistance in organizing all of the events for GSAW.
- Sandro will be willing to help in regards to the abstract submissions and other facets of GSAW.
- Damarcus mentions his experience with prior GSAW experience at other institutions. It may be wise to hold a how-to session to help students with abstract submission and poster presentations.
- May be wise to post a virtual booklet with the abstract submissions and presenting author information.
- Damarcus mentions a dessert with Deans for a social mixer event.
- We will brainstorm a few more ideas for GSAW.

6) Announcements

Adjournment

Meeting is adjourned at 3:40 PM