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

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<td>Shahnawaz Rafi</td>
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<td>Christian Perez</td>
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<td>Sandro Alvarez</td>
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<td>Kamila Fernandez</td>
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<td>Nitya Ramalingam</td>
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<td>DeMarcus Snipes</td>
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• **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